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### Lifestyles ignite stroke, heart problems - govt

By Guardian Reporter

INVESTMENT in awareness programmes that encourage healthy lifestyles can prevent stroke and heart complications by 80 per cent, the Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute (JKCI) has asserted.

Dr Delila Kimambo, a cardiac specialist at JKCI, made this observation in Dar es Salaam yesterday when JKCI women doctors took up an exercise to

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# High Court restores Mbowe, Matiko bail



**BACK TO FREEDOM, AT LAST...**

Opposition Chadema legislators Esther Matiko (L) and Freeman Mbowe (to her left), representing Tarime Urban and Hai constituencies, respectively, are mobbed by their supporters after winning their bail petition at the High Court in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Mbowe doubles as Chadema national Chairman. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

“The Kisutu court had ordered the accused to report to Ilala Regional Police Commander but there is nowhere the RPC had submitted the accused’s attendance report to the court”

By Guardian Reporter

THE High Court yesterday ruled in favour of CHADEMA national chairman Freeman Mbowe and Tarime Urban MP Esther Matiko, ordering the Kisutu Resident Magistrate’s Court to grant them bail and continue with hearing of the case.

In his ruling, Judge Sam Rumanyika annulled the decision by the Kisutu court to deny the accused bail.

Mbowe and Matiko filed an appeal challenging a decision by the Kisutu court to deny them bail on grounds that they violated bail conditions.

The two have stayed in custody for three months and seven days from November 23 when the court cancelled their bail.

Judge Rumanyika said that bail can be denied if the accused violates bail conditions and his/her sureties refuse to pay the cash bond that they promised to the court when they agreed to be surety.

He said: “Bail is an agreement between the accused (including their sureties) and the court that the accused will pay a certain sum of money fixed by the court if the accused fails to attend the trial. But there is nowhere the Kisutu Resident Magistrate’s Court had asked the sureties to surrender their bond to court.”

Judge Rumanyika cautioned other courts countrywide

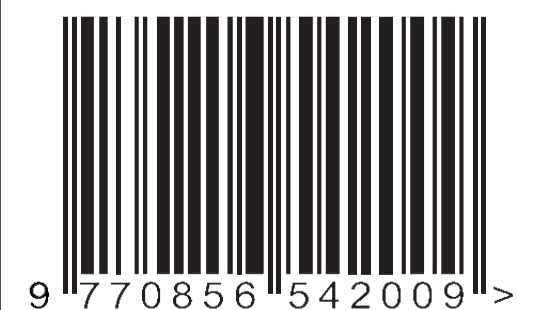
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## Anthrax curbed, meat normalised

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE anthrax outbreak which was confirmed in parts of Arusha and Kilimanjaro regions



last month has been successfully controlled, the government announced yesterday, urging residents to resume consuming meat as usual.

Dr Hezron Nonga, the director of veterinary services in the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries said here yesterday that the disease has been tamed through vaccination of unaffected animals.

The outbreak was confirmed in Moshi and Rombo districts in Kilimanjaro region and Longido district in Arusha region, sparking fears among residents in the northern zone.

Since humans can catch the zoonosis that typically affects ruminants such as cows, sheep and goats when people touch contaminated

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## ‘Don’t relent, cure for Aids not available yet’

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government has warned Tanzanians not to relent in the war against HIV/Aids by behaving recklessly following recent reports that a patient in the UK was cured since the technology used—stem cell transplant—is not yet available for global public health use.

The government Chief Medical Officer, Prof Mohammad Bakari fired the alert yesterday in

Dar es Salaam, saying the news is a milestone achievement but should not make people relax and stop being vigilant in their sentimental interactions by abstaining and using condoms as a cure is not yet readily available for use all over the world.

The good news, he said, came from ongoing research on the cure but cannot be celebrated by behaving recklessly since, as a matter of fact,

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## Double tragedy for CMG: Kibonde dies after Ruge's burial

By Getrude Mbago

IT is double tragedy for Clouds Media Group (CMG) following the death of one of its most prominent presenters, Ephraim Kibonde, in Mwanza yesterday just two days after taking part in the burial of the company's director of programmes and production Ruge Mutahaba in Bukoba, Kagera region.

According to his employer, Kibonde fell sick during the burial of Mutahaba in Bukoba on Monday where he served as the Master of Ceremony. He died when he was being rushed to Bugando referral hospital in Mwanza from Uhuru hospital in the lake side city.

CMG chief executive officer Joseph Kusaga said yesterday that Kibonde started feeling unwell during the burial ceremony in Bukoba and was first rushed to a hospital in Bukoba for medical checkups and treatment.

"This is another painful reality to CMG family; we have lost another member of our team," he said.

Added Kusaga: "After taking him to Bukoba hospital it was advised that there was a need to urgently rush him to Uhuru hospital in Mwanza where he received the treatment before his condition worsened."

According to CMG CEO, nurses and doctors at Uhuru hospital did their best to save Kibonde's life and initially his condition appeared to have improved before changing again.

"But, today (yesterday) when he was preparing to come back to Dar es Salaam, his condition changed again. He was being taken to Bugando referral hospital but he died on the way," he said.



He added that Kibonde's his burial arrangements were going on at his residence in Mbezi suburb, Dar es Salaam.

Earlier yesterday, Mwanza Regional Commissioner John Mongela broke the news of the death. Kibonde who is one of the presenters of the Clouds FM's evening programme Jahazi, become famous for his creativity and humorous statements he made during the show.

News of his death went viral on social media yesterday with a number of people expressing their shock and sorrow.

Some of the government leaders expressed condolences through social media describing Kibonde as one of the greatest media personalities in Tanzania.

"My condolences to Clouds Media Group for this big loss; you are passing through a very difficult situation...May God take you through it, this is the way for all of us, my condolences to the family, relatives and friends. We are praying for him to rest in peace," wrote Ummu Mwalimu, Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Children and Elderly in her Instagram account.



Bella Bird (R), the World Bank's Country Director for Tanzania, Malawi, Somalia and Burundi, has an audience in Dar es Salaam yesterday with students from South Africa's University of Johannesburg. The students and their counterparts from Tanzania's Ardhi University are part of a World Bank-sponsored urban design 'studio', a capacity building initiative within the Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development Project. Their work is meant to help improve open spaces in the city. Photo: Selemani Mpochi

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to make wise decisions and consider what the country laws state before denying bail to defendants. He was concerned that bail denial contributes to congestion in remand prisons.

"The Kisutu court had ordered the accused to report to Ilala Regional Police Commander but there is nowhere the RPC had submitted the accused's attendance report to the court," the judgment noted further.

He directed the Kisutu court to immediately start hearing of the criminal case-112/2018 where the accused are Mbowe, Matiko and other CHADEMA officials.

On November 2018, Principal Resident Magistrate Wilbard Mashauri remanded the two senior officials of the main opposition party pending trial after finding them contemptuous

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for violating bail conditions, including failure to attend court sessions as required.

Mbowe, who is also Hai MP and leader of the official opposition camp in the legislature, was deemed to have defaulted bail by not attending two consecutive court sessions of November and November 8 which he said was due to illness.

Matiko did not appear at the court session on November 8 as she was reportedly on a parliamentary mission abroad.

Mbowe told the court on November 12 that he left the country on October 28 for Washington DC to attend a meeting before falling ill.

He said had to consult his doctors who advised him not to travel long

distances and he had to meet the doctor on November 8. As a result, he explained, he was forced to change his return air ticket from October 30 to another date.

For her part, Matiko told the court on November 12 that she was in Burundi for a parliamentary mission on sports issues which took place between November 4 and 9, 2018.

The magistrate however described the reasons advanced for non-appearances as false, contradictory and confusing, reminding the accused that the country was governed by the principles of the rule of law, which must be observed by everybody.

"This country is governed by the rule of law whose principles must be observed by everyone regardless of

their position and status in the society," the magistrate intoned, asserting that whenever one is criminally charged, they must report to court as required.

Mbowe and the other accused are facing several counts of conspiracy to commit offence, unlawful assembly, rioting, inciting commission of an offence and fomenting discontent.

The other accused in the case are CHADEMA Secretary General Vicent Mashinji, Deputy Secretary General (Mainland) John Mnyika and his Zanzibar counterpart, Salum Mwalimu, Kawe MP Halima Mdee, Tarime Rural MP John Heche and Bunda Urban MP Ester Bulaya.

The offences were allegedly committed in Dar es Salaam between February 1 and 16, 2018.



Justice Carmel Agius (L), newly elected President of the UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, paid African Court Justice and Human Rights President Sylvain Oré a courtesy call in Arusha on Wednesday. They exchanged views on judicial matters and how to strengthen co-operation between the two Arusha-based institutions. Agius is pictured admiring the just-launched second volume of the African Human Rights Yearbook. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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animal products like wool, bone, hair or hide, trade in livestock suffered.

After the news of the latest outbreak spread from February 21, many people in the affected and neighbouring regions started to abstain from consuming meat as a precaution, just in case.

But Dr Nonga said here that the storm is over after the vaccination exercise conducted by the ministerial directorate in collaboration with development partners.

He said around 100,000 injection jabs were availed for emergency intervention and distributed to Longido (35,000 dosages), Moshi 40,000 dosages and Rombo 25,000 dosages.

"We are now contemplating lifting the quarantine and ban on transportation of animals. Since the vaccination began, there have been no new cases reported," the director noted.

In total, some 18,388 cows, sheep and goats were vaccinated in the three districts whose combined number of livestock stands at 1,507,265 as per a

recent census. Loliondo vaccinated 10,025 animals, Moshi (8,051) and Rombo (302).

By March 5, four cows, two goats and one pig had died in Moshi district while in Longido district one giraffe and one cow had died of the disease, he said.

He however refuted reports that several people caught the disease from the animals during the outbreak, saying the rumours originated from preventive medication administered to people in contact with or close to infected animals.

In the preventive medication drive,

96 people were given the medicines in Moshi while in Longido 100 people received the medicines.

People engaged in animal husbandry need to vaccinate their animals every year to keep at bay potential epidemics such as anthrax, he said, pointing out that failure to administer vaccination attracts a fine of 500,000/- or up to six months in jail, or both.

"The vaccine doses are sold at not more than 200/- because they are subsidized. Our target is to subsidize it further so that the price per dosage sells for as low as 50/-," he added.

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there is no Aids cure available for public health use in the world.

The warning follows news this week that a patient in London was declared HIV-free following a stem cell transplant - in only the second case of its kind around the world.

He was speaking at a press conference to introduce the hosting of the East African Health and Scientific Conference and an International Health and Trade Fair to be held in Dar es Salaam from 27th to 29th March.

"It is great news to all of us but, let me point out that despite reaching

this stage, we should realize that HIV is real and preparations leading to the results are very expensive and therefore it will take time to trickle down to us," he said.

The Chief Medical Officer was responding to a press question on what are the country's expectations following the recent development.

"Although the finding is exciting, it is not offering us a new treatment for the millions of people around the world living with HIV.

"But the reason this case is so significant is that it could help experts who are looking for new ways to tackle HIV and achieve a cure," he added.

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raise awareness and heart screening at Ferry bus stand in the city centre.

The exercise was conducted as part of the International's Women Day activities which is observed today.

She stated that in Tanzania, cardiac diseases were among major causes of morbidity and mortality, inspite of the fact that about 80 per cent of premature heart-related deaths could be prevented as they are caused by lifestyle handicaps.

Dr Kimambo said unhealthy diet including excessive use of tobacco and alcohol, physical inactivity, obesity, high blood pressure, poorly monitored or untreated diabetes as well as high cholesterol were among factors leading to severe heart diseases.

She also said that the number of women dying of heart problems and stroke was bigger than that caused by cancer due to lifestyles.

Out of three women who went for heart screening at JKCI, one was diagnosed with some sort of heart

problem, she said, citing the need for transforming lifestyle once high blood pressure is felt.

This precaution also brings into play the need to cut smoking, diminish cholesterol in the blood, conduct exercises, reduce body mass and check creeping diabetes.

Signs or physical dispositions which cannot be altered are age, gender, family history and personal history related to cancer and heart shock, the specialist noted.

She further pointed out that the reason which pushed them to launch the campaign is the risk that women face as compared to men in contracting lifestyle related diseases.

"In our out-patient clinics women are leading in attendance while men are more frequently being admitted at the institute," she told the gathering.

The aim of the campaign was to equip women with important knowledge of how they can prevent themselves and families from contracting lifestyle related diseases, she added.



Kim Taehwan (3rd-L), Vice President of the Republic of Korea's Radian Qbio, has an audience with Clerk of National Assembly Stephen Kigaigai (L) during a courtesy call in Dodoma. Taehwan made a briefing on his firm's newly developed Cell Qube, a blood testing device he said can detect more than 12 different viruses. Looking on (C) is the firm's CEO, Kim Beom Ki. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Africa's CEO Forum Awards introduces gender category

By Guardian Reporter

THE Africa CEO Forum Awards 2019 is slated for later this month in the Rwandan capital Kigali where top performing companies, investors and leaders for the past year will be feted.

A statement released yesterday by the organizers said this year's seventh edition introduces Gender Leader of the Year award to be presented to a company that best distinguished itself through its actions to promote female leadership, particularly within its management bodies.

"Three criteria have been considered in the selection: women's representation on the company's board of directors, the percentage of women on the executive committee of the group and its subsidiaries and, finally, the company's strategy for promoting female leadership," reads the statement.

Another innovation, according to the organizers, is the Disrupter of the Year award, which will be granted to the CEO of a young company (set up within the last ten years) in the field of new technologies.

"This company stands out through its significant growth potential in Africa and for the disruptive nature of its activities,

which challenge the conventional strategies deployed by more established groups by offering creative solutions," reads the statement in part.

Each year, the Africa CEO Forum Awards recognise the business leaders, companies and investors whose strategy and performance have contributed most to Africa's growth momentum over the past year.

Presented in partnership with Mazars, the Africa CEO Forum Awards 2019 will grant a total of five prizes on the evening of March 25 among the finalists in the following categories: CEO of the year (Abderrahmane Benhamadi, CEO, Condor Alioune Ndiaye, CEO, Orange Middle East and Africa Mark Bristow, CEO, Barrick Gold, Mohamed El Kettani, CEO, Attijariwafa bank and Tewolde Gebremariam, CEO, Ethiopian Airlines); African champion of the year (Azalai Hotels, Banque Centrale Populaire, Ethiopian Airlines Group, iSON Group, Mota Engil Africa, OCP Group and Royal Air Maroc); Gender leader of the year ( Absa Group, Access Bank, First Bank of Nigeria, Unilever and Ynna Holding); international company of the year (Endeavor Energy, ENGIE Africa, Indorama Eleme Fertilizer &

Chemicals, National Aviation Services and Orange Middle East and Africa); Disrupter of the year (Africa's Talking, Baobab+, InTouch, Jumia and Kobo360 Inc).

For the past six years, the Africa CEO Forum has been the largest international gathering of African private sector decision-makers and financiers. At its previous edition in Abidjan in March 2018, it brought together 1,500 business leaders, public decision-makers and investors from Africa and around the world for two days of discussions around the need to transform African champions in the face of international competition.

The Forum is organized by Jeune Afrique Media Group, publisher of Jeune Afrique and The Africa Report, and by Rainbow Unlimited, a Swiss company specialising in the organisation of economic promotion events.

## Govt to establish crop insurance scheme

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE government is working to establish agricultural crops insurance scheme that will cover farmer's production cost in-case of poor weather, floods and pest invasions.

Agriculture Minister, Japhet Hasunga made the revelation on Tuesday when speaking during the launch of the NAFKA program which aim at enhancing the distribution of seeds and pesticides in Tanzania's southern highland regions. The program is implemented by an international company-CORTEVA agriscience with support

from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

According to Hasunga, most of the farmers have been incurring losses associated with draught, floods and invasion of fall army worms (FAW). He said the crop insurance scheme will be a relief to farmers as their production costs will be covered by insurance during natural disasters.

"Farmers will be compensated in case of natural disasters and pest invasion. Farmers must register with the scheme to benefit with its various packages", he noted adding apart from the compensation package, will farmers will also benefit with loans to establish income generating

activities.

He said the government plans to construct a pesticide factory in Mbeya region which will be serving farmers in the southern highland zone. He said the factory will be built in Mbeya following an increased demand of pesticides in the regions.

The minister asserted that Tanzania produces 10 percent of the total agricultural inputs required. He said the government spends a lot of funds to import 60 percent of various inputs including pesticides.

Senior official from the USAID - NAFKA programme, Terhi Majanen

promised continued support to the government especially in provision of education to framers and assisting them to secure loans from banks and financial institutions.

He said the programme is aimed at facilitating the availability of quality seeds and timely distribution of pesticides.

"We aim at enhancing crop production", said Majanen.

A farmer from Songwe region, Joseph Mwampashi called upon the government to control importation and production of fake seeds. He said most of the framers don't have knowledge to distinguish between genuine and fake seeds.

## Kigwangalla defends game rangers over use of excessive force during operations

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

NATURAL Resources and Tourism minister Dr Hamisi Kigwangalla has defended game rangers insisting they are executing their duties in accordance with the country laws.

His statement follows public complaints that game rangers were using excessive force when executing their duties including during operations against poachers.

Dr Kigwangalla (pictured) was speaking at the opening of the 26th conference of the ministry workers' council held at Pasiansi Wildlife Training Institute (PWTI) in Mwanza.

He said that game wardens are professionally trained to implement such operations in our national reserves.

He said the rangers rarely use excessive force especially when fighting against poachers.

"It is the responsibility of every citizen to safeguard our natural resources. Protection of the resources should be done in a manner that it doesn't harm any Tanzanian", said Dr Kigwangalla.

The minister was saddened with the deaths of ministry officials and game rangers who lost their lives in the fight against poachers.

He said the government will take stringent measures against any ministry official colluding with the poachers in facilitating the killing of animals in national reserves.

Dr Kigwangalla appealed to Tanzanians to avoid invading reserved wild areas since

there have been several cases on encroachment at protected areas across the country.

Earlier, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Prof Adolf Mkenda said a total of 23 ministry officials died and five severely injured during operation against poachers.



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### Huawei Sues the U.S. Government for Unconstitutional Sales Restrictions Imposed by Congress

[Shenzhen, China, March 7, 2019] Today, Huawei announced that it has filed a complaint in a U.S. federal court that challenges the constitutionality of Section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Through this action, Huawei seeks a declaratory judgment that the restrictions targeting Huawei are unconstitutional, and a permanent injunction against these restrictions.

"The U.S. Congress has repeatedly failed to produce any evidence to support its restrictions on Huawei products. We are compelled to take this legal action as a proper and last resort," Guo Ping, Huawei Rotating Chairman said. "This ban not only is unlawful, but also restricts Huawei from engaging in fair competition, ultimately harming U.S. consumers. We look forward to the court's verdict, and trust that it will benefit both Huawei and the American people."

The lawsuit was filed in a U.S. District Court in Plano, Texas. According to the complaint, Section 889 of the 2019 NDAA not only bars all U.S. Government agencies from buying Huawei equipment and services, but also bars them from contracting with or awarding grants or loans to third parties who buy Huawei equipment or services, without any executive or judicial process. This violates the Bill of Attainder Clause and the Due Process Clause. It also violates the Separation-of-Powers principles enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, because Congress is both making the law, and attempting to adjudicate and execute it.

Song Liuping, Huawei's Chief Legal Officer, stressed, "Section 889 is based on numerous false, unproven, and untested propositions. Contrary to the statute's premise, Huawei is not owned, controlled, or influenced by the Chinese government. Moreover, Huawei has an excellent security record and program. No contrary evidence has been offered."

"At Huawei we are proud that we are the most open, transparent, and scrutinized company in the world," said John Suffolk, Huawei's Global Cyber Security & Privacy Officer. "Huawei's approach to security by design development and deployment sets a high standards bar that few can match."

From Huawei's perspective, the NDAA restrictions prevent the company from providing more advanced 5G technologies to U.S. consumers, which will delay the commercial application of 5G, in turn, impeding efforts to improve the performance of 5G networks in the U.S. Beyond this, network users in rural and remote regions of the U.S. will be forced to choose between government funding and

high-quality, cost-effective products. This will impede the network upgrade process, thus widening the digital divide. Even worse, the restrictions on Huawei will stifle competition, leaving U.S. consumers paying higher prices for inferior products.

Estimates from industry sources show that allowing Huawei to compete would reduce the cost of wireless infrastructure by between 15% and 40%. This would save North America at least US\$20 billion over the next four years.

Guo Ping added, "If this law is set aside, as it should be, Huawei can bring more advanced technologies to the United States and help it build the best 5G networks. Huawei is willing to address the U.S. Government's security concerns. Lifting the NDAA ban will give the U.S. Government the flexibility it needs to work with Huawei and solve real security issues."

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## 'New technologies could help conservationists keep better track of Serengeti wildebeest herds'

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

NEW methods of counting wildlife could provide conservationists with fast and accurate methods for estimating the abundance of natural populations.

In a new paper published yesterday in the journal *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, mathematicians and conservationists from the UK, Africa and the United States discuss how they have used both machine-learning and citizen science techniques to accurately count wildebeest in the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania more rapidly than is possible using traditional methods.

Evaluating wildebeest abundance is currently extremely costly and time-intensive, requiring manual counts of animals in thousands of aerial photographs of their habitats. From those counts, which can take months to complete, wildlife researchers use statistical estimates to determine the size of the population.

Detecting changes in the population helps wildlife managers make more informed decisions about how best to keep herds healthy and sustainable.

The team which produced the paper was comprised of researchers from the University of Glasgow, the University of Cape Town in South Africa, the Field Museum of Natural History in the USA and the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI).

They used a deep-learning algorithm to identify the wildebeest in images taken from the 2015 aerial survey of the Serengeti National Park. The system was 'trained' to recognise wildebeest using 500 high-resolution aerial images from the Serengeti, then fine-tuned for further accuracy, eventually being capable of processing 1,000 images in less than two hours and able to produce a total count of over 20,000 wildebeest within 1 per cent of a count conducted by a human expert.

The team's second approach used the 'citizen science' website Zooniverse to publish a selection of the same images, with each large-resolution image split into 12 equal-sized tiles to make counting easier.

Over three weeks in May 2017, more than 2,200 Zooniverse users looked at close to

10,000 of those images, offering their counts of the wildebeest in each image. To ensure an accurate count, every image was counted by 15 different volunteers. Dr. Colin Torney, senior lecturer in the University of Glasgow's School of Mathematics and Statistics, is one of the paper's lead authors.

He said: "Wildlife managers need regular and accurate counts of animal populations to help them identify any changes and evaluate what's causing them. Without a good handle on population abundance, it's much harder for them to see the early warning signs of a decline caused by changing habitats or increased levels of poaching and start to take the proper steps to redress the imbalance."

"Our approach gave us really good results, which I think shows the unique benefits of this type of cross-disciplinary collaboration. Our research suggests deep learning algorithms could support traditional hand-counting methods or, potentially, even replace them entirely as the primary means of processing the aerial photographs."

Dr. Edward Kohli, a co-author of the paper and Principal Research Officer at the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute, said: "These emerging technologies will enable TAWIRI to have an annual wildebeest survey as the time consuming manual work will be taken care of. The success of the machine learning approach represents a major milestone for wildlife survey techniques in Tanzania and across Africa. TAWIRI and our partners take this improvement very seriously and we are planning to apply this advancement to other wildlife species."

Dr. Grant Hopcraft of the University's Institute of Biodiversity Animal Health & Comparative Medicine, is the senior author on the paper. He added: "The major driving force in the Serengeti's ecosystem is the abundance of wildebeest. Currently, there are about 1.3m wildebeest, which influence almost every variable in the ecosystem - everything from the return rate of fires, since they eat the grass, to the amount of insects that are available to migrating birds. Without wildebeest, the ecosystem would shift into a completely different state and therefore it's important to know how many there are."



Minerals minister Doto Biteko (L) has a word with Tarime Rural legalist John Heche (R) at a meeting at Nyamongo village in Tarime District on Wednesday. Photo courtesy of Minerals ministry

## Stop harassing farmers, RC tells farm invaders

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

MOROGORO Regional Commissioner Dr Stephen Kebwe has directed security organs to arrest all people who are accused of invading and threatening farmers conduct their activities in the nationalized farms in Kilosa District.

Dr Kebwe issued the directive when addressing public rallies in Mvumi and Gongwe villages located in Kilosa District.

The RC directives are part of the implementation of President John Magufuli's directives who asked local government authorities to re-distribute all the nationalized

farms to ordinary citizens living near those farms.

Dr Kebwe said that he had received claims from the villagers that there were some people who were threatening farmers not to continue with their farming activities in the re-distributed farms.

"I call upon the police force in collaboration with other security organs to start investigation on those claims," he said, adding: "Make sure that the notorious people are arrested for further legal actions."

He also assured residents in the villages that everyone will be given his/her plot in all the five farms, which their ownership were

annulled.

The RC also asked to use those farms for farming and avoid making any further plans as the government is coming up with better land use system for them.

Kilosa District Commissioner Adam Mgoji wanted the villagers to take note of the RC's directives and make sure that they implement them accordingly.

Ibrahim Ndembo, Kilosa district land officer said all the farms had a total of 2,685 acres.

He said that after the agreement, district authorities formed a committee to distribute the farms-1000 acres for Mvumi village and 1000 acres for Gongwe village.

### GLOBAL HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN PROGRAM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - TANZANIA JOB DESCRIPTION

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#### OVERVIEW:

The Global Health Supply Chain Program Technical Assistance - Tanzania (GHSC TA-TZ) project, supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides expert technical assistance to Tanzania to strengthen country supply chain systems across all health elements, e.g., malaria, family planning (FP), HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). In coordination with in-country and development partners, GHSC-TA-TZ assists Government of Tanzania health programs by providing strategic planning and implementation assistance; improving the delivery of health commodities to service sites; providing capacity building support to broaden stakeholders' understanding and engagement of the supply chain system; and strengthening enabling environments to improve supply chain performance.

#### SUMMARY:

GHSC TA-TZ is recruiting for Program Officer to provide operational administrative support for the implementation of workplan activities as well as lead management of large scale conferences such as the Annual Supply Chain Summit.

Additionally, this position will provide operational support to ensure project materials are filed according to internal protocol and administer internal and external meetings with clients.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Ensure all project deliverables are in project approved templates
  - Manage the project's filing system and ensure all final deliverables are saved appropriately.
  - For USAID meetings and other selected meetings, call for agenda items, take minutes, and circulate
  - Assist in workplan activity and deliverable tracking
  - Coordinate and provide input to annual workplan
  - Provide support to technical staff, including preparation of presentations or documentation
  - Support administrative implementation of trainings and workshops, i.e., paying out per diem rates, organizing conference facilities and booking venues, liaising with vendors.
  - Support the Technical Manager in the planning, development, and execution of the Tanzania Health Supply Chain Summit including:
    - Convene summit planning committee

- Finalize theme, topics, and timetable for the summit
- Execute marketing plan for the summit, and ensure that communication on conferences are timely, and communicated through relevant channels and reach relevant audiences
- Manage participant registration
- Confirm attendance of keynote speakers and other speakers/presenters, and ensure they understand logistics around their presentations (time, format, etc)
- Liaise with venue to ensure success of summit
- Recruit and manage volunteers for the summit
- Process all requests such as room set-up, catering needs and audio visual device requirements.
- Prepare travel arrangements for participants, as appropriate
- Print conference materials and prepare welcome packets
- Maintain high-level of professionalism and competence when dealing with clients
- Perform other duties as assigned

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants for this position should be Tanzanian nationals or lawful residents who possess the following minimum qualifications:

- A degree in business administration, public administration, human resources and advanced diploma in related studies
- Ability to take initiative and work in teams.
- Extremely organized and detail oriented.
- Excellent verbal and written English and Swahili.
- Proficiency in Microsoft -Word, -Excel and -Office.
- Proficiency with google drive, google survey, and google docs.
- Experience with a USAID-funded project and knowledge of USAID rules and regulations strongly desired.
- Experience working with an NGO strongly desired.

Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letters, Curriculum Vitae with names and contact details of 3 work related references, enclosing certificate copies of relevant education and training.

Submission may be sent to - [ghsc.recruitmentz@gmail.com](mailto:ghsc.recruitmentz@gmail.com) by 22nd March, 2019.

Only candidates meeting the minimum requirements will be contacted. If you have not heard from us within two weeks after the closing date, kindly assume that your application was not successful.

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Sergeant Grace Shangali (R) of the Tanzania Fire and Rescue Force pictured at Dar es Salaam's Magogoni fish market yesterday making a presentation on precautions vis-à-vis fire disasters under a 'door-to-door safe house' campaign introduced last year. Photo: John Badi

By Guardian Reporter

NATIONAL Social Security Fund (NSSF) has upgraded its communication systems whereas members' information are received and shared digitally.

The fund's Education and Public Relations Manager Lulu Mengele told journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the changes are meant to ensure timely sharing of crucial information with its members through an improved digital communication system.

"With the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) our members will get all the crucial information regarding their contribution. Retirees will also be able to send inquiries that will be responded

## NSSF goes digital to improve its communication network

electronically", she said.

Mengele explained that the digital communication system is meant to ease communication between NSSF, stakeholders and members. It will facilitate smooth communication and timely response of member's concerns.

She said NSSF members will be required to dial a toll-free number from 8:30am to 4:30pm during working days (Monday - Friday) where they will be attended by NSSF service providers.

She said the service providers will be on standby to assist in solving members' problems as well as educating them on

various issues related to social security.

"We will continue to improve our services including our communication system to ensure that our members get relevant information on time".

Tanzania has restructured pension funds from five namely NSSF, GPF, LAPP, PPF and PSPF to two - NSSF and Public Sector Social Security Fund.

The government has also come up with new regulations for pensioners whereby those under NSSF receive 25 per cent in lump sum, while the remaining 75 per cent is set for monthly packages.

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## Series 3:

## From Mfugale flyover to Gerezani Bridge



This bridge will be replaced with a new steel bridge to accommodate BRT and SGR.

Rapid Transit phase 2 will run along the bridge, while the anticipated Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) will pass under the bridge. The new bridge will smoothen the traffic condition connecting to the Dar es Salaam Port, hence the project is expected to stimulate the Tanzanian economy. Furthermore, since the Dar es Salaam Port delivers 40 per cent of the traffic volume to other countries including Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda, the project is expected to stimulate regional economy as well.

Dar es Salaam will become a mega city, with a population of the over 10 million in 2030s. Current mega cities, such as Paris, New York, Tokyo, Delhi and Shanghai etc. are equipped with a large urban transportation network. In 2018, JICA, with the Tanzanian government, finalized the Dar es Salaam Transport Master Plan based on aforesaid projection of city growth. In addition to the improvement of the road network such as construction of the new Gerezani Bridge, the master plan envisages the introduction of a new transportation system such as a further expansion of BRT, Mass Rapid Transit (commuter rail) and Intelligent Transport System (ITS).

Infrastructure is the foundation of the state and the people who build the infrastructure are also the foundation of the nation. We recall that Mwalimu Nyerere said; 'If real development is to take place, the people have to be involved'. The

Japanese company, SMCC, materialized the idea of the quote at the Mfugale construction site with a zero accident record. As we can see, Mfugale flyover project built the flyover in tandem with improving Tanzanian workers' capacity. We believe that those experienced and skilled workers with high norm are coming together for the Gerezani Bridge to attain the great achievement again.

JICA works as a trustable partner of Tanzanian

development. We will work together with the Tanzanian government and the Tanzanian people hand in hand.

Especially here in Tanzania, JICA, has been a long trustable partner of Tanzania for more than 50 years in many sectors since 1962. In the urban transport sector in particular, its support started with the building of the Selandar Bridge in Dar es salaam in 1980.

**I**N January, 2019, Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) and the Japanese contractor, Sumitomo Mitsui Construction Company (SMCC) signed the construction contract for the construction of the Gerezani Bridge, witnessed by Eng. Isaack Kamwelwe, the Minister of Works, Transport and Communication, and Mr Toshio Nagase, Chief Representative of JICA Tanzania office. JICA and the Tanzanian government expect that the new bridge would contribute to improve the traffic condition in Dar es Salaam.

In 2016, the opening of Nyerere Bridge changed the flow of the traffic from Kigamboni to Central Business District (CBD), and the existing Gerezani Bridge became the bottleneck of the traffic jam. The Tanzanian government and JICA decided to tackle this issue. The new bridge will become the symbol of a new transportation system in Dar es Salaam; Bus

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## Exploit online business opportunities to improve livelihood, SMEs advised

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

SMALL Scale entrepreneurs (SMEs) have been challenged to grab and utilize various online business opportunities to improve their livelihoods, income and state coffers.

Dr Juma Makweba from Global Outsourcing and Management Consult Pty Limited made the statement in Dar es Salaam during a seminar on benefits of doing online business which was organized by Clear Vision Tanzania.

Dr Makweba said that conducting business on the internet can offer a variety of advantages over other methods such as reduced costs, as one doesn't drive for long distances to market places. He said that online business provides flexibility of doing business at convenience and reaching many people on time.

"We are aware of the challenges associated with the online business, but SMEs can sell their products online and get a good income", he said underscoring the need for entrepreneurs to improve their computer expertise.

He said that SMEs need to possess at least basic computer knowledge to avoid increasing the cost of doing business as they will need to employ skilled personnel to run the online business.

According to Dr Makweba, internet can open up the world market and bring in a good number of customers compared to those who can physically visit shops or markets.

He noted that online businesses guarantee security and privacy since it is difficult for hackers to access one's web page or steal customers.

Dr Makweba cautioned SMEs against problems that could appear when setting online business such as technical problems saying they are fairly common in online business start-ups.

The challenges associated with online business are server reliability whereby at times the internet crashes and websites go down. He urged them to come up with better marketing strategies since most of the entrepreneurs doing online business do not have well planned marketing plans.

*"We are aware of the challenges associated with the online business, but SMEs can sell their products online and get a good income"*



Mussa Sima (C), Deputy Minister in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), has a word with Iringa district commissioner Richard Kasesela and Special Seats legislator Ritha Kabati moments after a tour of Kihesa Kilolo dumpsite in Iringa Region yesterday. Right is. Photo: VPO

## Work together, help each other, women urged

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Permanent Secretary in the ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, John Jingu has challenged women in the country to work together and help uplift each other.

In a statement read on his behalf by the director of Social Services, Patrick Golwike, he said women need to uplift

one another at work places rather than working for their own downfall.

Speaking while officiating a meeting for the Dodoma regional women association, the PS reminded the women that as the world mark International Women's Day today, women in the country should consider their positions in the society.

The meeting was convened by other stakeholders including Plan Interna-

tional Tanzania and brought together participants from across the region.

"How frequent do you use your opportunities at work places to uplift one another socially, economically and politically?" he asked, adding that by their number, women bring great changes in any country.

He said the government is aware of challenges facing women in the country and is working hard to help alleviate

them, especially those at work places.

According to the director, some of the challenges are as a result of lack of proper knowledge of existing laws, policies and regulations.

He mentioned other challenges to include family responsibilities that hinder them from effectively implementing their responsibilities, low income, increased needs as well as taxes and other levies on doing business.

"I would like to remind you that any right goes with responsibility and accountability. Equality goes along with other requirements like education qualifications and work experience," he said, calling on women to tap opportunities that come across.

He added that to help reduce the challenges facing the group, the government has been providing public education on different issues includ-

ing bad cultural and religious practices that stop women from prosperity.

On his part, Sylvia Siriva from the same department noted that some of the noted successes in empowering women include public education on how to solve challenges facing women.

He also said that plans are underway to educate the society on the effects of teenage and childhood pregnancies.

## Dar to host east African health, scientific conference

By Correspondent James

Kandoya

TANZANIA is set host the seventh East African Health and Scientific Conference (EAHSC), which is aimed at discussing way forward on how technology can improve health systems within the region.

Speaking to reporters yesterday in Dar es Sa-

laam, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Prof Mohamed Kambi said that the conference will be held between March 27 and 29, this year in Dar es Salaam under the theme: "Technology for Health Systems Transformation and Attainment of the UN-Sustainable Development Goals".

According to Prof Kambi, the forum, which is to be graced by Vice President

Samia Suluhu Hassan, will attract over 200 health experts within and beyond the regional.

"Technology is highly needed to improve the quality of health services in our country, that's why this conference is important to us," he added.

He further invited private institutions and individuals basing on information communication technology

participate in the conference and the exhibition to sell their work.

Prof Kambi unveiled that the conference is hosted rotational and this year conference has come after that was held in Bujumbura, Burundi, two years ago.

For his part, the East African Health Research Commission Executive Director Prof Gibson Kibiki said technology in health is set to be key agenda in this conference.

He said EAC council of ministers approved convening of the annual east Africa Health Scientific Conference & International Health Exhibition and Trade Fair (EAHSC).

Prof Kibiki added that the conference is hosted on rotational basis by the EAC partners states through their respective national ministries and in close collaboration with regional and international health-related NGO, Civil Society Organisations and individuals and stakeholders.

The EAHSC contributes towards strengthening regional cooperation in health in line with article 118 of the treaty for the establishment of EAC as well as other relevant provisions of the EAC common market protocol.

EAHSC President, Prof Eliogius Lyamuya said that during the conference, a total of ninety presentation will be presented adding that out of those, eighty will be (parallel session) - e abstracts presentation and interactive

The Tanzania National institute for medical research (NIMR) Director General Prof Yunus Mgaya said the institute was part of the six research institute in the region.

He said the institute has been part of the conference preparation in collaboration with ministry of Foreign Affairs And East Africa Cooperation Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and children and Ministry Of Home Affairs.



Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute nursing officer Joyce Kaiza (L, foreground) checks the blood pressure of a Dar es Salaam resident when the institution held a free health testing and sensitisation clinic for women at the city's Magogoni fish market yesterday as part of the commemoration of International Women's Day (today). Photo: John Badi

## Agro-forum wants livestock sector explored more

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

AGRICULTURAL Non State Actors Forum (ANSAF) has suggested the need for the livestock sector to be given required attention and weight by all stakeholders for the sector to be fully explored.

ANSAF Executive Director Audax Rukonge made the advice on Wednesday when speaking ahead of the launch of the Livestock Development Plan on Sunday. The plan will be launched by the ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

He said that currently the livestock sector has not yet contributed enough to individual income, and the national economy as it contributes only 8 percent of the GDP. "Many research show that there is no adequate investment in the sector to fruitfully benefit from the sector," he said, adding that Tanzanians have not explored enough investment in poultry, and other livestock like cattle and their related value chains such as dairies, eggs, leather, hides and so forth.

"These are some of the areas where the youth such as University graduates and primary school leavers can engage and employ themselves," he said.

Citing an example, he said that the number of eggs consumption per year in the country is 5 billion but the current production of eggs stands at 3.5 billion per year that means there is shortage of 1.5 billion eggs per year which are either imported or remain as shortage.

He said a couple of years ago, statistics for dairies indicated that the imported dairies valued at around USD 25 million per year. This big money could have been invested in the women and men especially young graduates to venture into different areas of Livestock sector like processing of dairies, hides and leather.

These are some of the opportunities that Livestock sector can offer to Tanzanians especially women and youth in the country, he said.

We have development partners such as TRUST AFRICA which is funded by Bill and Millinda Gates Foundation who have been funding us in the policy area to make sure that as nation we build conducive environment to enable different stakeholders invest in the sector, he said.

We have been also conducting sensitization on the need to have better and

quality products. For example, if it happens we say today that the government should cancel eggs import permits, the question will be who will produce the 1.5 billion eggs that are missing? So there is a need to look at both two sides," He said.

I understand that this week, the government will be launching the Livestock Development Plan. So, it is our duty to sensitize different stakeholders to participate fully, and be ready contribute to this sector which has not yet contributed fully in the poverty alleviation in the country, he added.

He said that many opportunities are being overlooked in the sector, for example, when you talk of livestock many Tanzanians think that it is all about cow and milk, they forget other livestock, poultry and their value chain.

He also underscored the need for the private sector to invest in processing nutritional foods for the livestock which are also imported adding that there is also the need to sensitize farmers produce soya in large quantity and sensitize agricultural researchers to come up with improved soya with much nutrients needed for the livestock.



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Vodacom Tanzania public relations and engagement manager Alex Bitekeye (R) briefs Mkuranga District Commissioner Filberto Sanga (2nd-L) yesterday shortly after Vodacom Foundation donated equipment worth 9.5m/- to support children with special needs being cared for at Vikindu's Mwanangu Special Centre. Others Vodacom communication and events manager Christina Murimi (L), the centre's director, Walter Mita (C) and the mother of one of the children, Jennifer Shumbusho. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIANS have been challenged to continue promoting gender equality and ensure that women enjoy all their rights to the full, as many of them are still oppressed and denied their basic rights.

The challenge was made on Wednesday by participants who attended a one-day conference to mark this year's World Women's Day themed: "Towards 25 Years after Beijing, where do we stand?"

The one-day conference that drew more than 100 participants from across the country was organized by TGNP Mtaandao in partnership with Tanzania Women Lawyers Association (TAWLA), Landesa, Msichana Initiative, Haki Ar-

## 'Efforts to address gender parity need to be sustained'

dhi, Haki Elimu, Care International and Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA).

They expressed concerned that women still carry the burden of raising families by providing food and other needs while men shirk from this responsibly. Couples must as much as possible share responsibilities equally instead of women having to do everything for the family.

"This is particularly the case in the rural areas where women have to spend a lot of time working on the farm so as to provide the family with food while men spend their time and money on things that have little to do with the

upkeep of the family," explained one of the participants.

It emerged during the meeting that women are still victims of gender violence and mistreatment with participants citing issues of unequal sharing of property between boys and girls within families, while rural women have remained poor because they are still not allowed to own or inherit land and other property. Violence against women still exists.

At national level, participants noted that only 35 percent of women are employed in the formal sector while generally 12.3 percent of women are unemployed compared to 8.2 percent

## Korean company invents blood test device

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Korean Medical equipment manufacturing company, RadianQbio which has developed Cell Qube, a new blood test device detecting more than 12 different viruses is planning to set up a regional plant in Tanzania.

Speaking during the demonstration of the handheld device, the Chief Executive Officer of Radian Qbio, Kim Beom Ki said the uniqueness and efficiency of the device was user friendly, handy and environmentally friendly.

"We are bringing to the world a new technology that will revolutionize the way we handle and administer patient cases. It is convenient and cost effective," he said, noting that HIV and Ebola were among the virus detected by the device.

He said Cell Qube, was a device that has been developed to work more in remote areas where most of the major medical facilities and electricity were not readily available.

The company came to Dodoma to demonstrate how the new device works to most of the medical practitioners, including officials in the Ministry Health, City Council, University lecturers at St. Gasper Conference Centre

here.

Most of the participants who attended the demonstration, hailed the product, saying it was the most effective device geared to change the conventional means of handling the patients.

Senior Health Secretary in the Ministry of Health, Dr Edith Bakari said the device would be a panacea to Tanzania if the company will comply with all procedures needed for someone bringing new health technology like Cell Qube. "I think this seems to be a good technological advances but as a tradition, the ministry, through its various organs will determine if the technology was appropriate and fit to be applied in the country" she said.

A Principal Laboratory Technologist, Arphaxad Elubago noted that the new device was handy and using one of the most modern technologies in diagnosing multiple infectious diseases.

"The cost of buying the device and the cartridge is probably the most challenging thing, otherwise the technology and the shortest time it takes to detect the infectious diseases offers a promising future" he said.

For his part, the Vice Chancellor of Moshi Co-operative University, Prof Faustine Bee hailed the technology,

saying these kind of devices needs to be administered in our hospitals.

"I hope this kind of technology will soon be adopted in the country too so that our hospitals can enhance and speed up the way they administer diagnoses of infectious diseases in the country" he said.

On the concerns raised with regard to cost of buying the device with its cartridge, the Vice President of Radian Qbio Company, Kim Tae Hwan said the company plans to set up to manufacture the devices in Tanzania saying device will certainly go down drastically.

The Chief Executive of the Tanzanian company, Young Jin, Dr. Lee Sang Tae said his organization has entered into partnership with Radian Qbio to ensure that they find a simple technology to the local hospitals.

"I glad to note that finally the medical device is here in Tanzania and within no time after necessary approval, it can be available not only all over the country but across east Africa," he said.

He said through this partnership, Radian Qbio will provide the machine and its accessories and Yong Jin Company will make it available all over the east Africa and where it will be needed most.

tions to these challenges so that women take centre stage in attaining sustainable development," she challenged the participants.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Office responsible for Policy, Parliament, Labour, Youth and People with Disability, Jenista Mhagama said that the government has taken measure towards implementing the Beijing Declaration on gender equality.

According to Mhagama, out of the 12 articles of the declaration, the government has focused on four of them; the participation of women in politics and leadership, raising education and employment opportunities for women, legal reforms that promote women's rights and economic empowerment so as to reduce poverty among women.



## REQUEST FOR QUOTES

RFQ 2019 - 03/01

Closing Date: Wednesday 20th March 2019, 2:00 pm (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania)

Pact Inc. is an international non-profit organization with its headquarters in Washington, DC. Pact serves communities challenged by poverty and marginalization because we envision a world where everyone owns their future. To do this, we build systemic solutions in partnership with local organizations, businesses and government. Our goal is thriving, resilient communities where those we serve are heard, capable, and vibrant.

Pact Tanzania is looking to print worth tools for the USAID Kizazi Kipya project, a 5-year, USAID-funded award. Pact Tanzania now invites quotes from eligible, registered local suppliers to print worth tools with the following specifications:

	Name of Item	Detailed Description Specifications	Quantity
1	Cash book transaction journals (CTJ)	100pgs, +cover A4 size, separate after 25pgs, cover 150gsm gloss full color, inside 80MF b/w Finishing perfect binding	4,142
2	Savings Journals	120pgs, +cover A4 size, separate after 30pgs, cover 150gsm gloss full color, inside 80MF b/w Finishing perfect binding	4,142
3	Loan Journal with debtor's agreement and collateral forms	124 pgs, +cover A4 size, cover 150gsm gloss full color, inside 80MF b/w Finishing perfect binding	4,142
4	Savings and loan passbooks	1/4 of A4pg (A6 size), 8pgs printed both side+cover, cover full color 170 matt paper, inside b/w; Finishing: binding saddle stitch	103,548
5	Money management master trainer guide	40pgs+cover, A4 size, b/w cover 300gsm glossy lamination; finishing perfect binding	40
6	Mentors guide book	214pgs+cover A4 size, b/w; cover 300gsm glossy laminated; finishing perfect binding	85
7	Mentors guide book	240pgs+cover A4 size, b/w; cover 300gsm glossy laminated; finishing perfect binding	1,310

Interested Vendor must submit the following information to Pact Tanzania:

- Quote, valid for 60days
- Copy of business license, VAT & TIN certificate and tax clearance form
- Audited financial statement
- Payment terms must be specified
- Evidence of similar assignments must be submitted
- Delivery time must be specified
- Interested vendor may visit Pact office to view sample on 14th March 2019 3:00pm
- Quote should include delivery cost to the field; please request distribution list from [procurementTZ@pactworld.org](mailto:procurementTZ@pactworld.org) before submitting your quote. Deadline for requesting distribution list is 13th March 2019.

Interested, vendors should deliver their quote to:

The Tender Committee  
Pact Tanzania  
74 Uporoto Street, Victoria  
P. O. Box 6348, Dar es salaam, Tanzania

All quotes must be enclosed in a plain sealed envelope. The deadline is Wednesday 20th March 2019 2pm EAT.

Please note

1. Late or incomplete bids will not be accepted or reviewed by Pact Tanzania Tender Committee.
2. The quote that complies with all specifications/requirements and offers the lowest price will be selected
3. Pact may cancel solicitation and not to award.
4. Pact may reject any or all responses received.
5. Issuance of request for quotes does not constitute award/contract commitment by Pact.
6. Pact reserves the right to disqualify any offer based on offer or failure to follow solicitation instructions.
7. Pact reserves the right to waive minor proposal deficiencies that can be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition.
8. Pact will be contacting all offerors to confirm contact person; address and that bid was submitted for this solicitation.

Lot2

	Name of Item	Detailed Description Specifications	Quantity
1	Kikundi chetu book	146pgs+cover, A4size, 80mf b/w cover 300gsm glossy lamination; Finishing perfect binding	11,513
2	Barabara ya utajili book	116pgs+cover, A4size, 80mf b/w, cover 300gsm glossy lamination, Finishing perfect binding	11,513
3	Uuzaji umerahisishwa book	186pgs+cover A4 size, 80mf, cover 300gsm, glossy lamination, finishing perfect binding	11,513

Lot3

	Name of Item	Detailed Description Specifications	Quantity
1	VAC/GBV screening tools	Legal paper size; 4pgs instructions (2sheets double sided) then forms 2pgs (1 sheet double sided) 100 forms @book; b/w 70mf bond paper Numbering and perforation Cover: 250gsm gloss full color	18,933



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TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) is an organisation funded by a range of development agencies to promote regional trade and economic integration in East Africa. TMEA is seeking consultancy services of an individual who are registered as a sole proprietorship as technical adviser to support implementation of TMEA Trade and Logistics cluster programme in East Africa.

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**TMEA cannot answer any query relating to this tender 7 days or less prior to the submission deadline.**





## Lake Assal, Djibouti

From a distance, Djibouti's Lake Assal could be mistaken for a prime holiday destination.

Its waters glisten under the midday sun, sparkling in different shades of dark blue, turquoise and green.

In the distance, camel caravans carry payloads of goods into the desert, disappearing beyond the horizon.

But the closer you get to this place of unsurpassed beauty, the vast desert plains give rise to an altogether different landscape - a place where the sand is not actually sand at all.

Created a millennia ago by volcanic eruptions, the receding waters at Lake Assal have left behind an expanse of crystal white salt that is stunningly beautiful, but excruciatingly painful to walk upon barefoot.

The waters of the lake offer no respite either.

The warm and shallow waters sting the eyes and bite against the skin.

Yet it's here, every morning, that dozens of men like Hummad Musa converge.

They toil away under the blistering hot sun and break the ground open with hand axes to extract salt, a trade which historians estimate has gone on since the sixth century.

Musa says most of this week's labour has been mined just metres away from the shore and will be sold to the few tourists who visit this harsh, desolate place.

A relatively new country, Djibouti gained its independence from France just 41 years ago. But despite its young age, it's the homeland of an ancient people who have lived and roamed the countryside for centuries.

Next week, Musa, a member of the Afar ethnic people, says he will take his caravan of 10 camels to markets across Ethiopia, a journey his father and grandfather once made.

"I've been working in this trade since I was a child," the 63-year-old told Al Jazeera, as the oven-hot winds lashed against his face.

"We start work early in the morning and continue extracting the salt until Dhuhr prayers (midday).

"Whenever the tourists happen to visit, we come back (to the stalls on the shore) and sell them whatever we can to provide food and water for our families".

According to Musa, each of his camels will be carrying up to 150kg of the "white gold" for sale in Ethiopia.

The journey could take up to five weeks and will see the caravan make at least four stops - first in Debyie, then Barkato, Balhou, and finally Aile Da-ar.

If all goes well, a top-grade slab weighing 25kg will fetch around 10 Ethiopian birr, around \$0.40.

# Modern life fails to intrude on Djibouti's 'White Gold' miners



Hummad Musa says most of the tourists that visit this desolate region simply take photos of the salt-encrusted skulls of antelopes and gazelles before leaving [Faisal Edroos/Al Jazeera]



Goubet Al-Kharab, referred to as the Island of the Devil, is just 20km from Lake Assal [Faisal Edroos/Al Jazeera]

With each camel carrying around \$2.40 worth of salt, the entire caravan could make more than \$20 - with his share enough to last his family of three more than a fortnight.

According to Musa, what sets his salt apart from the "white gold" found in Ethiopia's northeastern Danakil Depression is the quality.

Lake Assal has an average salt concentration of 34 percent, making it nearly 10 times saltier than seawater.

At 155 metres below sea level, Assal is also the lowest point in Africa and the third lowest point in the world after the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea.

Wade into the waters, Musa says, and you'll also find something, which can't be found anywhere else in the world - perfect spheres of salt.

Depending on the wind, each segment of the Lake's shore produces its own shape and size, he says.

The spheres are formed entirely by nature when tiny crystals get glued together and roll around on the seabed. They slowly snowball before whittling and polishing themselves into perfect spheres.

Families work together, he says, with men wading deep into the lake to get the salt.

Later, the women hand sort the spheres by size, which can vary in size from caviar eggs to small peaches.

Musa says while the trade is relatively unknown in the west, Assal's salt has not escaped the attention of Chinese mining companies.

With more than six million tonnes of salt being deposited in the area every year, and the thickness of Assal's crust varying between 20 and 80 metres, a Chinese-funded industrial plant has started work. The government has also tabled the Lake Assal Salt Project to further commodify the lake.

But today, most of Musa's daily business comes from tourists or the thousands of foreigners stationed at the United States's, Chinese, Japanese, and French military bases in Djibouti.

"I'm flying back in a couple of weeks and my wife told me to bring back some novelty items," said Carl, one of 4,000 Americans stationed at Camp Lemonnier.

"So the first place I thought of was here.

"I doubt my wife will use the salt to cook with but it sure will make for a good gift."

A railway being built from Djibouti to Ethiopia has also raised fears that in the near future the traditional camel caravan route could be rendered obsolete.

But until then, Afar miners like Musa say they'll continue their tough way of life, hacking away at the ground and eking out a living from this desolate stretch of salt.

AGENCIES

# Amref, Rwanda host global Africa-focused health meet

By Special Correspondent

Rwanda's Health minister, Dr Diane Gashumba, on Tuesday appealed to governments across Africa to work together to fund healthcare systems on the continent.

She was speaking at the opening of the three-day Africa Health Agenda International Conference 2019 (Africa Health 2019) in Kigali, Rwanda.

"Investing in Universal Health Coverage is one of the smartest investments a country can make," said Dr Gashumba, adding: "In the past two decades, African countries have displayed commendable leadership in furthering the UHC agenda across the continent. We must ensure that this movement is sustained through greater domestic investments in health care and that all ministries and stakeholders do their part."

The conference, co-hosted by Amref Health Africa and Rwanda's Ministry of Health, has brought together over 1,200 participants from more than 35 countries, including health ministers, private sector leaders, civil society and representatives from multilateral organisations, to chart a roadmap to achieve UHC across Africa by 2030.

"Health is the most fundamental human right on which all other rights can be enjoyed. Universal health coverage is its guarantee," said Dr Githinji Gitahi, Group CEO at Amref Health Africa.

"Globally, there is growing consensus on the need to universalise access to quality health care - both as a path to economic development and because it is the right thing to do. Going forward, we need to galvanise political will at the highest levels of government, mobilise greater resources to eliminate catastrophic health costs, and invest in community-led interventions," said Dr Gitahi.



Dr Githinji Gitahi, Group CEO, Amref Health Africa. File photo

Speakers highlighted the urgency of accelerating efforts to reach UHC in African countries, including the need for increased domestic financing and greater political prioritisation of UHC as well as effective public-private partnerships to share learnings, leverage innovative technologies and scale evidence-based, cost-effective solutions to improve health outcomes.

Many of the speakers noted Rwanda's commitment to expanding health coverage through its near-universal health care system as well as the country's investments in strengthening

primary health care and the community health workforce, which have been instrumental in driving improvements in health outcomes and promoting health equity.

Rwanda has made impressive progress in the past two decades, and its nationwide community-based health insurance model covers nearly 90 per cent of all Rwandans today, including the poorest of the poor.

While significant progress has been made in the past two decades to improve access to quality healthcare across Africa, critical challenges remain.

Out-of-pocket expenditure has increased in nearly all countries, and the regional average has increased from \$15 per capita in 1995 to \$38 in 2014. As a result, 11 million Africans are falling into poverty every year due to high out-of-pocket payments.

In 2001, through the Abuja Declaration, African governments had committed to increase their health spending to 15 per cent of their annual budget; however, only six countries have achieved or surpassed the target.

The conference consists of scientific tracks, roundtables, interactive

workshops, and high-level symposia on tuberculosis, malaria and health in fragile and conflict-affected states, among others.

The programme highlights include plenary sessions on how to finance UHC and increase access and quality of health services; presentations on technological innovations that are rapidly changing the face of the sector; and the launch of a new initiative advocating gender equality in health leadership in Africa.

The UN General Assembly is expected to hold the first-ever UN High-Level Meeting on universal health coverage in September this year. The aim is to galvanise global commitment to UHC by voting on a historic political declaration in support of health for all.

In the run-up to the High-Level Meeting on UHC, Africa Health 2019 will serve as a platform where participants from across the African continent can make their voices heard and contribute their perspectives to the forthcoming declaration on UHC.

Africa Health 2019 - formally, the Africa Health Agenda International Conference - is an African-led global convening, bringing together diverse stakeholders to address how Africa can accelerate progress towards UHC, and to collectively chart a course forward, from commitment to action.

Co-hosted by Amref Health Africa and Rwanda's Health ministry, the conference spotlights the greatest health challenges facing Africa, and how new research, innovation and political commitments can solve those challenges and advance UHC.

The main conference was preceded by a Youth Pre-conference, which brought together over 300 youth leaders and young professionals from across the continent to be at the centre of critical discussions on the future of UHC in Africa and launched a

regional movement to engage youth in UHC policies and processes.

The ministry seeks to pursue an integrated and community-driven development process through the provision of equitable, accessible and quality health care services for all Rwandans.

Rwanda is widely recognised internationally as a health success story for prioritising health coverage and for attaining the Abuja Declaration commitment of allocating more than 15 per cent of its state budget to health and massively subsidising its national health insurance system.

Amref Health Africa, founded in 1957, is the largest African-led international organisation on the continent, reaching more than 9 million people each year through 150 health-focused projects across 35 countries.

The 17 global Sustainable Development Goals set forth an ambitious target to provide access to quality, affordable health care for all by 2030 - a target that has evolved into a global movement.

UHC ensures that all people, everywhere, can access the quality health services they need without suffering financial hardship. It is a fundamentally political goal rooted in the human right to health.

The consensus among experts, including more than 360 economists from 53 countries, is that UHC is a smart investment and an achievable goal that enables people to fulfil their potential and contribute to the development of their countries.

At least half of the world's population does not have full coverage of essential health services, and each year about 100 million people are pushed into "extreme poverty" (defined as living on US \$1.90 or less a day) because of health care expenses they cannot afford.

# Agribusiness: Case for commercial avocado farming

By Deogratias Mushi

**T**HE southern highlands regions of Tanzania form part of an invaluable ecosystem with hugely fertile land for agriculture and potentially profitable agribusiness that can help the country in its ongoing industrialisation drive if well utilised.

This region features the largest and some of the most fertile lands in Tanzania, making it a critical ecosystem for the country's development at a time when Tanzania aspires to become a middle income economy by 2025 with agriculture and agribusiness expected to largely spur that growth.

The government of Tanzania has seriously targeted this area for development as part of an important agricultural corridor, popularly known as the Southern Agricultural Corridor Growth of Tanzania - SACCOT, which seeks to support Tanzania's faster agricultural and economic growth as well as enhancing food security.

SACCOT also receives overwhelming international support. It is an area where, through proper zoning, sustainable agricultural enterprise is expected to thrive further, thereby protecting and helping stabilize land use and enabling smart agricultural investment to create jobs and sufficiently support livelihoods.

It is because of this and the projected rosy future that the African Wildlife Capital (AWC), a subsidiary of the African Wildlife Foundation's impact-investment, made a decision of providing a loan to a local company, the Rungwe Avocado Company (RAC), for development of an environmentally sustainable farming and export of avocado fruit.

RAC was first developed in 2006, as a subsidiary of TATEPA Limited and a sister company to Wakulima Tea Company, the most successful example of tea privatisation in Tanzania.

It was established through a memorandum of understanding with Wakulima Tea Company,

and was later in 2009, separated out as Rungwe Avocado Company Limited, and developed as a separate entity, under the same model as Wakulima Tea Company.

It was RAC that first developed the Hass avocado industry in Tanzania through its Rungwe venture and, indeed in the whole of Southern Highlands region, from scratch to the present hugely income-generating crop for thousands of people and communities in the region.

Within only one decade, RAC has developed into a major agricultural organisation in Mbeya region, and together with Wakulima Tea Company, cater for about 20,000 out-growers (who themselves support over 100,000 people), working with local organisations and shareholders such as Rungwe Small Tea Growers Association and various avocado out-growers.

RAC has also grown into a major contributor to government initiatives and to regional communities both financially and through its strong corporate social responsibilities projects.

Not only is RAC a long term investor in smallholder agriculture creating jobs, contributing to government and promoting sound agricultural practices, but also providing skills and knowledge to farmers in



Managing Director of TATEPA, Andres De Clerk, and former General Manager of Rungwe Avocado Company (RAC), a subsidiary of TATEPA, which introduced commercial avocado farming in Rungwe District and the entire southern highlands of Tanzania

the region. RAC has also enabled smallholder farmers to have a new commercial crop that increases income and welfare of their families.

Generally, RAC has invested hugely in Rungwe district, creating large pool of employment opportunities and increasing capacity and knowledge of farmers through extension services.

Under the terms of the investment, and bound by

AWC's conservation covenants, RAC has developed and intensified avocado production in a limited area while also engaging the agricultural services of local farmers, simultaneously increasing income to local communities and limiting agricultural sprawl.

Managing director of TATEPA, the holding company of RAC, who also headed RAC before promotion,

Andres De Clerk, an expert farmer, says that his com-

pany has been a pioneer in the development of Tanzania's horticulture industry and the business will soon enable more farmers double their annual income.

RAC was also the first ever farming business in Tanzania to engage in trial avocado exports by air freight, to European markets in 2009.

Today, RAC has established refrigerated sea shipment routes to Europe and beyond - another

important breakthrough for the industry.

De Clerk says that usually, farmers receive inputs and training as well as a fair price for their production and by the end of last year, around 75 per cent of the avocados sold by RAC, was grown by local farmers, resulting in an annual payment of some 8 million US dollars to the local community.

RAC has huge plans for development and the company is currently set to receive 1.2 million US dollars loan from AgDevCo, with another 700,000 US dollars to be invested in further agricultural development in form of equity.

The investment is expected to support the installation of a micro jet irrigation system on the farm to boost yield performance, and it will also fund ongoing operations, including management of an expanded out-grower scheme. De Clerk says besides an extensive smallholder network of thousands of farmers, RAC employs a full time staff of 135 people.

"RAC provides a guaranteed price to smallholders farmers from export of quality fruit. We purchase avocados from growers and grower groups from Mount Rungwe in Mbeya region," says De Clerk adding:

"The company has also

helped link a large number of smallholder avocado producers to export markets in Europe and such efforts enable farmers to expand their farms. The business supports farmers by providing inputs and services as well as purchasing their produce through guaranteed off-take agreements."

"Additional financing is required to develop irrigation on the commercial farm and support the on-going development of its supply chain and out-grower production base," he says without going into details of how big will be the financing.

Driven by dynamics in a global surge in prices and demand for 'green gold', as avocado is popularly referred to globally, the cultivation and trading of avocado is rapidly gaining traction among the farmers in Rungwe District.

Commercial avocado farming provides an avenue to successfully diversify Tanzania's portfolio of horticultural crops, thereby enhancing the value of the horticultural industry.

The avocado value chain reveals palpable capacity challenges all the way from the input procurement to farming, processing, packaging, retailing and marketing as well as product quality standards.

Overcoming these challenges requires keeping up with the constantly changing agribusiness ecosystem.

De Clerk says that in order to capture the emerging opportunities in the sector there is an increasing need for innovatively refreshing perspectives to enhance the productivity and competitiveness for all value chain actors as well as improving product quality to meet the ever increasing export requirements and needs.

Locally, De Clerk advises rationalization of overburdening and sometimes redundant regulations as well as initialization of targeted policy and institutional reforms to support competitiveness, value chain upgrading and ex-

port diversification of the sector.

De Clerk adds that as the Tanzanian avocado industry blossoms, there is a need for smart policy and capacity building interventions and regulations to promote competitiveness and diversification of the subsector, for increased jobs creation and further wealth generation to enhance support for economic development.

It is crucial, says De Clerk to ensure that the agricultural regulatory system is fairer, more open and transparent as well as, accountable and takes economic impact into account.

Regulatory reforms should be evidence-driven, and efforts should be made to minimise compliance costs, administrative work and other related burdens, to maximise the net benefits to operators and communities as well as to Government, through increased revenue.

There is also a need for close coordination between agribusiness-related line ministries, including the Ministries of Agriculture, Industry Trade and Investment, Environment, and their concerned agencies such as the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Tanzania Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) and Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) to improve the regulatory environment.

There is also a need to introduce innovative ways to enhance the production and trade capacity of avocado value chain actors.

There is need for mentoring assistance for entrepreneurs, decoding trade certifications, business development, access to finance, research and innovation, networking and linking micro, small and medium enterprises with established operators to assist them penetrate regional and international markets.

There is also a need to improve transport and logistical support to facilitate fast movement of goods along the export corridors and promote compliance with standards through certification.



Sorting of avocado fruit by quality and weight in Rungwe district ready for export

## The future women want: Free of violence

KAMPALA

**B**akera excelled in school. As a girl who grew up in a rural, poor community, she had, against all odds, realized her education goals and was elated to go to the capital city, Kampala where she would now work.

She had studied Statistics - a field where women were few. She knew many girls and women over the years who either didn't have a chance at education or who dropped out. Bakera saw the common threads of women's experience that limited them. In her small hilly village, she had seen many Aunties, physically abused by their husbands and resolved to get educated as she believed this was her way out.

At her first job, Bakera was excited to work for a Company where she would be their first female Statistician hire. Excited about this experience, Bakera worked with passion. At her company, she saw first-hand the sexual harassment that her female colleagues were experiencing. She realized that what she had experienced while at the university was happening at work now.

In her Kampala neighborhood, Bakera regularly heard women scream for help; one morning the noise was so loud it startled Bakera out of her sleep. It was her next-door neighbor who was being beaten by her husband calling for "help".

Bakera couldn't sit by, she went to their door, knocked loudly. Her neighbor was badly beaten and needed medical care. She took her to the hospital for medical attention where they spent the day nursing her to health.

Bakera had to explain her absence to her employer - but didn't feel she could be honest without putting her job on the line. It was a turning point for Bakera - she felt that the violence was too much. She thought about how so many women's lives were interrupted by violence.

She reflected on what it meant for women who were in intimate partner relationships and the constant fear they lived in - without control over their own bodies, sexuality or even to be able to feel safe at home - a most basic right every person should have. Bakera's experience is one we can all identify with and relate to. When someone asks: Why should we care about equality? Why should we care about violence against women?

We must care because violence against women and girls is a profound symbol of gender inequality and social injustice. It hurts women and girls' bodies, minds and hearts, prevents participation, hinders social and economic development and costs families, communities and nations. No one should have to live in fear.

While more women enter the workforce, let us think about whether they can enjoy their most basic human



right of safety in both private and public spaces.

When women as a group are at risk for violence because they are women, this means it is not just a result of an individual woman's behavior or choices - it means that the violence is systemic. This means that the systems - social, legal, economic, educational - ignore, allow and perpetuate the inequality that allows violence against women to happen.

These systems are upheld by norms - or our in-

dividual and collective beliefs and actions. Inequality and violence against women is the norm - but just like Bakera, we need to ask: is this normal?

Addressing negative norms through approaches like [HYPERLINK](http://HYPERLINK) "http://raisingvoices.org/sasa/" SASA! means helping communities identify and question unspoken barriers to wom-

en's empowerment. Rather than focus on negative norms, we can encourage communities to explore how positive power can benefit both women and men in intimate partner relationships and enhance wellbeing.

#MeToo and #AidToo campaigns and other programmes are further breaking the silence, revealing that regardless of their location and achievements, women are still at risk.

According to World Health Organisation, 1 in 3 women is likely to experience physical or sexual violence, making this a public health issue that requires many voices and actions to create change so every girl and woman live free of violence.

As the world reflects on gender equality this International Women's Day, guided by the theme, "Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change" how can we challenge ourselves - as individuals and collectively - to question the norms and systems that keep women down. What do we need to question within ourselves? Within our workplaces? Within our communities? How can you speak out and start to create an environment that supports non-violence and equality?

How can we get more creative and innovate to advance gender equality? How about we each take more action to increase men's accountability to women's basic human rights? How can we commit, this Women's Day to stop tolerating any form of violence.



Cow offals, presumably bought from a nearby butchery, on sale on Tuesday at a 'kiosk' operating from a highly unhygienic environment at Buguruni kwa Mnyamani in Dar es Salaam. Photo: John Badi

# Taxify changes its name to Bolt

By Guardian Reporter

ONLINE taxi firm Taxify has changed its name to Bolt and introducing a new logo.

The update brings the brand identity in line with the company's broader vision of transportation that has already expanded from ride hailing, with cars and motorbikes, to scooter sharing.

Speaking on why the company chose to make the change, Markus Villing, CEO and co-founder, Bolt said, "Taxify launched five years ago with a mission to make urban transportation more convenient and affordable. Our first product was a taxi dispatch solution that gave the company its original name."

He said the Estonian-born tech company has evolved in leaps and bounds since its inception to now serve 25 million customers in over 30 countries globally, making it a leader in Europe and Africa.

"It was also the first company to bring ride-hailing and scooter sharing together in one single app and is currently working on expanding the scooter sharing service across a number of European cities."

Also the Country Manager for Tanzania at Bolt, Remmy Aseka explained they

have made progress on their mission and started to outgrow parts of our brand, including the name.

"Given our ambition to solve transportation problems on an increasingly broader scale, we want the brand to reflect the company's future rather than the past. Our new name 'Bolt' stands for fast, effortless movement - exactly what the experience of getting around in a city should be, be it by car, scooter or public transport. It also underscores our belief that the future of transportation will be electric".

"The new brand will be gradually rolled out across Bolt's global markets over the following weeks. Bolt users will not need to take any action as the app will update automatically," he said.

The Estonian-born tech company now serves 25 million customers in over 30 countries globally and has grown to be a leader in Europe and Africa, it claims.

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# 'Gender balance is not women's issue, it's economic'

By Guardian Reporter

WOMEN make up over 50 percent of the population and workforce in Tanzania and own over half of the country's micro and small enterprises, but their contribution in economic activity, growth and financial well-being is far below their potential.

In Tanzania, where many households face the challenges of financial instability, the role of women in sustaining household resilience, improving their families' prosperity and driving economic growth cannot be overemphasised.

Over the past decade, there has been great progress in improving financial inclusion, and in Tanzania, there has considerable rise in the proportion of

the adult population using financial services from 44 percent in 2009 to 65 percent in 2017, as reported by FinScope Tanzania. However, like in developing countries across the world, there is still a gender gap of 10 percent between men and women accessing formal financial services.

Financial inclusion of women can not only create gender equality by empowering them to take greater control of their financial lives but can also create a ripple effect in improving the financial well-being of their families, communities and the national economy. Financial services offer the means for women to take control of their own finances by making and receiving payments using d

Lack of income remains a significant

barrier for women to access financial services despite the fact that 15 percent of women are business owners and that they account for 54 percent of micro, small and medium enterprises. Over a quarter remain mainly dependent and for those that work, the average income of women 36,667/- is half that of men.

Although many financial service providers are developing new solutions for low income groups, the cost of access can be too great for many women.

Education too plays an important role in making informed choices in accessing and using financial products and services. According to the latest FinScope study, 18 percent of women are non-formally educated and women lag behind men in their

abilities to read and write in Swahili and English and their numeracy skills are significantly below the national average. These challenges put women at a disadvantage to understand products and services offered make good financial management decisions and trust financial service providers.

In terms of mobile financial services, the gender gap is, in fact, widening, despite the fact that millions of people can now access financial services through their mobile phones, particularly in remote rural areas.

When asked by FinScope Tanzania 2017, almost 6 out of 10 women do not own a mobile phone, against over 7 out of 10 men, as they found them to be expensive.

The government of Tanzania has

recognised the importance of closing the gender gap in financial inclusion and has implemented a multi-stakeholder initiative, the National Financial Inclusion Framework (NFIF-2018-2022), which aims to increase the proportion of women using financial services from 61 percent to 73 percent by 2022 to support nationwide livelihood improvement, household resilience and job creation.

Many organisations, including the Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) have made a commitment to closing the gender gap by empowering women and men to promote gender equality and equity in the financial sector, addressing systemic and structural practices that create barriers and by providing valuable

data to inform improvements on both the demand and supply of financial products and services.

As Melinda Gates, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has noted, as women "gain decision-making power in their homes, and with more financial tools at their disposal, they invest in their families' prosperity and help drive broad economic growth."

"This vision can only be achieved if policy makers, market players and key financial inclusion stakeholders work together to support an environment that enables women to participate fully in financial systems and improve their livelihoods as a pivotal market that deserves due attention and not as a mere segment to be given preferential treatment," it notes.

## Leaders in Morogoro join hands in saving Kilombero landscape

By Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

AUTHORITIES in Morogoro have formed a special team that will come up with recommendations on how to address environmental challenges facing Kilombero landscape, which is important for the country's socio-economic development.

The team is formed by four District Executive Directors of Kilombero, Ulanga, Malinyi, Kilosa and some local government leaders such as ward councilors, village executive officer (VEOs) and village chairmen (VCs).

It also involves members from Tanzania Wildlife Authority (TAWA), Tanzania Forest Service (TFS), Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA), Kilombero Sugar Company (KSC), Rufiji Basin Water Board (RWBB) and Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO).

Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) Clifford Tandali said that the formation of the government's move to address human induced activities such as poor agronomic practices and overgrazing in Kilombero valley.

He said that human induced activities pose a serious threat to the landscape, as they lead to siltation of the rivers flowing into the valley and Kilombero River itself, which is also one of the sources of Rufiji River, when the multi-billion Stiegler's Gorge power project is under construction.

"To me, I see this as one of the solution to save the landscape, which is currently overwhelmed with environmental challenges," said Tandali.

He, however, said that in the new measures to address environmental challenges, people living near water sources will be taught on the importance of better farming practices and intensive farming as well as adopting drip irrigation.

Director General of the National Land Use Planning Commission (NLUPC), Dr Stephen Nindi said that the team involved some members of the community.

For his part, Musa Mnyeti, Malinyi District Executive Director suggested the need for village leaders to ensure that all unregistered villagers are registered. "This will help to address more invasion of protected areas," he said.



A self-explanatory but largely ignored sign post installed at Kimara Stop-over in Dar es Salaam to caution motorists with respect to the ongoing expansion of Morogoro Road, as captured yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Sabato Kasika

## JUMEME starts construction on PV mini-grid project in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

RP Global, an independent renewable energy developer and majority shareholder of JUMEME Rural Power Supply, has commenced construction on the first phase of a solar-hybrid mini-grid project in Tanzania.

As part of this first phase, 11 new micro-grids are being developed to bring reliable electricity to a population of more than 80,000 people.

These micro-grids, developed on a cluster of islands in Lake Victoria, are equipped with battery storage technology and will electrify 20 villages. The project was enabled by the European Union, who provided co-financing through the ACP-EU Energy Facility. Commissioning is scheduled to take place in June of 2019.

In the second phase of the project, JUMEME will build up to 11 more mini-grids to electrify 23 ad-

ditional villages, bringing energy services to a population of over 160,000 people. The steps to bring this phase online is already underway, with consents and permits already secured.

Leo Schiefermüller, director of RP Global Africa, said: "Besides the existing legal framework and the favourable solar resources, our decision to invest in Tanzania is a direct consequence of the low electrification rate in the country. Solar

hybrid mini-grids are the least-cost electrification option, especially in rural areas and the pay-as-you-go business model of JUMEME makes electricity consumption for the customer affordable."

He added: "Many of the remote communities in Tanzania are still without access to electricity. So far, our regions of operation show some of the lowest rural electrification rates in Tanzania, ranging between 3% - 5%. In these areas,

the population is widely dispersed across numerous distant villages and small towns making it hard to connect them through the national grid. By 2023, JUMEME could supply high quality and reliable electricity to 1 million Tanzanians, making this company the largest mini-grid operator in Sub-Saharan Africa, if the political and regulatory situation improves for investors."

# Was slavery the world's first human rights violation?

## UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations, which diligently monitors human rights violations worldwide, believes that centuries-old slavery still exists worldwide—largely as human trafficking.

The UN mandate on “contemporary forms of slavery” includes, but is not limited to, issues such as: traditional slavery, forced labour, debt bondage, serfdom, children working in slavery or slavery-like conditions, domestic servitude, sexual slavery, and servile forms of marriage, according to Urmila Bhoola of South Africa, the UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery.

In an interview with IPS, Bhoola pointed out that slavery was the first human rights issue to arouse wide international concern.

But it still continues today—“and slavery-like practices also remain a grave and persistent problem”.

She said “traditional forms of slavery have been criminalized and abolished in most countries, but contemporary forms of slavery are still prevalent in all regions of the world”.

Still, many UN member states who are suspected of such human rights violations refuse to permit international experts—designated as UN Special Rapporteurs—to either investigate allegations or even formally visit these countries, according to published reports.

Asked about these constraints, Bhoola said she has so far visited Niger, Belgium, Nigeria, El Salvador, Mauritania, Paraguay and, lastly Italy, in October 2018.

Her mandate includes the implementation of Article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which states that “no one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms”.

She said “country visits” are only conducted upon invitation from governments”.

“I have issued requests for country-visits to many countries but due to the mandate’s name and focus, member states are often reluctant to invite the mandate on contemporary forms of slavery, to conduct a visit,” said Bhoola, who was appointed Special Rapporteur by the UN Human Rights Council back in May 2014.

In this sense, she pointed out, member states may not openly refuse a visit but may not reply to country-visit requests.

“This is, in my view, a pity, as my aim is to engage constructively with governments, and to support them in their efforts to end contemporary forms of slavery”.

In fact, some of the countries that are afraid of being named and shamed, perhaps because they are listed as countries where slavery is prevalent in global reports, “have many good laws and practices that others can learn from.”

The findings obtained through the country visits are contained in the country visit reports, which are publicly available.

Excerpts from the interview

**IPS: The ILO says over 40 million people - 71 percent of them women and girls - are subject**



Urmila Bhoola, UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery

**to various forms of modern slavery, including human trafficking, child soldiers, forced and early child marriages, domestic servitude and migrant labour. Can these malpractices be criminalized by national legislation or by an international treaty? How feasible are these measures?**

**BHOOLA:** Several international treaties prohibit slavery and related practices, such as the 1926 Slavery Convention and its Protocol; the 1956 Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery; the ILO Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29); the ILO Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105); the ILO Protection of Wages Convention, 1949 (No.95); the ILO Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189); the ILO Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138); the ILO Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182); the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of Others (1949). A complete list can be found here.

International treaties can make an important difference in a country, as States need to periodically report on progress achieved in implementing the treaties’ provisions once they have ratified a treaty or convention. If a State does not have the means to effectively fulfil its obligations under a treaty or convention, it should seek international assistance.

However, slavery is considered to be a customary norm of international law that requires elimination by States irrespective of whether they have ratified the 1926 Slavery and 1956 Supplementary Conventions. All States are therefore required to prohibit slavery and its different forms, such as slavery like practices or servitudes, in domestic legislation.

In order to eradicate slavery effectively at the national level, States must also invest in sustainable development and in the protection and promotion

of all human rights.

Many States have committed to achieving target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) because ending slavery and creating decent work for all requires a multifaceted approach.

This requires them to develop comprehensive national responses to contemporary forms of slavery, which should combine the effective rule of law, robust institutional and policy frameworks, ending discrimination and inequality, including gender inequality, protection of labour rights, oversight of the business sector and ensuring full and equitable access to justice where rights have been violated.

Ending contemporary forms of slavery is therefore an integral part of the broader struggle to combat poverty, underdevelopment and gender inequality and achieve human rights-based development and justice for all.

**IPS: As a UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, how far does your mandate extend? Can you name and shame countries? Or is that an action that can be taken only by the Human Rights Council?**

**BHOOLA:** Special Rapporteurs are appointed by the Human Rights Council and they either have a thematic or a country-specific mandate. As Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, I am mandated to address country-specific concerns either publicly or privately. All Special Rapporteurs are mandated to address confidential communications to States and/or to issue public statements and public thematic reports which are presented on an annual basis.

Also, I issue a public report on every country visit containing the findings of the mission as well as recommendations to the State visited and to other stakeholders. I report to both the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly and when these reports are presented governments engage with one another, including the government that has been

the subject of a visit, and it is this constructive dialogue that is far more useful in my view in addressing gaps in compliance.

**IPS: How many businesses comply with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Since most forms of slavery occur in the private sector, how effective are these voluntary- not mandatory- guidelines in preventing modern forms of slavery in the work place?**

**BHOOLA:** The Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights were developed to clarify the different roles and responsibilities that States and companies have to address business impact on human rights

The Guiding Principles do not constitute an international instrument that can be ratified by States, nor do they create new legal obligations. Instead, they clarify and elaborate on the implications of relevant provisions of existing international human rights standards, some of which are legally

binding on States, and provide guidance on how to put them into operation.

National legislation will often exist or may be required to ensure that these obligations are effectively implemented and enforced. This, in turn, means that elements of the Guiding Principles may be reflected in domestic law regulating business activities.

Even though the Guiding Principles are not legally binding, protecting human rights against business-related abuse is expected of all States, and in most cases is a legal obligation through their ratification of legally binding international human rights treaties containing provisions to this effect.

The State duty to protect in the Guiding Principles is derived from these obligations. In many States it is reflected—fully or partly—in domestic law or regulations on companies. Companies are bound by such domestic law. The corporate responsibility to respect human rights exists above and beyond the need to comply with national laws and regulations protecting human rights. It ap-

plies equally where relevant domestic law is weak, absent or not enforced.

The Guiding Principles also validate the duty of States to protect against and redress business-related human rights harms. In the context of contemporary forms of slavery, this duty to protect could translate into a smart mix of measures to ensure that businesses engage in their responsibility to respect human rights, including through undertaking human rights due diligence throughout their supply chains and remediate the adverse impact of their operations on human rights.

At the very minimum, States should ensure that businesses realize the implications of purchasing products or services that have in any way been linked to forced labour or other contemporary forms of slavery.

To date, States have adopted diverse approaches to addressing this issue, which include ensuring criminal, civil and tort liability for business related human rights violations, setting up mechanisms to regulate

such compliance in trade and consumer protection and addressing it in government procurement.

Disclosure and transparency can also feature as legal obligations rather than being limited to voluntary corporate social responsibility initiatives.

Although it is not possible to measure compliance by all companies, there are some key initiatives that should be cited, such as the Corporate Human Rights Benchmark (CHRB), which aims to identify which companies perform best on human rights issues.

Another important initiative with a focus on slavery is KnowTheChain, which identifies and shares leading practices, enabling companies to improve their standards and procedures. This initiative also aims to help companies protect the well-being of workers by incentivizing companies and identifying gaps in each sector evaluated. KnowTheChain published its first set of benchmarks in 2016, and the second set, covering more than 120 companies, in 2018.

For more information, visit their website.

**IPS: With the spread of technology worldwide, more and more women and girls are lured into human trafficking through technology, including Facebook. Does the UN have the means to fight this? Or is there a remedy at all?**

**BHOOLA:** The UN has various anti-trafficking conventions and mechanisms to address human trafficking. There is also a mandate on trafficking in persons, especially women and girls, which focuses on these issues specifically. In order to avoid overlaps between our mandates, my mandate focuses on one of the outcomes of human trafficking, which is labour exploitation specifically.

**IPS: The UK has a “call to action to end forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking”. How effective is this? And are there any other countries with such action or legislation?**

**BHOOLA:** The Call to Action to End Forced Labour, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking was launched

on the 19th September 2017 during the 72nd Meeting of the UN General Assembly, and it has been endorsed by the 84 Member States and Observer States.

The Call to Action outlines practical actions that countries can take to achieve Target 8.7 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, including to ratify and ensure the effective implementation of relevant international conventions, protocols, and frameworks; to strengthen law enforcement and criminal justice responses in order to rapidly enhance capacity to identify, investigate, and disrupt criminal activity; to put victims first; and to eradicate forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking, and the worst forms of child labour from [their] economies [...] by developing regulatory or policy frameworks, as appropriate, and working with business to eliminate such practices from global supply chains.

Despite the positive progress, more needs to be done.

We cannot treat these issues of forced labour, contemporary forms of slavery and human trafficking in isolation, as these are complex crimes, and we need to reach out across borders and across mandates. The Call to Action provides the framework for countries to join up to share best practice and work together, and highlights the need for private and wider public sector engagement to deliver real change.

The United Nations University, in partnership with Alliance 8.7, have developed a knowledge Platform with funding from the UK Government which will accelerate the scientific study of “what works” and host an online data base with information on country action to support research and best practice: [www.delta87.org/call-to-action](http://www.delta87.org/call-to-action)

Australia has followed by passing its Modern Slavery Act in December 2018. The law requires businesses above a certain turnover threshold to take steps to identify slavery in their operations and supply chains, and report on the actions they have taken to address those risks.

“This is, in my view, a pity, as my aim is to engage constructively with governments, and to support them in their efforts to end contemporary forms of slavery”



# PROGRAMME IMPARTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP SKILLS TO HUNDREDS OF WOMEN IN TABORA

By Correspondent Prosper Makene

**S**OME 560 women have been economically empowered through Japan Tobacco International (JTI) in collaboration with the government, Winrock International (WI) to operate small scale businesses, make hand-crafts and batiks.

Through an Achieving Reduction of Child Labour in Support of Education (ARISE) program that aims to empower rural communities to fight the vice in tobacco growing areas, the women have also been on how to run Village Savings and Lending Associations (VSLA), business management, entrepreneurship and agribusiness. In a bid to eradicate child labour through sensitization campaigns against child labour, the female parents have been empowered to meet their families' basic needs including education for the children hence weaning them from engaging in tobacco farming.

Due to the ARISE program, average school attendance in Uyui district has increased to between 65 and 96 percent at some schools including Chali Primary School, said Bwire Mbuya who is Deputy Headteacher.

As the world is celebrating International Women's Day with a theme, 'Think equal, build smart, innovate for change,' Tabora re-



Winrock International Tanzania ARISE field officer Lilian Mbilinyi (R) listening to some of the women beneficiaries of ARISE program in Urambo district. Photo: Prosper

gion's is a good example of a community using innovation by women and girls, to achieve gender equality.

Speaking with journalists this week after visiting the beneficiaries of the program in Urambo, Kaliua and Uyui districts, Winrock International Tanzania ARISE Director, Magawa Abdallah said that more than 560 women from 25 VSLA groups in the region have received trainings on economic empowerment.

Abdallah said the program has so far trained 17 village agents who are the community based trainers as the move to enhance VSLA concept in rural areas of the tobacco growing region. "Our goal is to emancipate women and communities in these tobacco growing areas where child labour was once rife," she said while noting that ARISE has done a good job.

One of the beneficiaries of the program, Salma Iddy from Shughulika Group in Kaliua district said ARISE has done the women including herself, good. "I thank ARISE program because through VSLA, we are now able to get soft loans of between 400,000/- and 800,000/- based on one's shares," Iddy said.

"The money I took from the group assisted me to buy school uniforms and pay fees for my children, and this has motivated them to attend school," she said.

Another beneficiary, Asha Lunga from Chali village in Uyui district said: "The lending ability in our group has reached up to 800,000/- per member, after a year since we established the group."

She further said that their group has also introduced income generating activities such as soap making and selling so as to boost its revenue for lending to members.

# Liwale DC pleads for availability of better classrooms for public schools

By Property Watch Reporter

PUBLIC schools in Liwale district need a massive investment to improve but also construct new dormitories and classrooms.

Liwale District Commissioner, Sarah Chiwamba said after receiving 167 iron sheets for Nangano Secondary School from NMB Bank Plc this week, the private sector has a role to play in assisting the government improve the status of public schools.

"I take this opportunity to thank NMB management and staff for coming to assist us in Liwale and requesting you to come back because we have more needs," Chiwamba said noting that corporations which make profits out of goods and services sold to the public have an obligation to serve in community projects.

"An educated and health society is not only good for the government but also corporations such as NMB hence the need to work together," said the DC who pointed out that many corporations need to emulate NMB's community give back example.

NMB's Manager for Government Business in the Southern Zone, Haji Msigwa reiterated the bank's commitment to continue supporting education and health sectors. "Each year, we at NMB allocate a substantial amount of our profits to assist community projects in-



cluding emergency relief aid," Msigwa said.

He said the bank receives many requests from communities across the country for support but because of insufficient funds only some get honoured including the Liwale district request in Lindi region.

"This year, NMB has allocated 1bn/- to invest in community projects to improve social services for a better Tanzania," the NMB Manager added.

Liwale District Commissioner Sarah Chiwamba (R) shakes hands with NMB Southern Zone Government Relations Manager, Haji Msigwa (2nd L) after receiving roofing iron sheets worth 5m/- on behalf of Nangano Secondary School in her district donated by the bank. Left is NMB Liwale Branch Manager, Kashoro Yusuph.

# MTN to raise R15bn in asset sales, re-launch MoMo in SA

JOHANNESBURG

The MTN group plans to generate more than R15 billion over the next three years through asset sales, as it moves forward with a strategy to "optimise the portfolio, reduce risk and improve returns."

This is according to MTN group president and CEO Rob Shuter, speaking during a call with journalists this morning. The telco giant today

announced a strong set of results, for the year ended 31 December 2018, with reported headline earnings per share (HEPS) growing by 85%. Shuter also said MTN would extend its Mobile Money (MoMo) offering to four new countries, including re-launching the service in SA.

The group has committed to a portfolio review to realise more than R15 billion over the next 36 months and the first move in this regard was today's

announcement that MTN will dispose of its associate in Botswana, Mascom, for \$300 million (R4.3 billion).

Shuter said the decision was "because that is a market where we don't have control, it's not MTN-branded and we really can't execute our Bright strategy there." In 2017, following a strategic review, Shuter announced 'Bright', essentially a growth strategy under six strategic pillars. Shuter said that in terms of its e-commerce ventures

and investments in tower companies, "although we need a tight commercial integration in the markets in which we overlap, we do not need to own them in the long-term, so we have said they are not long-term strategic to the group".

The group has R40 billion tied up in the value of the e-commerce and tower company investments, and said these will be monetised over time. MTN last year already announced the sale of its Cyprus business for around R4.1 billion

and a localisation transaction through its listing in Ghana.

"In the opco portfolio, the focus for this year will be the localisations in Nigeria, Zambia and Uganda; to manage our conflict markets on a self-funding basis; and also a lot of work to achieve a turnaround in the West African portfolio," Shuter added.

"So, if you put together the work we will be doing in the localisations, associates and also the e-commerce

and tower assets we have announced, we will be realising at least R15 billion in asset realisations over the next three years. This excludes any proceeds that may come from HIS, which is a R23 billion investment on its own."

Results rebound  
 A strong set of results pushed up MTN's stock on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange by almost 8% in early trade today, after its recent beating.

## Mozambique seeks consultant to help plan \$4.2bn Zambesi hydropower dam

MAPUTO

The government of Mozambique has launched an international public tender for a consultant to help it develop a \$4.2bn hydroelectric scheme on the Zambesi river, about 60km downstream from the Cahora Bassa Dam.

The Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy is looking for a company to help prepare the legal and financial structuring of the Mphanda Nkuwa dam, as well as the associated transmission system.

It's statement said: "The selection of consultants will be made through a competitive international contracting process, with competing companies having proven experience in carrying out similar work with the same complexity."

Augusto de Sousa, the deputy min-



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ister of Energy and Mineral Resources, said in an interview with Lusa, Portugal's official news agency that the dam would take about 10 years to complete. "Speaking very frankly, Mpanda Nkuwa should go to 2028 or 2029. It won't happen earlier."

The ministry added that the selected company would work with the Mphanda Nkuwa Hydroelectric Project Implementation Office, created last February to oversee the scheme. The ministry is presently looking to hire a director for this agency.

The Mphanda Nkuwa dam will be 103m tall and is expected to have a capacity of 1.5GW. It was approved in September 2007, but plans stalled. Filipe Nyusi, the president of Mozambique, announced in August last year that the project would be revived.

Mphanda Nkuwa has already aroused controversy, partly because some 1,400 families will have to be relocated, and partly because of its effect on the Zambesi's downstream irrigation systems. Environmental NGO Justica Ambiental, commented that "Mphanda Nkuwa could cement the current problems that are killing the Zambesi ecosystem."

The ministry says the dam will enable Mozambique to increase its installed capacity from 1GW to 8GW over the next 25 years, and enable universal access to mains electricity.

## BANK TEACHES ARUSHA TOUR OPERATORS BASIC PRINCIPLES OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP



KCB Bank Tanzania's Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Christine Manyenye, answers questions from Arusha tour operators, business owners and executives during a Biashara Club Workshop held the city earlier this week.

By Property Watch Reporter

**T**OUR operators in the country's tourist capital, Arusha, have been basics of entrepreneurship and products available for them at KCB Bank Tanzania Limited.

In her opening remarks of the first Biashara Club Workshop for 2019 in Arusha this week, KCB Bank Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Christine Manyenye said the bank has made deliberate efforts to bring in stakeholders together to share knowledge and experiences.

Manyenye said they brought together institutions like Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA), Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Tanzania Association of Tour Operators (TATO) and East Africa Business Council (EABC) to

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deliberate on ways to move the tourism industry forward.

"Let's work together and develop tourism to global standards, KCB has tools to help you do so," the Marketing Head said.

Speaking at the same event, KCB Bank's Arusha Main Branch Manager, Judith Lubuva commended the attending business executives and clients for taking time to attend the workshop saying it was worthwhile doing so.

"This workshop is aptly timed as the tourism industry in the region continued to stabilise and further incline towards a boom in the future," Lubuva said.

Her observations were backed by Abdul Juma who is KCB Bank's Head of SME and Mortgage who said the bank has various products and services offered through Biashara Club which included networking with other business executives.

"We also allow you to open new markets through group business trips to countries like China, Malaysia and South Africa all organised under the

Biashara Club arrangement," Juma said while affirming that KCB Bank is committed towards development of the tourism industry.

"We have introduced the tour operator account which allows e-payments into the account as well as added perks like free internet banking and free cash withdrawals," Juma added.

The Arusha event comes only a few months after a similar event held in Mwanza where over 200 business people from macro, small and medium size industries. The KCB Biashara Club is a forum designed specifically for SME customers to provide a platform to interact amongst themselves, facilitate training on different techniques of doing business and give them exposure to other businesses and suppliers inside and outside Tanzania.

## Rwanda records over \$2 billion in investments

KIGALI

Investment levels in Rwanda reached \$2 billion since the beginning of this year, according to data recently released by Rwanda Development Board (RDB).

Figures by Rwanda's Development Board (RDB) show 173 projects worth US\$2 billion had been registered in the country by the beginning of 2019, boosted by major manufacturing and mining projects. This figure is expected to increase in the coming months.

In the last few years, the country has become an investor magnet because of its stable political climate and its economic growth.

Rwanda launched initiatives such as Kigali Special Economic Zone, a designated area on the outskirts of the city, which accommodates manufacturing companies. The zones have attracted



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international companies such as Volkswagen opening factories.

The government gives investors access to plots at a subsidized rate among other incentives. "About 31 000 jobs were created in the economy related to those investments showing an increase in business activity," said RDB's Chief Investment Officer Guy Baron.

Rwanda's economy is expected to grow by 7.8 percent in 2019 helped by farming, mining and construction.

Over two decades after the 1994 genocide, Rwandan president Paul Kagame has been hailed for the economic recovery but rights groups say he has muzzled independent media and suppressed opponents.

## SA retailer Edcon gets \$191 million from public, landlords and lenders

JOHANNESBURG

Edcon, the largest non-food retailer in South Africa which owns Edgars, Jet and CNA, has secured \$191 million from lenders, landlords and the Public Investment Corp. Edcon, the largest non-food retailer in South Africa which owns Edgars, Jet and CNA, has secured \$191 million from lenders, landlords and the Public Investment Corp.

Edcon has been saved. Thousands of workers within South Africa's largest clothing retailer, its suppliers and even landlords breathed a collective sigh of relief on Friday as the group announced that it had secured \$191 million in new funding to recapitalize the cash-strapped company.

The deal will free the Johannesburg-based retailer of all interest-bearing debt and will see its backers become new shareholders, Edcon said in an emailed statement on Friday.

The funding from landlords will come in the form of rent reductions, the retailer added.

The news comes three years after Bain Capital Private Equity LP handed the company to



Edcon, the largest non-food retailer in South Africa, owns Edgars, Jet and CNA.

creditors after a 2007 buyout turned sour. Edcon continued to struggle under a debt burden that was a legacy of that deal, and Chief Executive Officer Grant Pattison has been working on a turnaround and restructuring for much of his year in charge.

At stake were the livelihoods of about

30,000 employees, a supply chain that includes 750 companies and floor space that accounts for one tenth of the occupancy in South Africa's biggest shopping malls. More than one in four people in the country are unemployed.

Pattison's attention will now turn fully to

restoring the fortunes of Edgars, the flagship brand, low-cost clothing specialist Jet and stationery chain CNA.

Edcon has been closing shops and reducing floor space, and "numerous other strategic initiatives are underway," the CEO said in the statement.

"There was encouraging progress over the festive and back-to-school trading periods," he said. "Reassuringly, our credit sales growth has exceeded our cash sales growth for the past several months, and the number of active accounts has increased for the first time since 2012."

## PROPERTY MARKETS

# HUAWEI SUES UNITED STATES GOVT, DISMISSING BAN ON ITS EQUIPMENT AS 'UNCONSTITUTIONAL'

SHENZHEN

Global telecoms equipment maker Huawei has filed a lawsuit against the US government, challenging the constitutionality of an American law that restricts the Chinese company from doing business in the US.

Huawei filed the lawsuit in a US District Court, in the eastern district of Texas, the company announced in a live-streamed press conference on Thursday morning.

"US Congress has repeatedly failed to support its restrictions on Huawei products with any evidence," said Guo Ping, rotating chairman of Huawei, while addressing the media from the company's headquarters in Shenzhen. "After exhausting all other means, we are left with no choice but to challenge the law in the court."

Huawei has challenged the provisions of Section 889 of the National Defence Authorisation Act (NDAA) that bar any state-owned agent/agency or government contractor, who gets loan or grants from the US government, from using Huawei equipment. This law was passed last year.

In the lawsuit, Huawei pleads that it's "unconstitutional" to single out a person or a group for "penalty" without a fair trial. "It (law) harms both Huawei and the US consumers. The US govern-



Huawei 5G equipment is banned from Australia, Canada and UK.

ment has branded Huawei a threat... it has hacked our servers," said Mr Guo.

"(Our) equipment and services are subject to advanced security procedures and no backdoors, implants or other intentional security vulnerabilities have been documented in any of the more than 170 countries."

The US government has never provided any evidence supporting the accusations that Huawei poses a cyber security threat, said Mr Guo, adding, "the US has misled the public about Huawei and is trying to break us from the 5G market in other countries."

Huawei launched its 5G-enabled smartphone last month at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona. It is also exporting 5G hardware and infrastructure to many countries. So far, the company has secured over 25 5G commercial contracts. 5G is expected to support significantly faster mobile broadband speeds and heavier data use than previous generations while enabling the full potential of the Internet of Things.

Following US persuasions, UK telecoms firm BT has barred Huawei 5G equipment from its core network. Australia and New Zealand have also announced that they would not allow Huawei to be involved in building the next generation 5G systems in their countries.

Mr Guo said that Huawei has invested significantly to become a 5G leader and any restriction will only harm the national interests of other countries.

"Faster 5G deployment will benefit all countries but the new law prevents us from serving the US consumers and damages our reputation. It is the abuse of the US law-making process," he said.

Mr Guo said that moving the court was the last resort for Huawei and it now looks forward to its verdict. "We trust it (verdict) will benefit both Huawei and the American people," he said.

"Lifting the NDAA ban will give the US Government the flexibility it needs to work with Huawei and solve real security issues." On March 1, the chief financial officer of Huawei, Meng Wanzhou, also filed a lawsuit against Canadian authorities alleging she has been wrongfully detained and her constitutional rights have been violated.

The suit was filed in the Supreme Court of British Columbia against the Canadian Border Services Agency, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer and the Canadian government.

Ms Meng, who was arrested on December 1, appeared in a British Columbia court on Wednesday. Her lawyer Richard Peck told the court that allegations against his client have a political character and he also raised US President Donald Trump's comments on the case, according to a Reuters report.

Mr Trump said in December that he would possibly intervene in the criminal trial if it could help him to secure a trade deal with China. The next court hearing is scheduled for May 8.



The plan envisages a trans-continental string of solar farms, wind turbines, farms, pipelines for water and natural gas, desalination plants and industrial start-ups

## Instead of Trump's wall, develop a massive, lucrative industrial corridor, professors urge

NEW MEXICO

The plan envisages a trans-continental string of solar farms, wind turbines, farms, pipelines for water and natural gas, desalination plants and industrial start-ups - all bringing energy, water and jobs to the region.

It would provide border security, as well, they say, because the enormous infrastructure scheme would have to be protected. Energy parks would be an economic driver as businesses would

be attracted to the region by cheap electricity and plentiful water, desalinated at either coast and transported by pipe.

Luciano Castillo, Purdue University's Kenninger Professor of Renewable Energy and Power Systems, and lead of the consortium, says if enacted, the mega infrastructure project would have a historic positive effect for both nations.

"Just like the transcontinental railroad transformed the United States in the 19th century, or the Interstate sys-

tem transformed the 20th century, this would be a national infrastructure project for the 21st century," he said.

"It would do for the Southwest what the Tennessee Valley Authority has done for the Southeast over the last several decades." Ronald Adrian, Regent's Professor at Arizona State University and a member of the National Academy of Engineering, said the proposal, although huge, was worth serious study.

"At first blush the idea seems too big, too aggressive, but consider the Roman

aqueducts or the transcontinental railroads - enormous undertakings that gave enormous benefits. The cost of providing basic, essential infrastructure to the border lands is tiny compared to the opportunities it creates."

He added: "I view this project as a means of creating wealth by turning unused land of little value along the border into valuable land that has power, water access and ultimately agriculture, industry, jobs, workers and communities. With only a wall, you still have

unused land of little value."

Carlos Castillo-Chavez, Regent's Professor at Arizona State University, said a cooperative effort between the US and Mexico would reinforce the cultural ties that have existed for hundreds of years.

Jay Gore, another Purdue professor, said the project "must be a private-public venture driven by free-market forces."

"It would require assuring border security first, industrial-scale infrastruc-

ture second, and an educated workforce third," he said.

"The private capital will flow to secure, infrastructure-ready and educated areas with great priority. Over the years, I have learned from some of the most distinguished experts, including Nobel laureates, that for an entrepreneurial economic boom to happen it requires the availability of secure land, energy, water and an educated workforce."

## Chinese construction boss on trial in New York on forced labour charges

NEW YORK

A former executive for the US arm of a Chinese construction conglomerate went on trial on Tuesday, 5 March, on charges that he forced Chinese labourers to work on New York construction sites under a form of "debt bondage", Reuters reports.

Craig Heeren, an assistant US Attorney,

told a federal court in Brooklyn that Dan Zhong, the president of China Rilin Construction Group, was "a leader of the US arm of a criminal enterprise that exploited forced labour for personal gain".

China Rilin Construction is a privately-owned conglomerate headed by Wenliang Wang, Zhong's uncle. Heeren said the company offered Chinese work-

ers jobs in the US in return for pledges of large sums of money and, in some cases, their family homes as security.

The prosecutor said the workers came to the US on visas that allowed them to work only on Chinese diplomatic facilities, but were also forced to work on private properties in the New York area, including Zhong's own New Jersey home.

Heeren added that the workers' passports were kept in a safe controlled by Zhong. He said workers were ordered to stay away from New York's Chinese communities, where they would be able to talk to others. He claimed that those who tried to escape were recaptured, sometimes violently.

In one instance, an "escapee" was

apprehended and thrown in a van, Heeren said, according to Reuters.

Robert Cleary, a lawyer for Zhong, responded that the Chinese workers came of their own free will to the US, where they could make up to five times as much money as they could at home. He told the jury they would hear evidence that workers who finished their

contracts and returned to China received their deposits back with interest.

He added that Zhong was never involved in violence, and that evidence would tie some practices alleged by the prosecutors to another Rilin employee, Landong Wang, who was also charged in the case but is not in US custody.

**Shilling** ↓ 2,300.36  
**Inflation** ↑ 3.3  
**Share** ↓ 0.31%

**Total Market Capitalization**

TZS 20,125.50 bln (USD 8,829.24 mln)  
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**AVERAGE PRICES FOR FOOD CROPS TSH/100KG**

Maize	50704.35	Finger Millet	140947.37
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Sorghum	71789.47	Beans	175000.00
Bulrush Millet	75071.43	Round potatoes	71727.27

**Exchange Rates (DSE)**

Currency	Buying	Selling
EUR	2,591.28	2,617.65
USD	2,268.07	2,290.76
KES	22.38	22.56
GBP	2,947.82	2,977.52

**GOLD** ↓ \$1,309  
**OIL** ↑ \$65  
**COPPER** ↑ ---



**Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange**

Date: Mar 6, 2019

Company	Closing	Prev	Chg (%)
TICL	385	385	+0.00
TCCL	600	600	+0.00
TCC	17,000	17,000	+0.00
TBL	11,400	11,800	-3.39
SWIS	2,000	2,340	-14.53
SWALA	490	490	+0.00
PAL	400	400	+0.00
NMG	1,380	1,360	+1.47
NMB	2,340	2,340	+0.00
NICO	160	150	+6.67
MUCOB	400	400	+0.00
MKCB	800	800	+0.00
MCB	500	500	+0.00
MBP	490	490	+0.00
KCB	990	970	+2.06
KA	140	140	+0.00
JHL	9,600	9,650	-0.52
EABL	4,700	4,520	+3.98
DSE	1,300	1,300	+0.00
DCB	340	340	+0.00
CRDB	135	135	+0.00
ACA	6,200	6,200	+0.00
TOL	660	660	+0.00
TPCC	2,020	2,020	+0.00
TTP	120	120	+0.00
USL	10	15	-33.33
VODA	800	800	+0.00
YETU	600	600	+0.00

**DSE MARKET SUMMARY**

TSI	3,491.31	-49.33
DSEI	2,087.94	+7.31

**TRADING STATS**

Market Cap (bln)	20,125.46
Equity Turnover	1,098,241,300.00
Total Volume	234,477
Total Deals	40

**TOP MOVERS**

CRDB	135	97,940
TBL	11,400	92,407
NICO	160	30,000

**GAINERS & LOSERS**

Company	Price	Change
TBL	11,400	-3.39%
SWIS	2,000	-14.53%
JHL	9,600	-0.52%
USL	10	-33.33%
NICO	160	+6.67%
KCB	990	+2.06%
NMG	1,380	+1.47%
EABL	4,700	+3.98%

**Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)**

Date	Amount Traded (Mn USD)	High	Low	Weighted Average
7/Mar/2019	3.50	2,309.00	2,298.96	2,300.25
6/Mar/2019	4.10	2,310.00	2,298.96	2,300.27
5/Mar/2019	3.70	2,313.00	2,298.90	2,300.29
4/Mar/2019	4.65	2,313.80	2,298.85	2,300.32
1/Mar/2019	4.60	2,314.00	2,298.80	2,300.36
28/Feb/2019	4.75	2,316.00	2,298.75	2,300.41
27/Feb/2019	5.55	2,316.00	2,298.70	2,300.38

**Inter-bank Local Money Markets**

Date	Volume (million-TZS)	High	Low	Weighted Average Rate (WAR)
7/Mar/2019	8,000	6.50	4.90	5.46
6/Mar/2019	71,700	6.50	4.00	5.42
4/Mar/2019	57,900	6.50	4.75	4.90
1/Mar/2019	60,000	5.00	4.75	4.85
28/Feb/2019	28,000	4.75	4.67	4.74

**Tanzania Shilling On Average bases**

The USDTZS increased 2.0000 or 0.09% to 2,345.0000 on Tuesday March 5 from 2,343.0000 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania Shilling reached an all time high of 2343 in March of 2019 and a record low of 1014.30 in December of 2004.

**Gold stalls ahead of ECB policy meeting, U.S. jobs data**

\* ECB decision at 1245 GMT, press conference at 1330 GMT

\* U.S. non-farm payrolls due on Friday

**LONDON, March 7 (Reuters)** - Gold prices steadied on Thursday ahead of a European Central Bank (ECB) policy meeting expected to present a cut in economic growth forecasts, with investors also awaiting U.S. jobs data.

Spot gold was flat at \$1,285.94 an ounce at 1038 GMT, trading close to a more than five-week low hit this week.

U.S. gold futures were down 0.1 percent at \$1,286.50.

Global shares were stuck in their worst run of the year and the euro took a breather as investors awaited news from the ECB, which could also signal fresh stimulus for euro zone banks in an effort to stop an unexpected slowdown from becoming a downturn.

"If the euro depreciates in response - for example, because the ECB lowers its projections or changes its interest rate outlook - the gold price is likely to come under pressure," Commerzbank analysts said in a note.

"If so, gold in euro terms should then fare somewhat better, however."

Spot gold prices hit a 10-month peak of \$1,346.73 on Feb. 20 but have since lost ground as the dollar revived and U.S. Treasury yields rose.

The U.S. non-farm payrolls report on Friday could provide further signals on the strength of the economy and how it would affect the Federal Reserve's monetary policy.

Slower U.S. economic growth is not necessarily cause for alarm but a new normal, a top Federal Reserve official said on Wednesday, underscoring policymakers' comfort with interest rates at current levels.

Gold is highly sensitive to U.S. interest rates because higher rates increase the opportunity cost of holding non-yielding bullion and boost the dollar.

"Key short-term support for gold comes in at \$1,280, while resistance is seen around \$1,300," said Forex.com analyst Fawad Razaqada.

"If the latter fails to offer resistance then we could see the resumption of the bullish trend again."

Among other precious metals, palladium was up 0.5 percent at \$1,546.04 an ounce and silver gained 0.1 percent to \$15.09. Silver touched a low of \$15 for a second day running, representing its weakest since the end of December.

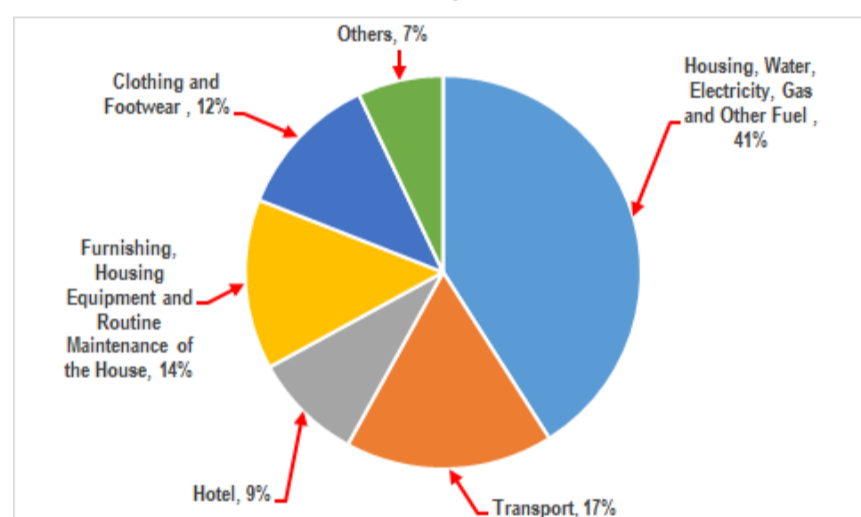
Platinum dipped 0.1 percent to \$826.22.

**All Share Index :5 March 2019**

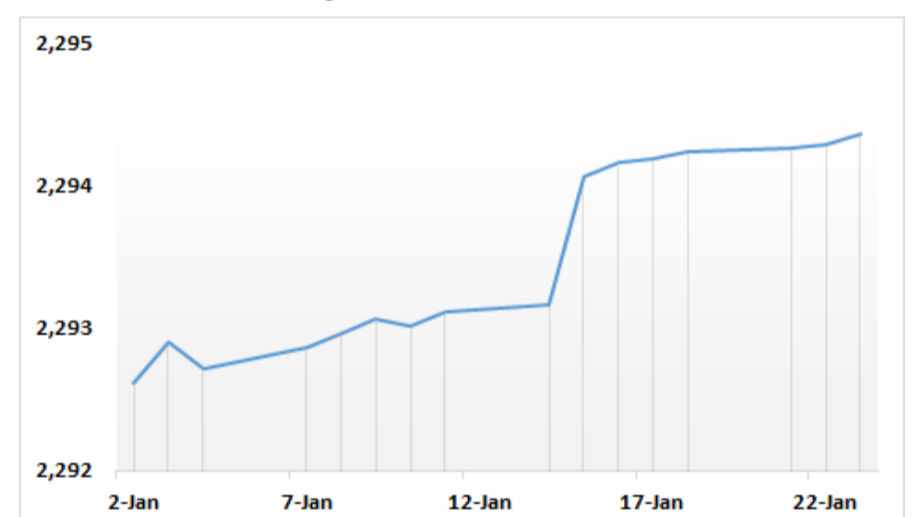
Africa	Actual	Change	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
NSE-All Share	32227	97	0.30%	-0.89%	4.43%	-26.20%
JALSH-All Share	55973	244	-0.43%	-0.40%	2.64%	-5.45%
FTSE/JSE TOP 40	49742	153	-0.31%	-0.37%	3.03%	-4.74%
Egypt EGX 30	14,755	59.88	-0.40%	-0.88%	-0.08%	-7.91%
Casablanca CFG 25	11,185	7.90	-0.07%	-1.15%	-1.92%	-15.13%
Nairobi 20	2,913	3.49	-0.12%	-1.49%	-3.07%	-21.84%
NSE All Share	154	0.77	0.50%	-0.87%	-2.64%	-15.05%
DSEI	2,086	3.97	0.19%	-2.75%	-2.37%	-13.28%
TUN	7,090	40.57	-0.57%	-1.03%	-1.46%	5.24%
GGSECI	2,454	13.55	0.56%	-0.22%	1.66%	-25.54%
SEMDEX	2,204	2.68	-0.12%	0.15%	-0.16%	-3.36%
NSX Overall	1349	0	0.01%	-1.92%	0.18%	-7.67%
Gaborone	7,867	8.46	-0.11%	-0.09%	0.02%	-9.42%
Zimbabwe Index	488.82	6.55	-1.32%	-3.71%	-7.49%	68.49%

DSEI decreased 6 points or 0.31% to 2086 on Monday March 4 from 2082 in the previous trading session. Historically, the Tanzania All Share Index DSEI reached an all time high of 3686.97 in January of 2019 and a record low of 1161.30 in December of 2010.

**Inflation 3.3% - December 2018: Top Movers**



**Fluctuation of a Shilling**



**Oil edges up on Venezuela and Iran sanctions, OPEC supply cuts**

**LONDON 7 (Reuters)** - Oil prices rose on Thursday on the back of ongoing OPEC-led supply cuts and U.S. sanctions against exporters Venezuela and Iran, but gains were capped by record U.S. crude output, rising inventories and falling estimates of global demand growth.

Brent crude futures were at \$66.83 per barrel at 1143 GMT, up 84 cents or 1.2 percent from their last close.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil futures were at \$56.82 per barrel, up 60 cents.

Prices were supported by efforts by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies such as Russia to cut output and tighten oil markets.

"In our view, OPEC's strategy is to rebalance the market as quickly as possible and exit the cuts by the end of June in order to grow production alongside shale producers in the second half of this year," U.S. investment bank Goldman Sachs said in a note on Wednesday.

U.S. sanctions against the oil industries of OPEC members Iran and Venezuela have also had an impact, traders said.

Venezuela's state-run oil firm PDVSA this week

declared a maritime emergency, citing trouble accessing tankers and personnel to export its oil due to sanctions.

Within the U.S. sanctions against Iran, Washington granted its biggest buyers - mostly in Asia - waivers when the measures were re-introduced in November 2018 that would allow them to buy limited amounts of crude for another 180 days.

Washington has put pressure on these governments to gradually cut their oil imports from Iran to zero, but importers remain in talks over potential extensions, with India asking to be allowed to buy same volumes.

Despite these factors, oil remains in plentiful supply thanks to surging U.S. production.

U.S. crude oil stockpiles rose much more than expected last week, with inventories up by 7.1 million barrels to 452.93 million barrels, according to a weekly report by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) on Wednesday.

U.S. crude oil production was at a record 12.1 million bpd, an increase of more than 2 million bpd since early 2018.

Stocks sink for a 3rd day That, along with the easing of a transportation bot-

**Fuel Wef. Wednesday, 6th Mar 2019**

Town	Petrol (TZS/Litre)	Diesel (TZS/Litre)	Kerosene (TZS/Litre)
Dar es Salaam	2,098	2,131	2,096
Arusha	2,191	2,195	2,286
Pwani	2,102	2,135	2,101
Dodoma	2,157	2,189	2,155
Geita	2,263	2,296	2,262
Iringa	2,162	2,195	2,161
Kagera (Bukoba)	2,313	2,346	2,312
Katavi (Mpanda)	2,306	2,339	2,304
Kigoma	2,329	2,362	2,328
Moshi	2,181	2,185	2,276
Lindi	2,141	2,236	2,155
Manyara	2,225	2,229	2,320
Mara	2,276	2,309	2,275
Mbeya	2,205	2,238	2,204
Morogoro	2,123	2,156	2,121
Mtwara	2,127	2,222	2,169
Mwanza	2,248	2,281	2,247
Njombe	2,190	2,223	2,189
Rukwa (Sumbawanga)	2,271	2,304	2,269
Ruvuma (Songea)	2,213	2,308	2,220
Shinyanga	2,227	2,260	2,225
Singida	2,188	2,221	2,187
Songwe (Vwawa)	2,214	2,247	2,213
Tabora	2,252	2,285	2,251

**Foreign Exchange- Mar 5**

	Actual	Chg	%Chg
EURUSD	1.13345	0.00025	-0.02 %
GBPUSD	1.31684	0.00176	-0.13 %
AUDUSD	0.70749	0.00171	-0.24 %
NZDUSD	0.67933	0.00247	-0.36 %
USDJPY	111.96	0.22	0.20 %
USDCNY	6.70388	0.00132	-0.02 %
USDCHF	1.00079	0.00199	0.20 %
USDCAD	1.33390	0.0037	0.28 %
USDMXN	19.2695	0.0205	-0.11 %
USDINR	70.4700	0.43	-0.61 %
USDBRL	3.7750	0.0013	0.03 %
USDRUB	65.7898	0.0583	0.09 %
US Dollar	96.70	0.02	0.02 %
BTCUSD	3,721.47	23	0.62 %

**Exchange Rates for 7 / March /2019**

Currency in 100 Units	Spot Buying	Spot Selling
<b>EAST AFRICAN CURRENCIES</b>		
Kenya SHS	2,279.77	2,297.97
Uganda SHS	57.63	61.75
Rwandan Franc	252.88	255.77
Burundi Franc	218.06	219.70
<b>OTHER SELECTED CURRENCIES</b>		
USD	227,749.50	230,027.00
Pound STG	299,240.07	302,255.48
EURO	257,379.72	260,068.53
Canadian \$	170,114.66	171,751.66
Switz. Franc	226,684.09	228,928.14
Japanese YEN	2,037.30	2,057.12
Swedish Kronor	24,429.04	24,662.75
Norweg. Kronor	26,429.31	26,499.59
Danish Kronor	34,508.02	34,847.82
Australian \$	160,130.68	161,777.99
Indian RPS	3,242.59	3,273.47
Pakistani RPS	1,561.05	1,631.40
Zambian Kwacha	18,789.33	19,089.38
Malawian Kwacha	291.06	310.89
Mozambique-MET	3,620.82	3,651.22
Zimbabwe \$	42.62	43.48
SDR	317,056.92	320,227.49
Gold (T/O)	293,013,175.34	296,017,145.76
S. African Rand	16,024.93	16,176.98
UAE Dirham	62,013.15	62,616.23
Singapore \$	167,758.92	169,411.55
Hong Kong \$	29,013.41	29,303.18
Saud Arabian Rial	60,729.96	61,333.99
Kuwait Dinar	749,176.00	756,095.72
Botswana Pula	21,294.58	21,691.55
Chinese Yuan	33,955.47	34,283.27
Malaysia Ringgit	55,725.35	56,227.57
South Korea Won	202.08	203.74
Newzealand	154,323.06	155,935.30

**World Commodities (\$) 5 March 2019**

Energy	Price	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly
Crude Oil	56.7351	0.32%	2.32%	5.14%	-9.29%
Silver	65.6885	0.18%	0.93%	4.98%	0.04%
Natural gas	3	0.63%	0.88%	8.20%	4.77%
Gasoline	2	0.81%	11.41%	21.12%	-8.58%
Heating oil	2	-0.31%	0.89%	5.45%	5.94%
Ethanol	1.3241	-1.34%	-0.97%	1.31%	-11.61%
Naphtha	519	1.39%	4.35%	9.32%	-7.72%
Propane	1	1.27%	0.89%	1.60%	-11.02%
Uranium	28	0.00%	0.18%	-3.11%	26.07%

**CROPS, PRICE PER 100KG MARCH 4,**

Region	Maize	Rice	Sorghum	Bulrush Millet	Finger Millet	Wheat	Beans	Irish potatoes
Arusha	43500	16						





US senator Martha McSally greets President Donald Trump during a "Make America Great" rally in Mesa, Arizona. (File photo)

## US Senator says she was raped while serving in Air Force

WASHINGTON

A US Republican Senator on Wednesday said she was raped while serving in the Air Force, underscoring a prevalent culture of sexual assaults in the US military.

"I am also a military sexual assault survivor," Senator Martha McSally said during a Senate armed services subcommittee hearing on prevention of and response to sexual assault in the military.

"The perpetrators abused their position of power in profound ways, and in one case I was preyed upon and then raped by a superior officer."

The senator from Arizona served in the US Air Force from 1988 to 2010, before she retired as a colonel. She did not reveal the perpetrator or timing of the incident, but said she kept quiet about the ordeal for many years.

"Like many victims, I felt the system was raping me all over again," said McSally, 52. Last year, she said she was sexually abused by a sports coach during her senior year in high school.

The US Air Force issued a statement saying it was "appalled" by McSally's allegations and that it was "deeply sorry."

"The criminal actions reported today by Senator McSally violate every part of what it means to be an Airman."

We are appalled and deeply sorry for what Senator McSally experienced and we stand behind her and all victims of sexual assault," it said.

Senator McSally's charge highlighted a prevalent culture of sexual abuse in the US military.

A Pentagon report released on Jan 31 found that 50 percent of the 3,200 female students attending the three major US military service academies said they have experienced sexual harassment while 16 percent said they have experienced unwanted sexual contact.

The numbers for the 9,700 male students are 16 percent and 2 percent, respectively.

Statistics indicated that sexual assault and harassment have become worse in all three military academies. Most alarming were the numbers for the US Military Academy, where 16.5 percent of female cadets reported unwanted sexual contact, representing a jump for the number of 2016. The rate more than doubled for male cadets from the previous two years, reaching 3.4 percent.

McSally was appointed to the seat vacated by the late US Senator John McCain. McSally was known as "the first female US fighter pilot to fly in combat and the first woman to command a fighter squadron."

Xinhua

## WHO's historic reform centers on universal health coverage, health emergencies

GENEVA

THE World Health Organization (WHO) unveiled on Wednesday the most wide-ranging reforms in its history, vowing to help billions of people worldwide benefiting from universal health coverage (UHC) and being protected from health emergencies.

Aiming to play its role more effectively and efficiently as the world's leading authority on public health, the WHO reform centers on achieving the ambitious "triple billion" targets for the next five years: one billion more people benefiting from universal health coverage; one billion more people better protected from health emergencies; and one billion more people enjoying better health and well-being.

"The changes we are announcing today are about so much more than new structures, they're about changing the DNA of the organization to deliver a measurable impact in the lives of the people we serve," said WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

To eliminate duplication and fragmentation, the WHO is to adopt a new structure and operating model to align the work of headquarters, regional offices and country offices, while at the

same time setting a new Division of the Chief Scientist to ensure that the WHO stay on top of the latest scientific developments, such as the gene editing technologies, and that those developments be used to improve global health, according to the WHO chief.

The UN health authority also plans to help countries make use of digital technologies and artificial intelligence for the good of public health, which will be supported by its new Department of Digital Health.

Targeting staff and public health professionals globally, the WHO is to invest in new initiatives including a proposed state-of-the-art school, the WHO Academy, and to build up a more efficient recruitment process by, for instance, cutting hiring time in half and offering management trainings and new opportunities for national professional officers.

Other reform measures include creating a new Division of Emergency Preparedness against the impact of outbreaks and other health crises, driving new fundraising initiatives and reducing its reliance on a small number of large donors, and setting a new Division of Data, Analytics and Delivery to monitor the progress towards the "triple billion targets."

## AU urges Africa to combat mounting online sexual exploitation on children

ADDIS ABABA

THE African Union (AU) on Wednesday urged African countries to combat greater risk of online sexual exploitation on children.

The AU made the "urgent call" as it commenced a continental consultation meeting on Combating Online Child Sexual Exploitation (OCSE), slated from

March 6 to 8 at the headquarters of the AU in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa.

"Internet usage in African countries has increased significantly over the years. While boosting social and economic development, this increase has led to greater risk of children being sexually exploited online,"

the AU said in a statement.

Noting the current "limited awareness and understanding amongst government and policy makers within Africa" regarding OCSE, AU stressed that "some do not see the OCSE as a priority and have limited capabilities to tackle the issue effectively."

The 55-member continental union, which works to create

awareness against the threats of online child sexual exploitation, also categorized such risks as an "emerging cybercrime."

The AU, citing a recent report from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), also indicated that internet connectivity in Africa is growing very rapidly, in which some 24.4 percent of Africa's population used

the internet as of December 2018 compared to 2.1 percent in 2005.

Young people, particularly those aged between 15 and 24, have been strongly engaged with the internet, in which one out of every 3 internet users in Africa, is a youngster between the specified age group, it was noted.

"Though technology has greatly enriched the lives of a huge proportion of the global population, its rapid expansion is leading to a terrifying growth in online child sexual exploitation globally," the AU quoted ITU's report.

Offenders of online child sexual exploitation "are actively using the internet to access an

infinite number of potential victims," according to the AU.

The meeting, which brought together child protection and law enforcement officials from all AU member countries, is expected to mobilize political and country commitment to address the challenge with the following expected outcomes, it was noted.

Xinhua

## Chinese companies in Africa create great development opportunities

BEIJING

CHINESE companies operating in Africa have created huge opportunities for the continent's development, a senior political advisor said Wednesday at a press conference on the sidelines of the annual sessions of the top legislative and political advisory bodies.

There are more than 10,000 Chinese companies in Africa and over 90 percent of them are private businesses, said Nan Cunhui, a member of the Standing Committee of the

Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National Committee, citing a recent survey.

These companies have built roads, railways, airports, ports and other infrastructure projects in Africa, addressing the bottleneck in development, said Nan, also a vice chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce. They have also invested in green energy development, including photovoltaic power stations, to boost local power supply.

The Chinese companies have also brought advanced technologies, de-

velopment concepts and management to the continent, Nan said.

Citing the operation of an industrial park in Egypt as an example, Nan said over 95 percent of the employees are locals who develop professional skills and gain managerial know-how through their work.

"Chinese companies in Africa have contributed a lot to the local economic development through infrastructure construction, job creation and tax payment," Nan said. "I believe China-Africa cooperation will go from strength to strength."

Xinhua



## Russia FM says supports unity of Gulf region

KUWAIT CITY

RUSSIA supports all efforts of Kuwait and welcomes means to preserve the unity of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Sergey Lavrov, the Russian Foreign Minister, said on Wednesday.

He made the remarks at a press conference held at Kuwait's Foreign Ministry. Lavrov (pictured) said that his talks in Kuwait dealt with the developments in the Gulf region and the Russian proposal to guarantee the security and stability of the region and between the GCC countries and Iran.

The visit to the region comes within the framework of regular visits to exchange consultation on the most important developments, he noted.

For the Palestinian issue, Lavrov expressed his concern about the U.S.-proposed "Deal of the Century," saying that it will fail to find a solution to the Palestinian issue.

As of the cooperation between Russia and Kuwait, Lavrov revealed that there will be a Russia-Kuwait parliamentary cooperation on various issues of common concern.

He added that the Russian Investment Fund and Kuwait Investment Authority are discussing investment projects estimated at 200 million U.S. dollars, pointing out that Moscow also supports military cooperation with Kuwait.

Lavrov stressed the importance of exerting more efforts to cement cooperation, expand bilateral trade, enhance investment, and implement promising joint projects.

For his part, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah said that they held in-depth bilateral discussions, which dealt with the growing economic relations, regional and international issues, security and political situations, and joint efforts aimed at restoring security and stability in the region.

He said that the political process in Syria is of Kuwait's concern, pointing out that the Syrian efforts should be combined to get the country out of crisis.

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## More open, high-quality Chinese economy to boost global growth

BEIJING

CHINA'S resolve to continue promoting open and high-quality development will provide a much-needed stimulation to global economic growth, world experts and scholars said.

China sets the 2019 gross domestic product (GDP) growth target at 6-6.5 percent, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said in his government work report on Tuesday at the opening of the second session of the 13th National People's Congress (NPC), China's top legislative body. "China's projection of 6-6.5 percent GDP growth this year, in my personal opinion, is very realistic and achievable," said Joseph Matthews, a senior professor at the Belte International University in Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh.

As unilateralism, protectionism and populism are spreading across the world, Matthews said, China's further opening up of its economy and market is sending a very clear and positive message to the world.

It demonstrates that "China commits to free market economy and fair and equitable trade practices, and shares its development, wealth and prosperity with all nations irrespective of their region and continent," he added.

Though China faced a complicated and challenging environment rarely seen in many years with the economy under new downward pressure, the nation managed to accomplish main targets for economic and social development in 2018, Premier Li said in Tuesday's work report.

Sulliaman Turay is a lecturer and researcher on business and public policy with Pan African Institute for Development West Africa, a think tank in Cameroon.

He said China's economic growth is a real eye-opener for African countries, and Africans need to gain a competitive advantage in international trade by learning from the Chinese people.

The steady increase in high-tech investment speaks volumes of the determination of China to maintain stable and quality growth," he



A harvester works in the rice field of Wanbao rice farm in Gaza province, Mozambique, April 4, 2018. The Wanbao Mozambique rice farm, invested by the China-Africa Development Fund, is the largest of its kind undertaken by China in Africa. The project, a comprehensive business that incorporates plantation, storage, processing and sales, aims to develop 20,000 hectares of farmland, and will lead farmers in surrounding areas to grow crops over another 80,000 hectares. (Xinhua)

said. "As long as China continues to upgrade its economic structure for quality growth, driven by innovations in science and technology, its development will continue to offer opportunities for African countries," Turay noted.

Elvis Ngolle Ngolle, a professor of the University of Yaounde II in Cameroon, said Chinese innovation is helping to boost economic and social development in other countries, and helping them cultivate their own talent.

A good example, Ngolle noted, is the Chinese agricultural technology which "is transforming barren land into fertile farmland in Africa." To stimulate growth, Li said in the report, China will reduce the current value-added tax (VAT) rate of 16 percent for manufacturing and other industries to 13 percent, and lower the rate for

such industries as transportation and construction from 10 percent to 9 percent.

The move is hailed by overseas experts. Turay said the tax cuts could just be the game changer for China's defense against economic headwinds as it seeks to stimulate the slowing economy.

"The reduction of VAT for manufacturing and other industries will be very significant and important to the market," he said.

Miika Wires, client director of the Finnish Tax Administration, said the VAT reduction is good news for Finnish companies.

Wires said he believes that many Finnish companies are interested in going to China because the Asian country "is a big market and Finland stands in the center of the good connection between China and Europe."

Xinhua

## US out, other parties reaffirm commitment to Iran nuke deal

VIENNA

WITH the United States out, other relevant parties on Wednesday reaffirmed their commitment to maintenance and implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), commonly known as the Iran nuclear deal.

At a regular meeting of the Joint Commission of JCPOA held in Vienna, China, Russia, Britain, France and Germany agreed to safeguard and implement the Iran nuclear deal and continue coordination and cooperation.

The meeting was chaired by Helga Schmid (pictured), secretary general of the European External Action Service.



With common efforts and broad support from the international community, work to keep the JCPOA alive has achieved positive results and the implementing mechanism of the agreement has been operating in an orderly manner, said Fu Cong, director general of the Department of Arms Control of the Chinese Foreign Minis-

try.

This is in the common global interests, he said, as it is not only conducive to maintaining the current global non-proliferation regime and peace and stability in the Middle East but also supportive of multilateralism and international norms.

The relevant parties will remain united, stick to principles, push on with the implementation of the JCPOA, and oppose unilateral sanctions and "long-arm jurisdiction" together, Fu said.

China will support all endeavors conducive to safeguarding the JCPOA and will firmly protect its own lawful rights and interests, he added.

A statement issued by Schmid after

the meeting said that the relevant parties welcome Iran's compliance with its commitments under the JCPOA and appreciate the impartial and professional manner in which the International Atomic Energy Agency undertakes verification and monitoring work in Iran, said Schmid.

The new Iran trade mechanism, known as the Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX) set up by Germany, France and Britain, is a welcome tool, said Schmid, which should be open to other countries in Europe and other parts of the world.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi also attended the meeting.

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# SPORT



R. Kelly arrives at court for a hearing in his child support case at the Daley Center, March 6, 2019, in Chicago. (Agencies)

## R. Kelly arrested for unpaid child support after interview denying sex charges

CHICAGO

R&B singer R. Kelly was arrested for a second time in recent weeks on Wednesday - this time for failure to pay child support - hours after lashing out in a television interview against charges that he had sexually assaulted teenage girls.

Kelly was taken into custody in Chicago for owing more than \$161,000 in child support to his three children with ex-wife Andrea Kelly. The singer must pay the full amount to get out of jail, Cook County Sheriff's spokesman Sam Randall said, following a court hearing over a Wednesday deadline for the money to be paid.

Kelly's attorney did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Andrea Kelly was not at the hearing and her attorney declined to comment. Kelly's next hearing in the child support case is on March 13 and his next court date on the sex abuse charges is March 22.

Kelly, 52, pleaded not guilty in February to charges that he sexually assaulted three teenage girls and a fourth woman. The charges were brought after seven women including his ex-wife, appeared on a Lifetime

television documentary and accused him of emotional and sexual abuse.

He spent a weekend in jail on the sex charges before being released on \$100,000 bail on Feb. 25.

Wednesday's arrest came hours after CBS television aired parts of Kelly's first interview since being charged, in which the singer tearfully and angrily rejected allegations that he had sex with underage girls.

"I have been assassinated. I have been buried alive," added the "I Believe I Can Fly" singer.

At one point Kelly jumped to his feet and shouted to the camera, pounding his breast.

"I didn't do this stuff! This is not me! I'm fighting for my fucking life!" he said, before being calmed down by an aide. In a separate interview, two women who live with Kelly - Azriel Clary and Jocelyn Savage - rejected allegations that they are being controlled by the musician.

Asked about their relationship with Kelly, Azriel Clary, 21, sobbed in a CBS television interview due to be aired on Thursday.

"I'm crying because you guys don't know the truth,"

Clary said, according to an excerpt of the interview released on Wednesday.

"You guys are believing some fucking façade that our parents are saying. These are all fucking lies for money," she added, as Savage rubbed her back to comfort her.

Savage and Clary are not believed to be among the four women Kelly has been charged with sexually assaulting.

In the interview broadcast on Wednesday, Kelly accused Savage's parents of "selling" their daughter to him.

The parents of 23-year-old Savage said at a news conference on Wednesday they had not seen their daughter in person for two years.

Clary's parents in a statement on Wednesday denied ever getting money from Kelly.

"We never 'sold' our daughter to him or anyone else... All of the victims and parents cannot be lying," Alice and Angelo Clary added.

Savage's lawyer on Wednesday also disputed Kelly's assertions that they had handed over or sold Jocelyn.

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## Like Mike: LeBron overwhelmed after passing Jordan, his hero

LOS ANGELES

FROM the very first day LeBron James picked up a basketball, he wanted to be like Mike.

James and his closest friends idolized Michael Jordan while they grew up together on Akron's competitive playgrounds and tough streets. As James grew into a tantalizing basketball prospect capable of jumping from high school to the NBA as the No. 1 draft pick, he studied, imitated and drew profound inspiration from Jordan's tongue-wagging dunks, that fadeaway jumper, his competitive fire - even the little details of the way Jordan wore his sneakers and shorts.

James proudly put No. 23 on his back as soon as he could get it as a high school sophomore. He has never taken it off.

"He was everything," James said. When James surpassed Jordan's career points total Wednesday night, he did it in a pair of Nikes with "Thank You M.J." written neatly on the side. That tribute doesn't begin to encompass what Jordan's radiance meant to a youngster who dreamed of finding a better life through basketball.

"M.J. was an inspiration," James said. "M.J. was the lightning in a bottle for me, because I

wanted to be like him."

James has grown into a 34-year-old man with three championship rings and a redoubtable 16-year NBA career. Yet he is still in awe of Jordan, who has represented the apex of achievement for his entire life.

James moved past Jordan into fourth place on the NBA's career scoring list with a driving three-point play in the second quarter of the Los Angeles Lakers' 115-99 loss to the Denver Nuggets. He bettered Jordan's 32,292 career points with another variation of the brute physical brilliance that defines his playing style - a style that was influenced by Jordan's combination of grace and aggressiveness.

James finished with 31 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. His struggling Lakers rallied late, but dropped their fourth straight game in a season that appears to be lost.

Every loss eats at James, yet he fidgeted in front of his locker afterward with the anxiousness of a rookie, still buzzing over the enormity of the moment in his life.

"When you're an inner-city kid from Akron, Ohio, like myself and my guys growing up, you look for anything that can inspire you," James said.

AP



Simba players attend training session in Dar es Salaam recently to shape up for the ongoing Mainland Premier League and the CAF Champions League

## Time for Simba to excel in big away games

By Correspondent Michael Mwebi

IT is reasonable to suggest that Saturday's match against JS Saoura is going to have a significant impact on Simba Sports Club chances of advancing to the quarter finals of the 2018/19 CAF Champions League.

After tomorrow's away game to the Algerian opponents, Simba will host AS Vita Club.

Given how close everything is, we are looking at CAF Champions League crucial tie, in which Simba have to at least get a point.

First and foremost, this match will be played in the dreaded North Africa. Tanzania sides' record in big games away is poor. Under Patrick Aussems this has to change because primarily this is about at the very least not losing.

Anything less than a point will leave Simba fate out of the outfit's hands. Is there hope for Simba? Maybe, it is worth remembering that in the encounter against JS Saoura at the National Stadium, Simba produced the kind of performance that had everybody

buzzing afterwards, so we have seen Aussems' team do it in big games.

There was Nkana FC and Al Ahly too, the difference tomorrow is they are away. In terms of the team news, both John Bocco and Meddie Kagere are fit and I expect both to start.

Emmanuel Okwi, Juuko Murshid and Erasto Nyoni are out of the match. Okwi is yet to fully recover from an injury he picked in a Mainland Premier League match against Lipuli FC. Juuko is serving a one-match ban after accumulating two yellow cards.

Nyoni, who missed the previous three matches, is yet to be fully fit after being side-lined with an injury during the 2019 Mapinduzi Cup.

In his last game on Sunday, Aussems rested Zana Coulibaly and Mohamed Hussein and I think the Burkina Faso international will replace Nicholaus Gyan on the right. Tshabalala will start on the left assuming he is not suffering any issues. With both Juuko and Nyoni out, Wawa will partner up with either Yusuph Mlipili or Paul Bukaba. Bukaba has the advantage of having played more matches this season and it will be no surprise if he is given the

nod ahead of Mlipili.

In midfield, it is a given the partnership will be James Kotei and Jonas Mkude. The former was rested in the weekend, you imagine to keep him fresh for tomorrow, while the latter will be crucial to getting a foothold in midfield. JS Saoura were very poor in the first encounter but are expected to be a complete different team.

We know how hard Kotei works and how good he is at pressing, so his combative, energetic style would be highly needed on Saturday night.

The importance of some control in that area of the pitch cannot be understated, and as we have the extra man at the back rather than further forward there is a lot of responsibility on that pairing.

Despite Okwi being left out I do not think Adam Salamba will start. Though both Bocco and Kagere look better when they have got someone else to combine with higher up the pitch. They can look a little isolated otherwise, but even if that is the case, I do not see Salamba start.

It feels much more the kind of game that Aussems would choose

Mzamiru Yassin who provides a bit more security off the ball and his ability to track back in this fixture might well be the key factor in the midfield.

There is a part of me that think Aussems might spring a surprise by starting with either Hassan Dilunga or Yassin as a replacement for Okwi rather utilizing Salamba or going with logical choice of Yassin.

After the back to back 5-0 losses to AS Vita and Al Ahly, one of the complaints about Aussems was how he failed to adapt either his tactics or team selection to the opposition and environment. I hope Aussems has learnt the hard way, the need to respect opponents away from home.

With two matches to go, Simba have six points. Aussems and his boys have generally done themselves justice at home in these kind of fixtures, but they are long overdue a performance and a result on the road. Let us hope that tomorrow's the day they get it. A point will see them equal the tally they earned in their debut appearance in the group stage in the 2003 CAF Champions League.



Roger Federer

## Family will remain priority post retirement, says Federer

INDIAN WELLS, Calif.

ROGER Federer is looking forward to having more freedom and more time with his family when he eventually leaves behind the sport he has dominated, the Swiss master said on Wednesday.

The evergreen veteran won his landmark 100th career title in Dubai during the weekend but told reporters that while he is not yet ready to hang up the racquet, he can see himself enjoying his post-career life.

"I want to keep it as flexible as possible when it is all said and done," the 37-year-old Swiss said at a press conference at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells.

"My priority will always be, as it is now, my family, my kids and my wife. I just want to have enough flexibility in our lives to decide how much is too much, how much is not enough, and how much is good for everybody."

He said his wife Mirka has kept up ties with some close friends amid his hectic travel schedule and he plans to engage more fully with that group

after quitting playing.

"From that standpoint I'm really looking forward to that moment when it comes about," he said.

Another post-career priority will be his foundation, which supports children's education programs around the world.

"The foundation will only continue to grow in terms of time that I am going to be putting into it but then again, how much more time remains to be seen," he said.

"But I cannot sit still. I always want to travel and I always want to do stuff

but there's a way to go about it and to prioritize."

Federer acknowledged that he is the face of the sport and said while he tries to be the best ambassador for it, he also needs to think about himself sometimes.

"If I can make the game more popular, if the fans can enjoy the sport more through me and you guys like to talk to me, that's great," the 20-times Grand Slam singles champion told reporters.

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# Man United complete stunning comeback to shatter PSG

PARIS

MANCHESTER United pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in Champions League history as Marcus Rashford's last-gasp VAR penalty sealed a 3-1 win at Paris St Germain on Wednesday and sent the English side into the quarter-finals on away goals.

Never in 106 attempts in Europe's premium club competition had a team progressed in a knockout tie after a 2-0 home defeat, but Rashford's stoppage-time penalty - the first he had taken for the club - put Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side through in the most dramatic fashion as the tie finished level at 3-3.

The result came 20 years after Solskjaer wrote his name into the club's folklore by scoring the injury-time winner in the final victory over Bayern Munich to complete the treble of Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup.

Now back as caretaker manager after the dismissal of Jose Mourinho, the Norwegian has overseen a remarkable turnaround as United have won 14 of 17 games in all competitions and hauled themselves back into the top-four battle in the Premier League.

Progress in Europe looked a step too far, though, after United were outplayed by PSG at Old Trafford and arrived in Paris short of a host of key players through suspension and injury.

However, with Alex Ferguson watching proudly from the stands, Solskjaer's team achieved what no other has managed in the competition - as well as making himself the shortest of odds to fill the biggest seat in English football on a permanent basis at the end of



Manchester United's Marcus Rashford (L) shoots to score the winning goal from the penalty spot against Paris St Germain during their Champions League Round of 16 Second Leg at Parc des Princes, Paris, France on Wednesday. Reuters

the season.

"It's this club. It's what we do, that's Man United, that's the Champions League, it's what it does," said Solskjaer, who was managing Norwegian club Molde before getting the call to replace Mourinho in December.

"It's a typical Manchester United night. We had a game plan and the belief in the boys was what we hoped for. Everyone shares a huge pride. The players were focused, they listened to all the instructions and they knew that we had to defend well. There was a lot of quality."

While United march on, PSG are left to wonder how, yet again, they have failed in Europe despite spending millions to put together a team that crushes all domestic opposition.

They had lost only two of their

last 50 European games at the Parc des Princes but have still yet to reach even the semi-finals of the Champions League.

"The plan was to get the first goal, be in the game with 10 minutes to go," Solskjaer said and he could not have scripted it any better as Romelu Lukaku intercepted a weak back pass from Thilo Kehrer, rounded Gianluigi Buffon and slid the ball into the empty net after two minutes.

NO SURPRISE PSG dominated possession, though, and with United's defence all over the place, it was no surprise when Juan Bernat knocked in Kylian Mbappe's cross to level after 12 minutes.

The hosts continued to control the game but United took the advantage again with their next chance when Buffon failed to

deal with a fierce, low Rashford shot and Lukaku poked home the rebound late in the first half.

PSG, with injured Brazil striker Neymar watching from the stands, had all the ball in the second half without ever looking very threatening and seemingly settling for their 3-2 aggregate lead, while United were disciplined and tireless in defence.

The visitors started to press forward in the final 10 minutes, with little joy, until Diogo Dalot fired in a speculative long-range shot that was blocked by the leaping Presnel Kimpembe.

Nobody except Dalot seemed to notice the handball but the referee called for a review and pictures showed that the ball hit the back of Kimpembe's arm as he jumped.

After a lengthy wait, the penalty was awarded.

England striker Rashford, who had never taken a penalty in a competitive game for United, kept his nerve during the long delay to smash it past Buffon.

PSG desperately pushed for the goal that would have sent them through in a further four minutes of play but United held firm and celebrated wildly with their fans when the whistle sounded.

In contrast, the stunned home players sunk to the ground in disbelief at a near-silent stadium.

"It is very hard to lose, very hard to accept," said PSG coach Thomas Tuchel, the latest to fail to deliver the European glory the club's Qatari owners have invested so much to achieve.

"If you lose a game like this it's horrible and cruel because we did not deserve to go out after those 180 minutes." **REUTERS**

## PSG perplexed as Champions League run ends in familiar failure

PARIS

PARIS St Germain's Champions League exit has left the club perplexed and searching for answers but there will be no knee-jerk reaction to fire coach Thomas Tuchel after their latest European failure, club president Nasser Al-Khelaifi said.

The French champions blew a 2-0 advantage in their last-16 second leg match against Manchester United in Paris on Wednesday, crashing out on away goals after being beaten 3-1 at the Parc des Princes.

PSG have spent a fortune on assembling a team capable of winning Europe's elite club competition, but have failed to get past the quarter-final stages since being taken over by big-spending Qatar Sports Investments in 2011.

"I'm very disappointed with the result and the game. I don't understand how we lost," Al-Khelaifi said. "We won 2-0 there. Here in Paris we lost 3-1. We gave them everything to win. It was easy for them. I don't understand."

PSG appointed Tuchel in May in the hope the uncompromising German would further their quest for European glory, and Al-Khelaifi said the club would not take any decisions over his future in the heat of the moment.

"I trust the coach... but it's not because we lose a match that we have to act now," the president was quoted as saying by French sports newspaper L'Equipe.

"We must make decisions with a cool head but this is not the moment. We want to calm down."

The defeat sparked emotions ranging from anger to despair from members of Tuchel's squad.

Brazil international Neymar, who was injured for both legs, lashed out at the video assistant referees system after United won a late penalty.

His compatriots, club captain Thiago Silva and Marquinhos, offered a more measured perspective, stressing the need for the team to reflect on the defeat.

"We have to go away and think, like we do every year," Marquinhos said. "We have to think about what's working and

not working so that we can come back stronger."

Silva asked the club's fans for forgiveness.

"It's difficult to speak. It's a shame," he said. "We were on a good run and yet again it ends here. That's football. Nothing worked today. I ask our fans to forgive us."

Meanwhile, injured Paris St Germain striker Neymar lashed out at the video assistant referees (VAR) system on Wednesday, calling the late penalty decision that led to their elimination from the Champions League a "disgrace".

The French champions won 2-0 away at Manchester United in the first leg and although they were 2-1 down on the night they were going through on aggregate until the stoppage time penalty award gave United a shock 3-1 win.

The penalty, awarded for handball against Presnel Kimpembe after the referee consulted the VAR, put the English club through on away goals.

The decision infuriated Neymar, who watched the match from the stands after returning a few hours earlier from partying at Rio de Janeiro's famous carnival. "This is a disgrace!! And they put four guys there who don't understand football to look at a slow motion replay ... It's just not possible!!!"

"How is a guy going to hold his hand behind his back," he wrote in Portuguese on Instagram, before finishing with an expletive commonly used in Brazil.

Neymar missed both legs of the tie after injuring his foot in January.

The Brazil captain joined the French club from Barcelona in August 2017 for a world record fee and the Champions League has become the holy grail for him and a club that have spent big to fulfil that goal.

However, this latest defeat marked the third time in three years they have failed to make the last eight of the Champions League.

Even though Wednesday's loss was just their third in 51 European games at the Parc des Princes, they have never reached the semi-finals of the continent's premier club competition.

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## Porto go through with extra time VAR penalty

PORTO

PORTO converted a penalty awarded following a VAR review three minutes from the end of extra time to beat AS Roma 3-1 and reach the Champions League quarter-finals after an epic finale on Wednesday.

Fernando went down as he tried to meet Maxi Pereira's low shot across the face of the goal and, after studying the pitchside monitor, the referee judged that his shirt had been tugged by Alessandro Florenzi.

Alex Telles emphatically converted the spot-kick to give Porto a 4-3 aggregate win in the round of 16 tie and heap further pressure on Roma coach Eusebio Di Francesco, who Italian media said before the match was fighting to keep his job.

Shortly afterwards, Roma also thought they had won a penalty when the referee stopped the game while the video assistant looked for a possible push by Moussa Marega on Patrik Schick but play was waved on, this time without a pitchside review.

"The VAR is there and he didn't even go and look at it," said Roma defender Kostas Manolas. "For me, it's a disgrace - the contact was clear. I don't understand why these things always happen to us."

Italian media said Di Francesco would not speak to the media and



FC Porto's Alex Telles scores their third goal from a penalty against AS Roma during their Champions League - Round of 16 Second Leg match at Estadio do Dragao, in Porto, Portugal on Wednesday. Reuters

had "isolated himself" on the team bus.

Porto defender Pepe will miss the quarter-final first leg through suspension after being booked following a clash with Edin Dzeko. The pair pressed their foreheads against each other and the Roma forward than fell over backwards.

Dzeko was also yellow-carded for the farcical incident. Porto quickly took control and it was no surprise when they went ahead in the 26th minute.

Marega won possession, exchanged passes with Jesus Corona and slipped the ball inside for Tiquinho Soares, a Brazilian

journeyman playing at his 14th professional club, to turn in from point-blank range.

Roma, however, equalised from out of the blue, helped by a schoolboy error from Eder Militao who stuck out a leg as Diego Perotti cut inside him and held his head in despair as the referee

pointed to the spot.

Daniele De Rossi produced a stuttering run-up and nonchalantly sent Iker Casillas the wrong way for his first goal of the season.

Yet, after De Rossi went off injured, Porto regained control and were back in front seven minutes after the break.

Corona crossed from the left and Marega easily got away from his marker and side-footed the ball into the roof of the net from two metres to level the aggregate score at 3-3.

Roma wasted a glorious chance before the end of normal time when Pepe sent the ball straight to Perotti, but he shot high and wide from inside the penalty area.

Dzeko also missed two chances shortly before Porto's penalty, leaving the Serie A side with only themselves to blame.

"We've got to accept it, even if the way it happened is terrible to take," said De Rossi. "We didn't deserve to go out."

**REUTERS**

## A terrible way to go out, says Roma's De Rossi

PORTO

AS Roma's dramatic Champions League elimination by Porto, thanks to a late penalty awarded with a VAR review, was a "terrible way to go out", their captain Daniele De Rossi said on Wednesday.

The grizzled, veteran midfielder added that he did not know what would happen to beleaguered coach Eusebio Di Francesco who headed straight for the team bus without giving interviews after losing a match which Italian media said was decisive for his future at the club.

Roma, semi-finalists last year, were beaten 4-3 on aggregate after losing Wednesday's second leg 3-1 in extra-time, the decisive goal coming from a penalty awarded with after a VAR review three minutes from the end.

"It's a terrible way to go out but the truth is we have to accept it," he said. "We are a team of highs and lows. It wasn't a perfect performance but we saw a united team with real men."

"We were within touching distance of penalties and a chance of getting to the quarter-finals for a second year in a row," De Rossi said he did not want to enter

into the talk about Di Francesco's future.

"I hope we continue with him," he said.

"I don't know what will happen but nobody can take away from him what he has done. Tomorrow, we will work with him and then the club will decide," he added.

Forward Diego Perotti agreed that the team wanted Di Francesco to stay.

"We've always given everything for him, it's a bad moment for all of us," he said. "We are all with him."

Roma are fifth in Serie A but defeats against teams from the lower half of the table and a 3-0 derby loss to Lazio on Saturday have put Di Francesco under heavy pressure.

Porto coach Sergio Conceicao praised a "sublime" performance by the Portuguese champions.

"The players understood perfectly what we wanted. It was a sublime performance by all of them, they did a fantastic job," he said.

"It was proof of great maturity and calmness, which shows that this team is strong. They executed the game almost to perfection."

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## FIFA considers Oman, Kuwait to host 2022 World Cup games - report

ZURICH

FIFA is considering Oman and Kuwait as hosts of some matches at the 2022 World Cup if the tournament, to be staged in Qatar, is expanded from 32 to 48 teams, the New York Times reported on Wednesday.

The World Cup will be expanded from 32 to 48 teams in 2026 but FIFA president Gianni Infantino has proposed bringing forward the enlarged format to 2022.

World soccer's ruling body did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

A decision is expected in June, although FIFA has already warned it would be difficult for Qatar to stage an expanded

tournament alone.

Qatar has said it will not take a decision on expanding the tournament until it sees the details of a feasibility study from FIFA while a deep political rift in the Gulf complicates the prospects of sharing the competition.

The United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and non-Gulf state Egypt cut political, trade, and transport ties with Qatar in June, 2017. The countries accuse Qatar of supporting terrorism, which it denies.

The UAE's sports chief, Mohammed Khalfan al-Romaihi, said last month that his country, Kuwait and Oman could all stage matches in an enlarged tournament.

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### Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Morogoro shotokan squad's members participate in training in the region recently to shape up for the qualifiers for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. PHOTO: MICHAEL SIKAPUNDWA

## AT gets lucrative sponsorship



Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) Chief Conservationist, Freddy Manongi (seated), signs a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Athletics Tanzania (AT) to back the association's programs that are part of the country's athletes' preparations for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Looking on are (L) AT secretary general, Wilhelm Gidabuday, and the association's executive committee member, Meta Petro. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TULLO CHAMBO

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

**A**TLETICS Tanzania (AT) has secured a big sponsorship from the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA) to prepare the country's athletes for the coming international events.

The sponsorship deal was signed in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday by officials from AT and NCAA and part of it aims at realizing smooth preparation for this year's IAAF World Cross-Country Championships slated for later this month in Denmark, All Africa Games to be held in Morocco, World Championships slated to take

place in Doha, Qatar and next year's Olympic Games to be hosted by Tokyo.

Duration and financial package of the sponsorship were not disclosed by the time we went to press.

Speaking after the signing ceremony, the NCAA Chief Conservationist, Freddy Manongi, said the sponsorship is part of the institution's efforts to promote tourism through sports in the country.

He asked athletes who will represent the country at the events to work hard and bring medals home.

"We have entered into this sponsorship so as to improve sports

tourism in the country, if you can recall recently Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, Hamisi Kigwangalla asked NCAA and other stakeholders to promote our local tourism through sports," he said.

The AT secretary general, Wilhelm Gidabuday, hailed NCAA for the sponsorship which he said will help local athletes perform well at international events.

He also assured NCAA that his association will make sure that it is sticking to all sponsorship agreements.

Meanwhile, NCAA will also be sponsoring the annual Ngorongoro Half Marathon that is held in Karatu.

The race has been organized by Meta Sports Promotions for the past 13 years.

Gidabuday hailed Meta Sports Promotions for successfully hosting the event in the past 13 years.

This is not the first time that NCAA has been sponsoring athletics in Tanzania. The institution was involved in the trip of local athletes that travelled to Japan in October last year for Nagai Marathon.

The NCAA also backed National Open Athletics Championships, which were held in Arusha in December, last year and the National Cross-Country Championships held in the region the same month.

## Dar organization hails soccer courses

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MAGNET Youth Sports Organization have said they are happy with knowledge that two German football instructors offered to Tanzania's coaches in workshops that were held in Dar es Salaam.

Chairman of Magnet Youth Sports Organization, Tuntufye Mwambusi, said he is delighted with the knowledge which the two Germans Martin Hammel and Andreas Pach offered to local coaches.

The two Germans were in the country under Germany's University of Leipzig, which runs its ITK Pathfinder program.

During the duo's stay, they conducted a course for 25 youth football coaches at Jakaya Kiwete Youth Park, they as well visited the Department of Sports of the University of Dar es Salaam.

"The two coaches left for their home, we are very delighted for the expertise which they shared with us, I am sure youth football will improve in the country," he said.

Mwambusi also disclosed that they expect some instructors from the University of Leipzig to visit Tanzania between June and July this year.

"The feedback which they gave us is very good and we expect either other coaches or one of the two (Hammel and Pach) to come again. They are happy with the response they got from local coaches who attended the workshops," he said.

Mwambusi whose center has more than 100 kids said academies are important for development of football in any country.

He said academies are fundamental to football as top clubs look for African players from academies since they are prerequisite for professional football.

The official said at Magnet Youth Sports Organization, the oldest player is 15 years old and there are four players who caught the attention of some foreign big clubs.

"The oldest player is 15 years old hence not ready for big clubs, but we have had four players who caught the attention of foreign big clubs. Two years ago our two players also went to Manchester for trials while the other one won the attention of a South African team and the other one is with Mtibwa Sugar U-20 team," he said.

He further said his organization is not looking at the local market as many teams in the country do not have well established youth programs.

"At the moment our focus is not in Tanzania, given that we don't have any top team with established youth programs hence it will not be benefit us... we are still trying abroad," he said.

Meanwhile, Mwambusi has disclosed that his organization has been invited to compete at a German junior football tournament in July.

However, he stopped short of giving more details on the tournament, saying full information will be presented to him later.

The organization has, in the past, fielded teams in the Norway Cup in Oslo. The organization's team moreover made it to the final of last year's Zinduka Cup and it as well came up against some of top South Africa academies.

## ICT firm urges Tanzanians to adopt healthy lifestyle

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM-based information and communication technology firm, DataVision International, has urged Tanzanians to embrace a culture of doing physical exercises and adopt healthy lifestyle for the wellbeing of their minds and bodies. Chief Executive Officer of the firm, Geoffrey Mwajijonga, made the call shortly after his employees had managed to win 13 medals in the Kili Half Marathon race in Moshi last Sunday.

Mwajijonga said regular physical exercises are important for a person's health and the country's

science and technological development.

He described workouts as essential for improving one's physical and mental health, noting that healthy minds can lead to achieving dynamic intellectual activity and a productive nation.

"Development of science and technology is meaningless, if the community is not healthier, that's why DataVision is in the forefront of encouraging the public to live healthier," he said.

"This makes technological advancement meaningful."

"My colleagues were well prepared before taking part in this year's Kili Half Mara-

thon and these 13 medals are the result of regular exercises."

He added that lack of regular exercises expose people to non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, migraine and high blood

pressure.

According to him, there is no need for people to panic as solution lies in regular exercises and various fitness programmes. "The only way that people can reduce the exposure

of getting these non-communicable diseases is to look after their lifestyles through fitness and I thought that that kind of message can better be communicated through an initiative of body building," he stressed.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

