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Former president Jakaya Kikwete pictured at the Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation offices in Dar es Salaam on Monday congratulating Zaidu Mbwana of Tandahimba District in Mtwara Region following confirmation that the youngster had produced a cashewnut shelling machine. Looking on is the foundation's CEO, Vanessa Anyoti. JMKF is a registered trust and non-profit making organisation, whose vision is to become a vehicle for the transformation of people's lives through collaboration and partnership. Photo courtesy of Muhidin Issa Michuzi

# Samia forms taskforce for clean energy policy paths

By Henry Mwangonde

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has formed a national taskforce to review existing policies, deliberate on the way forward and come up with a roadmap to implement interventions on affordable and clean cooking energy.

Speaking at a clean cooking energy

symposium in Dar es Salaam, the president said the team shall work with Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and Energy ministry officials, as well as environmental specialists.

The Ministry of Energy will house the taskforce, charged with formulating a roadmap for a sustainable transition to clean and affordable cooking energy for the entire

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## Kigamboni dam to boost flow of water to Dar city

By Guardian Reporter

DAR ES SALAAM Region is to start receiving 70m litres of water after the completion of Kigamboni dam.

Amos Makalla, the regional commissioner, told President Samia Suluhu Hassan at a clean energy symposium in the city yesterday that construction was largely finished and thus the city will be relieved from the water challenges currently facing the commercial capital.

Building the dam was an intervention measure in the face of the current water woes, he said and was now in a position to release 70,000 litres daily as a relief strategy.

In response, President Samia directed the regional secretariat

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in collaboration with the Dar es Salaam Water and Sewerage Authority (DAWASA) to inspect and clear private constructions across Wami and Ruvu rivers hindering the flow of water to the treatment and pumping station.

The president made reference to instructions she earlier handed to Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa for such inspection and clearing of obstacles to be made. She also pointed at trees are being cut off at an alarming rate in catchment areas, whose streams collect into rivers that feed water to the city.

She said that the city has water facilities built when the city had three million people and now are overwhelmed. “On paper it shows the city can get 100percent water but

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## NBC in 300bn/- bond issuance for SMEs, agro-sector lending

By Guardian Reporter

NBC Bank has issued NBC Twiga Bond, a five-year bond, seeking to cushion its 300bn/- trading fund for issuing loans to small firms and agro-sector value chains/

Managing director Theobald

Sabi (pictured) said at a press conference yesterday that the minimum purchase amount is 0.5m/-, available at any NBC Bank branch, the Capital Markets and Securities Authority (CMSA) and licensed stockbrokers.

Investors in the bond offer will

earn an optimal interest rate of 10 percent annually, payable semi-annually during the five years to the end of 2027. The interest rate sum proposed is free from withholding tax deduction, he stated.

This issuance follows CMSA

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Zanzibar President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi opens the Sixth Africa Colloquium of Legal Counsel to Parliaments in Zanzibar's Unguja West "B" District yesterday. Photo: Zanzibar State House

## Parents in Mbozi District cautioned over 'leading' minors into drinking

By Correspondent Ibrahim Yassin,

Mbozi

PARENTS in Mbozi district, Songwe region have been called upon to stop giving their minors locally made brew following the incident in which some of the children were part of a group of adults who were hospitalised for having taken poisoned liquor.

In an interview with this paper here at the weekend, the Doctor in Charge of Mbozi District Hospital, Dr Kenneth Lesilwa said three children

of under five years of age were among the 33 people admitted to the hospital after drinking 'komoni' local brew believed to have been poisoned.

He said in Mbozi district, particularly in villages, there are many parents and guardians who give the brew to their minors without consideration of the effects that could include malnutrition and stunting.

"In the latest incident 54 people were hospitalised after drinking the local brew believed to have been poisoned, among them four

children of under five years of age, proving that the parents gave the drink to the children.

"We also found that among the children was one aged one year and 11 months, another one aged two years and one month while another was aged three years," said Dr Lesilwa.

In regard to those hospitalized due to drinking poisoned liquor, he said all of them received treatment and discharged.

For his part, Frederick Ngoi, officer in charge of Ilas hospital, a private hospital said hazards for

children drinking alcohol include effects to the liver, kidneys and poor growth due to poor eating habits.

He said alcohol is poison, hence it directly affects the child's growth as the liver and kidneys do not function properly.

"And that is why it is always forbidden for children under 18 years of age to take alcohol," he added.

Songwe is among regions with high level of stunting - at 43.23 per cent and among reasons cited is poor eating habits as well as giving alcohol to children.

## Samia forms taskforce for clean energy policy paths

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population.

The terms of reference of the taskforce is to draw up workable policy and how to implement interventions needed for affordable and clean cooking energy, she stated.

As the clean energy issue is cross-cutting, there is a need for a policy team consisting of officials from relevant government departments or agencies and the private sector, she further noted.

The president underlined that Tanzania was recognized as a champion of women's rights and justice, while proper implementation of clean energy interventions will uplift the image of lightening the burden for women countrywide.

In the coming year, the government will set aside budget funds for a facility to ensure clean energy accessibility, innovation and use of technology in that direction.

The policy target is to ensure affordable and accessible non-wood fuels for most households by 2032, she said, cautioning that trees are being cut for firewood and the trend is alarming. "We need to find a solution to this matter and the process must begin now," she said.

Availability of clean cooking energy will free women and girls who take time looking for firewood, to have more time for gainful activities, she stated, asking the Energy ministry to use the whole of 2023 to bring major energy using institutions such as schools, health centres, army camps or prisons to stop using charcoal and switch to gas or purchase bricks of modified coal from the State Mining Corporation (STAMICO).

Admitting that the transition will not be easy, she said that this calls for mindset change, and it was now the right time to address the matter.

Clean energy is a small issue in the eyes of everyone but a big issue when put into context as it involves many sectors while leaving the situation as it leads to serious social

problems, she affirmed.

Domestic energy use is a problem as it occasions a lot of gender-based violence in the use of time like fetching firewood and being forced to meet cooking deadlines, she said.

The clean energy symposium came at the right time as the world is working on initiatives towards clean energy for a prosperous society, she said, noting that clean energy ought to be part of the national development policy component of human development.

Energy minister January Makamba said this was the right time for the country to forge strategies to ensure household energy was safe and clean to minimize the environmental and social burden.

It is now the right time for the country to have in place strategies that will ensure cooking is a luxury process and not a punishment, he declared.

Prof Anna Tibajuka, the former cabinet minister and UN Habitat administrator, said that affordable and sustainable clean energy should start with good policies and a suitable environment for investment in such energy sources.

There is a need for interventional strategies to ensure clean energy is affordable and accessible to most households, she added.



**It is now the right time for the country to have in place strategies that will ensure cooking is a luxury process and not a punishment**



Stakeholders exhibiting their kitchenware brief President Samia Suluhu Hassan on the use of clean energy in cooking shortly before she opened the national Clean Cooking Conference in Dar es Salaam yesterday. She underscored the need to promote the use of clean energy for cooking. Left is Energy minister January Makamba. Photo: State House

## Relief for consumers as fuel prices go down

By Guardian Reporter

PUMP prices of fuel for Dar es Salaam and Tanga in November 2022 have decreased by 31/- per litre and 34/- per litre respectively compared to the prices in October 2022 because of the government subsidy.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), the published cap prices for petroleum products, applicable in Tanzania Mainland. "These wholesale and retail prices are applicable effective today," the

statement said.

It said that the pump price of petrol in Dar es Salaam would have increased by 110/- per litre, but the government issued a subsidy to maintain the October 2022 price.

For the case of Mtwara, EWURA said: "There is no vessel which has been considered in the November 2022 pricing because the vessel is expected to offload at the end of November 2022 hence its products will be consumed in December 2022. Therefore, the changes in November 2022 prices for Mtwara reflect actual information of the vessel that was priced in October

2022."

The price of kerosene and price of petrol in Tanga decreased by TZS 164/- per litre and 118/- per litre compared to the previous prices because of relatively low weighted average FOB prices and premium charge for Tanga port.

In this case, petrol will be sold at 2,886/- per litre compared to 2,996/- per litre before subsidy and diesel will be sold at 3,052/- per litre as compared to 3,197/- per litre before subsidy in Dar es Salaam. "So the subsidy is at around 110/- and 145/- per litre respectively," the statement said.

In Tanga, a litre of petrol and diesel will be at 2,806/- and 3,074/- respectively.

The statement said that in Mtwara Region, a litre of petrol and diesel will be at 2,917/- and 3,096/- respectively.

"EWURA would like to remind the public that these cap prices can be accessed through mobile phones by dialing \*152\*00# and then following the provided instructions. This service is free of charge and is available in all mobile phone service providers in the country," the statement said.

"In line with the prevailing sector legislation (Petroleum Act, 2015, section 166), prices of petroleum products are governed by rules of demand and supply. EWURA shall continue to encourage competition in the sector by making available petroleum products pricing information including cap prices."

## Kigamboni dam to boost flow of water to Dar city

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in practical terms the problem still exists," she explained.

Inspecting water blockages erected upstream to the water treatment plant must go hand in hand with rectifying unplanned construction hindering the smooth laying of pipes for water supply, she said.

The city and Coast Region as well as parts of Morogoro Region face water shortages for two following a significant drop in water levels at

the Lower Ruvu water treatment plant.

Levels of the lower and upper Ruvu dam enclosures have dropped significantly, shifting from 466m litres output per day to upwards of 300m litres per day, estimated at 64 per cent of flow capacity.

This has caused problems for the city of over 5m inhabitants, while the Tanzania Meteorological Authority (TMA) forecasts below normal rains in most parts of the country for end year rains.

## NBC in 300bn/- bond issuance for SMEs, agro-sector lending

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approval for NBC to issue tranches of its 300bn/- medium term note (MTN) program, with the bond being the first issuance by the bank to raise substantial amounts for lending to small firms and budding agriculture sector micro-enterprises, he explained.

"This is the first time the bank has issued bonds," he said, qualifying the move as a welcome call to the SMEs, farmers and small traders to seek loans, as they form the mainstay of youth employment and women around the country.

At a brief ceremony to launch the bond in Dar es Salaam yesterday, he said that once the offer closes, the Twiga bond will be listed and traded at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE).

"This means a buyer of the bond will be able to sell the bond to another buyer in the secondary market through a licensed stockbroker and receive the principal before the maturity date," he stated.

"As one of the largest lenders in Tanzania, we are thrilled to

issue our first bond in the market seeking to raise 300bn/-," he said, explaining that it will be deployed to finance small firms and budding enterprises, especially in agriculture.

"The proceeds from the Twiga Bond will enable us to meet the financing needs of this crucial groups that employ the majority of the population," he emphasized, pointing out that the bonds can be bought by individuals, companies or institutions.

"It is our hope that this issuance will promote production efficiency and increase market competitiveness," he further noted, also projecting improved governance and accountability in business due to the loan operations.

DSE official Brighton Kinemo commended the bank for innovating in affordable lending for small firms, taking interest in youth and women entrepreneurs with farm-based loans and mobile hand-based loans to scale up financial inclusion.

"NBC Twiga Bond shows NBC commitment to financial inclusion through friendly product offerings,"



By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

# Students' loans board to face parliamentary committee for failure to heed govt directive

THE Higher Education Students Loan Board (HESLB) will on Friday this week appear before the parliamentary committee on social welfare and community development for failing to follow the directives from the government.

The Speaker of National Assembly Dr Tulia Ackson issued the directive yesterday, following the emergence motion by Member of Parliament for Biharamulo constituency (CCM) Ezra Chiwelesa who wanted the parliament to discuss the fate of the board failure to allocate loans to thousands of universities students.

"It is strange to see the loan board is resisting the directive of the minister," the Speaker said.

The parliamentarian came with the reference of a girl student who scored first division at high school and she was selected to join KCMC University, qualifying for a student loan, but she ended up being given subsistence allowance with no tuition fees, as she supposed to pay 5.6mn/-.

"Because the universities have already opened, the government

should issue a statement to enable all students to be allowed to start, while the government is looking into short term solution," he said.

The Speaker said the committee will issue the statement next week, after questioning the officials of the board for insubordination.

This followed after the minister for education Prof Adolf Mkenda accused the officials of the board to resist an audit from the committee he earlier formed to investigate information on criteria used for issuing students loan.

"I formed a committee of which members came from Mzumbe University, University of Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar University to inspect the criteria for loan qualification but she faced a resistances from the board," he told the parliament when contributing to the motion.

The minister said, despite of the challenges, the government

has increased allocation for higher education students loans from earlier planned 464bn/- to 570bn/-.

He said the government has also removed fees and penalty on loans repayment to reduce the burden to beneficiaries.

"The government has also introduces a scholarship programme for science students whereby 640 students have benefited," he said.

"We are also engaging private sector including NMB Bank which has allocated 200bn/- for student loan at an interest of 9 percent."

The parliament has also directed the government to ensure that all enrolled higher learning students meeting criteria, but not obtained loans from HESLB to be admitted immediately, when the government is looking for short term solutions to obtain funds.

Earlier, debating on the motion, Fratei Massay, Member of Parliament for Mbulu

rural constituency (CCM) and Condester Sichale, Member of Parliament for Tunduma (CCM) suggested for dissolution of the board.

"The board should be dissolved because it is not helping and the government should revisit the procedures of issuing higher education students loans," Massay said during the debate, adding that the government should find short term solution to ensure that all qualifying students obtain loans.

Dr Hamisi Kigwanga la, Member of Parliament for Nzega constituency (CCM) suggested for the revisit of the issue of higher education student loan by conducting what he termed a "means testing".

Dr Thea Ntara, MP Special Seat (CCM) was in the view that the board should give loans to all qualifying students because it is a policy issue. "If all qualifying students are not getting loans, they should at least pay flat rate

constituency (CCM) worried that at least 30,000 first year students didn't get loans from the board, out of 70,000 new entrants.

He suggested that the government should revisit the processes and criteria of issuing loans.

"There should be an investigation for criteria of issuing loans over the last five to ten years as well the repayment processes and the use of funds," he said.

"Education is the saviour of any child and only inheritance of which a poor parent can give to his children," said Judith Kapinga, Special Seat MP (CCM).

She said despite of being highly populated in East Africa, Tanzania produces lowest number of graduates from universities.



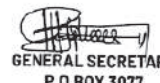
Commodore Azan Hassan Msingiri (2nd-R, foreground), head of Zanzibar's special anti-smuggling unit (KMKM), pictured on Monday showing sea cucumbers to Zanzibar's Blue Economy minister, Masoud Suleiman Makame (to his right). It was at the unit's launch of a sea cucumber farming project at Kibwengo camp in Unguja North Region. Photo: Rahma Suleiman


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- Tanzania Teachers' Union now invites sealed Tenders from eligible Suppliers for carrying out the Supply of May Day T-shirts and Caps 2023.
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# Tanzania tarmac roads network reaches 11,513km

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIA Roads Agency (TANROADS) Chief Executive Officer, Eng. Rogatus Mativila says in the current Financial Year, the agency will continue monitoring and supervising the construction, refurbishment and other repair work on the country's main highways as well as regional roads totaling 36,362 kilometres.

Addressing reporters here on Monday on TANROADS various activities it plans to undertake in the current Financial Year, Mativila said by June this year the country's tarmac road network reached 11,513 kilometres.

"TANROADS continues making controls on road vehicles weights as well as protecting road reserves whereby so far it has 70 weighing bridges, 22 permanent and 15 mobile," he said.

Regarding the implementation of development projects, he said 14 projects with a total length of 883 km have been completed between April 2021 and now cost 1.37trn/-.

He named the projects including the 63-km Kidawe-Kasulu road, 50-km Nyakanazi-Kibondo road, 66-km Mbinga-Mbaba bay road, 53.9-km Njombe Moronga road and 53.3-km Morongap-Maketee road.

He mentioned others including the 50-km Makutano-Natta road 39.1-km Kikusya-Ipinda-Matema road and the 39-km Chunya-Makongolosi road.

"Projects regarding four large bridges that have been completed include the Tanzanite, Ruhuhu, Magara, Mara, Msingi, Singida, Sibiti and Wami bridges.

"Three projects of large bridges are in various stages of implementation costing 701bn/-."

"These are the 3.2-km Magufuli Bridge (Kigongo-Busisi) in Mwanza Region, the 520-m Pangani Bridge and the 140-m Kitengule Bridge.

The TANROADS boss said the government has finalised the feasibility studies of six large bridges that await implementation.

The bridges include the Simiyu Bridge on Mwanza-Musoma highway, Mtera Dam Bridge along Iringa-Dodoma highway, Mzinga Bridge along Dar- Kibiti highway, and the Jangwani Bridge in Dar es Salaam.

He said the government continues with road construction whereby 44 road projects with a total length of 1,523 kilometres costing 3.8trn/- are in various stages of construction countrywide.

He said during the last financial year, between July 2021 and May this year a total of 20 contracts involving road building and airport building directly financed by both internal funds and funds from development partners were signed.

"The total cost of all 20 projects amounts to 1,460.84bn/- and are in various stages of implementation," he said.



**Three projects of large bridges are in various stages of implementation costing 701bn/-**



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa exchanges views in the National Assembly in Dodoma city yesterday with the Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy, Parliament and Coordination), George Simbachawene (R), Health minister Umyi Mwalimu (2nd-L) and Attorney General Dr Eliezer Feleshi. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

## Councillors tasked to identify unscrupulous fertiliser agents

By Guardian Correspondent, Njombe

LUDEWA District Executive Director, Sunday Deogratias has called upon the council to work jointly to identify fertiliser agents who sell government subsidized fertiliser contrary to the governments' laid down procedures.

The director made the remarks when addressing the councillors' meeting for the first Quarter of FY 2022/23, saying some agents remove the 'subsidized' emblems from the fertiliser bags and sell the same at ordinary prices.

"Steps have started being taken against these unfaithful fertiliser agents as they undermine

government's efforts to rescue farmers from high fertiliser prices," he said.

Meanwhile, Ludewa District Agricultural Officer, Clementina Kabaka said since farmers are still not well conversant with the new system, they have mounted a campaign to educate them.

"So far there is a follow-up

system among villages that has enabled us to nab these criminals," she said.

Ludewa District Council Chairman, Wise Mgina, said there was no reason to close eyes to such agents as so doing it means retarding President Samia Suluhu Hassan's efforts to rescue farmers.

"Executive Director, I would like to express my pleasure for the efforts you are making aimed at pushing forward development in our district and we Councillors are fully behind these efforts," Mgina said.

## Create friendly conditions for business, government urges heads of institutions

By Guardian Reporter, Bagamoyo

THE government has urged the heads of institutions dealing with business in the country to create a friendlier and business-enabling environment and shun selfishness.

Dr Hashil Twaib Abdallah, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Investment, Industry and Trade ministry made the call yesterday in Bagamoyo District when opening a five-day workshop to members of Fair Competition Commission (FCC) and Fair Competition Tribunal (FCT).

The workshop is meant to review laws governing the institutions to see if they affect business and are barriers to trade.

He said the government's intention was to ensure it creates a business enabling environment for all actors in the country.

FCT Chairperson, Justice Salma Maghimbi said that the five workshop focus was to review laws governing the institutions and challenges they encounter when reviewing appeals and improve them.

She said the Fair Competition Act,

2003 (No. 8 of 2003) is meant to promote and protect effective competition in trade and commerce, to protect consumers from unfair and misleading market conduct and to provide for other related matters.

It provides for market rules and the protection of consumers in Tanzania.

Practically, good faith competition between companies makes for a healthy economy, with job creation, affordable consumer goods, and ultimately, improved well-being.

Conversely, collusion between firms

harms economic development.

According to him, any government officer hindering or threatening investment and business operations in the country will be held accountable as per the laws, regulations and procedures.

The principle of FCC is the ability of a single individual or a group of individuals to control a market to purchase a good or service, granting him the power to manipulate prices and exclude competitors.

FCC is a Public Institution established by virtue of section 62(I) of the Fair Competition Act, No. 8 of 2003 (FCA) with the aim of promoting and protecting effective competition in trade and commerce and protecting consumers from unfair and misleading market conduct.

## TPA joins CHEC to conduct HIV/Aids awareness training to benefit local communities

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TANZANIA Port Authority (TPA) in collaboration with state-run China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) Ltd has conducted HIV/Aids awareness training at the construction sites for local and nearby communities.

Speaking on behalf of CHEC and TPA yesterday in Dar es Salaam, a HIV/Aids training facilitator Onesmo Mwhava said that the campaign was part of the corporate social responsibilities as well as to control new infection during the project implementation.

Also, the campaign focused on increasing awareness about HIV/Aids, eliminating gender harassment and referral to HIV infected people.

He said during the training, the communities got access to free HIV screening and they set up testing stations in conjunction with local hospitals, to provide pre testing, treatment and psychological counseling services to people in the nearby communities.

Others spread more knowledge about HIV prevention; widely install HIV prevention posters, distribute pamphlets and build free collections for HIV prevention supplies.

According to WHO report, Tanzania has high rate of HIV infection, about 2.2 million people in this areas affected with HIV considering the lower awareness of HIV among local people.

"Raise awareness on the importance of HIV prevention among local people and helping more and more local people to take part in HIV prevention activities is very important to reduce new infections," he said.

So far, the project has reached 876 people including construction workers, fishers, motorbike's riders, local communities at Kigamboni and Kivukoni wards.

It has also enabled free screening to 450 people for the first half of the year and distributed 9,450 condoms.

According to him, raising awareness was also among CHEC top priority to increase acknowledgement and prevention training to local people," he added.

The construction teams insist on effectively fulfilling social responsibility to realise corporate business value and social value, truly reflecting the improvement and enhancement of the project activities on local economy, environment and infrastructures, so as to maximise the return to employees and society.

He noted that the high quality implementation of the project has become an important engine of Tanzania's expanding openness, economic growth and social progress.

A fisherman at ferry international fish market, Khamis Mamba asked the organiser to conduct regular training to the local communities to equip them with knowledge on how to avoid HIV infection.

He said the knowledge from the training will help them to transform it to their young children at home adding that no one had conducted such a training before.

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1	SHARIFU AMANI CHUNGU	1.Nyumba ya makazi yenye Hati na. 536229 kiwanja na.1217 kitalu "G" iliyopo magegere makambako kwa jina la SHARIFU AMANI CHUNGU 2.Nyumba ya makazi yenye hati na.536230 kiwanja na.1218 kitalu "G" magegere makambako kwa jina la SHARIFU AMANI CHUNGU	19/11/2022

**MASHARTI YA MNADA**

- Dhamana itauzwa kama ilivyo.
- Mnunuzi atakiwa kulipa siku ya mnada asilimia 25% ya bei iliyofikiwa.
- Malipo ya asilimia 75% yalipwe ndani ya siku kumi na nne (14). Kukamilisha malipo yote. Kushindwa kufanya hivyo mnunuzi atakuwa amepoteza malipo yote ya awali ya asilimia 25%, na mnada kurudiwa, au mshindi wa pili atapewa ushindi.
- Gharama za kuona, kukagua, kuhamisha umiliki, kumtoa mdaiwa/mpangaji na zingine zinazoambatana na hilo ni jukumu la mnunuzi.

**Kwa Taarifa zaidi wasiliana na:**

<b>Mkurugezi Mtendaji</b> Best Group (T) LTD Alli Hassan Mwinji Road. Green Acres Building, 2nd Floor. P.O. BOX 1088 Dar es Salaam. 0715363537/0765363537	<b>AU:</b>	<b>Equity Bank (Tz) Limited,</b> Head Office, Ohio Street- Golden Jubilee Towers P.O. Box110183 DAR ES SALAAM email: equitybank@co.ke
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**DRC DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL**

### TENDER NOTICE

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) intends to enter into Purchase Agreements (PAs) for period of 12 months for Hardware and building materials, Household items and Core relief Items. Therefore, Danish refugee Council is tendering for the above purchase agreements, and all interested bidders must abide to the following instructions before applying.

- Do not make any alteration to the unit prices
- Do not use correction fluid when you do an error. Use a new sheet.
- Do not convert the ITB documents to Word or Excel
- Pay attention to where you must sign, stamp, and put the date.
- Do not forget to attach the required documents such as Annex A.1, Annex A.2, Tender and contract award acknowledgement certificate, Supplier profile and registration form, DRC general condition of contract, Company profile, DRC supplier code of conduct after completing all sections in full, sign, stamp, put the date.

The Purchase agreements may result into one or multiple DRC purchase Orders during the period of twelve months (January,2023 to January,2024) of the Purchase agreement.

Therefore, the Danish Refugee Council in Kibondo requests the suppliers to submit their prices for the above goods.

The bidding documents can be collected at the Danish Refugee Council Office in Kibondo from 2nd November,2022 during the working days and hours. 8:00 Am to 16:30 Pm in the following address: Old IRC Road Area, Kibondo. You can call on: +255625482649 or through email sadock.kabuko@drc.ngo to receive the soft copy by email.

The closing date for the submission of the bids is 15th November 2022 at 16:30Hrs The ITB will be opened in a public session on 17th November 2022 at 10:00 AM at DRC Kibondo Office, PO Box 177 Kibondo by the DRC Tender Opening Committee

You can return your bid form through [REQ.TZA@DRC.NGO](mailto:REQ.TZA@DRC.NGO) OR DIRECT TO THE DRC OFFICE otherwise is void





## INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE TWO BANK PLOTS, MOTORVEHICLES AND OTHER IDLE ASSETS.

CRDB Bank PLC (the Bank) is an African bank and a leading financial services provider in Tanzania with a current presence in Tanzania and Burundi, East Africa. The Bank invites wax sealed bids from interested bonafide individuals, companies, NGO's etc to purchase the following;

### CATEGORY 1. BANK PLOTS

The Bank owns title to various landed properties in the country, one of those being;

S/N	PLOT DETAILS	LOCATION	NATURE OF SALE
1	Plot No.8 Block 'D' Mkuu Rombo Area	Rombo District	Disposal, Construction and Lease
2	Plot No.139 Block 'A' Mkwajuni 'B' Mangaka Area	Nanyumbu District	Disposal only

### CATEGORY 2. USED MOTOR VEHICLES

Below are the vehicles that the Bank wishes to dispose,

S/N	MODEL	VEHICLE REG NUMBER	LOCATION
1	MITSUBISHI	T340 BEF	KISAKI MOROGORO
2	TATA	T125 AVE	ADA ESTATE DAR ES SALAAM
3	TATA	T 128 AVE	NAMANGA ARUSHA

### CATEGORY 3. BANK USED FIXED ASSETS

S/N	ASSET DESCRIPTION	TOTAL QUANTITY	VIEWING LOCATION		
			ADA ESTATE	LUMUMBA	OLD HQ
1	ACCUBANKER	29	29	-	-
2	AIR CONDITIONER	46	46	-	-
3	BENCH WOODEN	1	-	-	1
4	BOOK SHELVES	6	-	-	6
5	COFFEE TABLE TOP GLAZED	3	-	-	3
6	CONFERENCE TABLE WOODEN	4	-	-	4
7	CUP BOARD MDF	144	136	-	8
8	DISPLAY BOARD	3	-	-	3
9	DSTV DECODER	15	15	-	-
10	DSTV DISH	4	4	-	-
11	DVR	21	21	-	-
12	EXCHANGE RATE BOARD	10	10	-	-
13	FILE CABINET MDF	31	17	-	14
14	FILE CABINET STEEL 2 DOORS	47	18	1	28
15	FILE CABINET STEEL RIGID 4DRAWER	11	4	-	7
16	FILE CABINET WOODEN	46	8	-	38
17	FIRE EXTINGUISHER	45	45	-	-
18	MEM MACHINE	13	13	-	-
19	MICROWAVE	52	30	-	22
20	NOTE COUNTING MACHINE	16	13	3	-
21	NOTE TITENING MACHINE	69	68	1	-
22	OFFICE CHAIR	435	209	7	219
23	OFFICE TABLE MDF	506	192	-	314
24	OFFICE TABLE WOODEN	382	215	-	167

S/N	ASSET DESCRIPTION	TOTAL QUANTITY	VIEWING LOCATION		
			ADA ESTATE	LUMUMBA	OLD HQ
25	PANIN MACHINE	9	9	-	-
26	PHOTOCOPY MACHINE	6	6	-	-
27	QUWING DIVIDER	6	6	-	-
28	RACK STEEL	42	16	-	26
29	REFRIGIRATOR	28	3	-	25
30	ROUND TABLE WOODEN	7	6	-	1
31	ROUND TABLE MDF	5	4	-	1
32	SAFE	13	11	1	1
33	SIDE DRAWER MDF	347	21	-	326
34	SIDE DRAWERS STEEL	66	-	-	66
35	SIDE DRAWER WOODEN	155	36	-	119
36	SOFA SET	26	26	-	-
37	STOOL TOP CUTIONED	4	4	-	-
38	TEA TRORY WOODEN	2	-	-	2
39	TELEPHONE RECEIVER	90	90	-	-
40	TELEVISION FLAT SCREEN	129	4	1	124
41	TV TABLE TOP GLAZED	6	-	-	6
42	WATER DISPENSER	5	5	-	-
43	WRITING BOARD	11	6	-	5
44	CALCULATOR	4	4	-	-
45	NVR	1	1	-	-
46	TENDER BOX WOODEN	3	1	-	2
47	BROWER MAKITA	1	1	-	-
48	UV LIGHT	2	2	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2907</b>	<b>1355</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1538</b>

S/N	ASSET DESCRIPTION	TOTAL QUANTITY	VIEWING LOCATION		
			ADA ESTATE	LUMUMBA	OLD HQ
49	CCTV MONITOR	1	-	1	-
50	CHEQUE SCANNER	7	-	7	-
51	CISCO SYSTEM	128	97	31	-
52	COMPUTER MONITOR	386	101	285	-
53	COMPUTER CPU	380	50	330	-
54	COMPUTER MONITOR ALL IN ONE	18	-	18	-
55	COMPUTER MONITOR CRT	4	-	4	-
56	COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR	3	3	0	-
57	DECODER	3	-	3	-
58	DLINK	51	3	48	-
59	DVR	4	-	4	-
60	FAX MACHINE	35	17	2	16
61	GENERATOR	2	2	0	-
62	HOLOGRAM	7	6	1	-
63	IDIRECT	59	8	51	-
64	INVERTER	39	24	15	-
65	LAPTOP	143	-	143	-
66	PANINI MACHINE	4	-	4	-
67	PERFORATOR NUMA	1	1	0	-
68	POWER STABILIZER	6	4	2	-
69	PRINTER EPSON	136	90	43	3
70	PRINTER CANON	21	9	7	5
71	PRINTER LASERJET	52	32	6	14
72	SCANJET	20	6	0	14
73	SCANNER	7	3	2	2
74	SHREDDER EBA	6	-	-	6
75	SERVER	23	7	16	-
76	SERVER RACK	10	10	0	-
77	STAMP MACHINE	12	1	11	-
78	SWITCH BOSCH	1	-	1	-
79	VIDEO CONFERENCE TOOL	4	-	4	-
80	VOICE RECORDING MACHINE	4	-	-	4
81	XORCOM ROUTER	7	7	0	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1584</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>1091</b>	<b>64</b>

The Bank intends to sell the assets to interested buyers. The sale will be conducted in line with the Bank's Procurement Policy. The selection will be based on the highest evaluated bidder & other conditions prescribed below;

1. Visit/ viewing can be done on weekdays during normal working hours (0900 AM to 1500 PM) from **October 27th, 2022 to November 09th, 2022**. The Bank will not be liable of any after sale cost.

2. As one of the condition for purchasing the **plot No.8 Block 'D' Mkuu Rombo Area located at Rombo district**, the purchaser is required to construct a branch as per the specifications provided by the bank. The standard specifications, standard design, and work separation requirements are available on the bank website. The bank will later rent the premises for the period of ten (10) years based on tenure as well as agreed terms and conditions to be signed by both parties. The interested buyer shall include the prospective monthly rent for branch.

3. All bids and quotations must be submitted in electronic form. Bids should be sent to tenders@crdbbank.co.tz in PDF format ONLY. The tender must be addressed to the secretary of the Management Tender Committee, CRDB Head Office, Plot No. 25 & 26 Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road and Plot No. 21 Barack Obama Drive, P.O. Box 268, Dar es Salaam. For further information, please contact the office of the secretary of the CRDB Bank PLC Tender Management Committee, which is located on the 6th floor of the CRDB Head Office, along Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, and is open from 08:00 to 16:00 Monday through Friday, excluding public holidays.

4. The deadline for submission of the proposals will be before 1500 hours local time on **November 9th, 2022**. All bids/quotations will be opened in public on the same date from 1500 hours, online presence of buyers is allowed via the link available on the bank's website.

5. Late bids/tenders, portion of bids/tenders, Tenders not submitted, not opened and not read out in public at the Tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

6. Opening of the submitted bids/quotes will be done online via a link to be found on the Bank website. The opening date is scheduled on **November 10th, 2022, at 1500 hrs.**

7. The successful bidder must pay a deposit of 100% not later than five (5) working days after being awarded. In the event of failure to do so, the award will be cancelled and given to the following bidder.

8. The purchaser will be liable for all taxes relating to this purchase.

9. The purchased assets must be removed from Bank premises within 5 days after payment, failure to collect will trigger a storage fee of Tshs 10,000/= per day which will be charged for storage after the expiry of the five working days. The Bank will not be liable of any damage & after sale cost. If the purchased items are not collected within the next 10 working days, they shall be forfeited to the bank without refund of the amount paid. (category 2 and 3 only).



## SAUT, NGO team up in running of generation empower programme

By Guardian Reporter, Mwanza

SAINT Augustine University of Tanzania and Empower Limited have announced an official partnership aligned with the Tanzania economic transformation agenda and investment in human development.

The partnership is a continuation of Empower's efforts to enhance synergy between academic institutions and the corporate world, through effective coordination and implementation of a 21st Century Skills Development Programme for youth across the country and particularly university students over the next 5 years called Generation Empower (GenEm).

Empower is a dynamic youth-led organisation, that wholeheartedly believes in the power of young people in shaping our future when supported with the right opportunities. Empower believes young leaders can deliver impactful and transformative ideas that bring new ways of thinking and an energetic approach to problem-solving. For more than 13 years Empower has been standing as a link between youth and the corporate world in Tanzania. Driven by its passion to unite, excite and nurture people for collective growth Empower has implemented numerous engagement activities to upskill, change mindsets, and inspire a growth mindset amongst youth in Tanzania.

Generation Empower (GenEm) is a movement founded by Empower with a passion and drive to make an impact in young people's lives. It was launched in September 2020 in partnership with the University of Dar es Salaam by the Chancellor and former President Jakaya Kikwete.

The vision of the programme is to be an aggregator for youth in Tanzania by bringing together both public and private sector players with a shared vision to inspire youth for collective growth. The mission of the programme is to transform mindsets across the country and prepare young people for a competitive future and create a generation of problem solvers.

The Generation Empower movement directly addresses the challenges faced by thousands of unemployed Tanzanian graduates by providing an opportunity to increase their employability & boost entrepreneurial skills, whilst simultaneously providing companies with the opportunity

to engage, influence, and hire 'work-ready' youth who are going to be impactful future leaders.

GenEm is being facilitated by Empowers Youth Department in collaboration with the university. While Empower is the main sponsor of the programme so far, the programme is also being supported by contributions made by different corporate partners. Generation Empower cohort 3 partners including Zululands Engineering Works, Yellow Card, Green Resources, and Kilombero Valley Teak Company. Their contribution has enabled the programme to expand and have a wider reach.

The Empower Director Joshua Naiman said the programme had its first cohort in 2020 with 250 students from the University of Dar es Salaam who successfully went through a year of training to acquire 21st Century skills and industry exposure through engagement with different programme stakeholders. The following cohort took 500 students and together for two years the programme has a total of 750 GenEm alumni and engaged 5000+ youth through different engagement activities. Throughout the programme, students are supported with finding the right jobs as well as entrepreneurship support such as access to funding opportunities, mentorship, and coaching.

"Through this partnership with St. Augustine University of Tanzania, we will be hosting the third cohort and target to have 2000+ students across the university and 500+ final-year students from varying disciplines; allowing for a diverse and inclusive strategy for sustainable skills development. GenEm Cohort 3 is a result of efforts to scale up Generation Empower to maximize the impact and widen the reach of the programme. It is going to be a hybrid nationwide mindset transformation programme that will bring together youth from different universities across the country to learn and engage with each other and industry experts from the corporate world," said Naiman.

SAUT Vice Chancellor Prof Costa-Rica Mahalu thanked Empower institution for designing the programme that aims to build self-employment and employability for graduates of various colleges in the country. "Your programme will help many graduates to gain knowledge of the fields they studied to enable them to compete in the labour market".



St Augustine University of Tanzania vice chancellor Prof Costa Mahalu (R) pictured in Mwanza city yesterday receiving from Generation Empower director Joshua Naiman documents on a contract under which the company will support a practical training programme meant to build the capacity of an annual 5,000 students at the university. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Govt officials attending two-week knowledge co-creation programme

By Correspondent James Kandoya

A total of 15 high-ranking government officers are attending a two-week Knowledge Co-Creation Programme (KCCP) strengthening Decentralization by Devolution (D by D) implementation in regional secretariats and local government authorities.

The programme called OSAKA Training is aimed at adopting a suitable approach for local economic vitalisation.

Under the support of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the delegates included four Permanent Secretaries and one Deputy Permanent Secretary from different ministries, two-regional administrative secretaries, six commissioners, and directors from various ministries and local government authorities left for Japan on the 16th October 2022.

The Permanent Secretary of the President's Office, Regional Administration

and Local Government Prof Riziki Shemdoe said they have planned to learn the One-Village-One-Product (OVOP) approach and consider applying it to the district level in Tanzania.

It is an approach to developing regional potential in one region to produce a unique global class product that is unique to the region by utilizing local resources.

"We are high ranking government officers from different ministries and local government authorities. Our goal is to learn from Japan and later share the approach with our fellow officers and consider applying the concept in our districts," he noted.

He said while in Japan, they will share knowledge and experiences with Japanese experts on local government reforms in Tanzania and pay visits to successful Japanese villages with the One-Village-One-Product (OVOP) movement.

The programme will introduce how villagers can use the concept of self-

help to add value to what is available in the community, as well as the local government structures needed to make it a reality.

JICA Senior Advisor in governance and local administration who is the training course leader Shimoda Michiyuki said the OVOP movement has surely changed many Japanese villages from poor to a rich status. "Through the course, Tanzanian officers will get training from two Japanese prominent lecturers on decentralization and local government administration and later visit the lively example villages applying the OVOP movement," he said.

In essence, the decentralization process according to him was not at all easy to reform, however, beneficial towards Japanese industrial development.

Chief Representative of JICA Tanzania Office Yamamura Naofumi said; "We are truly grateful to the government of Tanzania for its efforts and strong interest to have this programme. It is our hope that the knowledge they are going to attain will provide Tanzania with adequate tools for implementing decentralisation and local administration policies."

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER THE CONVERGED LICENSING FRAMEWORK

**NOTICE** is hereby given to the public that the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority has received application for Licence under the Converged Licensing Framework from the following applicant: -

S/N	NAME OF APPLICANT	TYPE OF LICENCE	SHAREHOLDERS / NATIONALITY	SHARES %
1.	Songwe Media Company Limited	National Content Services (Commercial Broadcasting-Free to Air Television)	1. Japhet Ngailonga Hasunga - Tanzanian 2. Milton Mailos Lupa - Tanzanian	50 50

Pursuant to Section 8 Of Electronic and Postal Communications Act, Cap 306 Of The Laws of Tanzania, written comments are hereby invited from any interested person in respect of the grant of licences to the applicants to reach the Authority, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Such comments will be taken into consideration when the Authority considers the applications.

Comments should be addressed to:

**Director General**  
Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority  
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14414 DAR ES SALAAM  
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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

New Customs Agency Licenses for Year 2023

Notice of Extension of Time to Submit Applications

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that, Commissioner for Customs and Excise has extended the time for submission of applications for new Customs Agency Licenses for year 2023. The application window will be open from 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022 to 07<sup>th</sup> November, 2022.

All applicants who wishes to apply for new Customs Agent's Licenses are advised to take advantage of the extended period to submit their applications.

"Together We Build Our Nation"

Said Athumani  
Commissioner for Customs and Excise





NBC Bank managing director Theobald Sabi (3rd-R) and other senior officials in celebratory mood moments after yesterday's launch in Dar es Salaam of the bank's NBC Twiga Bond - meant to raise 30 billion/- . Proceeds from the initiative will be used to extend affordable financing for SMMEs and agricultural sector players across Tanzania. Right is Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange representative Brighton Kinemo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## GCLA, UNITAR conduct training to increase awareness on Globally Harmonised System

By Correspondent James Kandoya

GOVERNMENT Chemist Laboratory Authority (GCLA) in collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) have conducted training to increase awareness and understanding of the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) for classifying and labeling chemicals.

Speaking at the closing of a two-day workshop held in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, the Chief Government Chemist, Dr Fidelice Mafumiko said that the number of people suffering from chemical exposure across the globe is still increasing and immediate action is needed.

He said the initiative is aimed at enabling local professionals to classify and identify the effects of chemicals on health and the environment as per globally agreed formulas and take precautionary measures.

Dr Mafumiko said the training involved local professionals- from the public and private sectors to classify and identify the effects of chemicals as per global agreement and take precautionary measures.

Furthermore, we will enhance the identification of chemicals in Tanzania, hence enabling users and those who handle them to take precautions.

Facilitating access to accurate chemical information relating to the effects of hazardous chemicals, including effective supervision of laws and safe use of chemicals for the protection of the environment and human health.

Dr Mafumiko said that the 2012 report, showed that there were approximately 1.3 million deaths globally resulting from chemical exposures, but in 2016 the deaths reached 1.6 million while in 2019 report the deaths reached 2 million.

He said according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) reports, the effects of chemicals have been increasing yearly. The chemicals that endanger human life are widely spreading with deaths also increasing.

"My office (GCLA) has teamed up with UNITAR to conduct training to spread awareness and understanding of the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) for classifying and labeling chemicals to increase the effective use of

chemicals," he said.

Dr Mafumiko said the training involved local professionals from the public and private sectors to discuss and have a wide knowledge of how to avoid the effects of the use of chemicals.

These were from the Tanzania Bureau of statistics (TBS), National Environmental Management Council (NEMC), AGENDA, Confederation of Tanzania Industry (CTI) and representatives from the vice president's office to mention a few.

The WHO reports further revealed that the effects of chemicals have been increasing yearly. The chemicals that endanger human life are widely spreading with deaths also increasing.

Accidents or incorrect use of household chemical products may cause immediate health effects, such as skin or eye irritation or burns, or poisoning. There can also be longer-term health effects from chemicals.

The average person is exposed to more than 700,000 toxic chemicals a day. From perfumes to cleaning products, from cosmetic products to plastic water bottles, much of



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Updating of the ILO Country Office Dar es salaam Inventory Records

#### INTRODUCTION:

Asset management is the process of making best use of an organisation's properties in order to maximise shareholder value and to provide the best possible returns to other stakeholders in the organisation. All organisations have a range of assets. These include highly fixed assets, such as buildings and plant equipment, vehicles, furniture and fittings. It is important for a business to manage its assets and make them work to obtain the best possible returns. Ineffective asset management leads to wasted resources. It is in this regards, ILO Country Office Dar es salaam would like to update its Asset Register database (INI) and Asset trucking sheet to enable the office to monitor the acquisition and disposal of several pounds worth of its Office and Development Cooperation projects properties.

Project managers are responsible for taking due care of all Furniture and Equipment allocated to their project. They are expected to maintain physical inventory records, to conduct an annual physical count, to report the outcomes of that count, provide an associated statement of value of the Furniture and Equipment items concerned and to ensure that such items are eventually disposed of using the appropriate internal procedure. However, due to limitations of staff to access the building due to COVID pandemic, that could make the physical asset counts difficult or impossible. It is in this regards that technical expertise has been requested to support in updating of the existing Inventory Management system (INI) as required by the financial rules to provide updated information on the existing inventory, status and values for financial reporting purposes for 2022 Financial Year.

#### The purpose of assignment is as follows:

- To facilitate the physical control and security of these assets.
- To provide information and values for insurance and financial accounting purposes.
- To provide information on the existing inventory and current values for end of year financial reporting purposes.
- To facilitate 2022 Annual physical count report and provision of detailed statistical information e.g., Numbers, current location, etc.

#### The criteria for inclusion in the Asset Register database (INI) are as follows:

- All Land and Buildings are added to the Premises Register.
- All Vehicles financed by Regular budget.
- Equipment financed by Regular budget with a purchase price (exclusive of VAT) of \$ 5,000 or more but may include items costing less where they are considered to be attractive and portable.
- Furniture and all moveable furniture financed by regular budget, with keys and locks

Due to the confidentiality of the financial information, the expert will work closely with the ILO Administration team, and they will not allow to take out of premises any task or information provided to them to implement their tasks. The office will provide equipment facilities and space to work on.

#### TASK TO BE PERFORMED

- To clear the old library space by sorting and packing all old publications, files, and papers in a library.
- Remove sorted publications, files, and papers and to the achieve room in a sequential manner.
- Physical counting of all the Inventory in ILO Country Office, Dar es salaam.
- Updating the existing Inventory listings as per the ILO Asset Management tracking sheet clearly indicating their status and the officer assigned.
- Ensure that all assets are assigned the ILO unique inventory tag number including the new assets.
- Updating and entering all project properties details into Asset Management tracking sheets regardless of purchasing price (See Annex A)
- Provide fair value (estimate value) of trackable assets without purchase values.
- Provide separate list of assets per location (Office) clearly indicating items that are in use / not in use and their current physical status.
- Remove assets in a sequency manner, especially those that are obsolete or not in use to the cleared location (Library).
- Assign and attach on the door Asset card to each office signed by the individual on that location

#### OUTPUT

- Physical Inventory Report as at 31/11/2022
- List of Inventory per office
- Final report outlining findings and recommendations

#### TIME FRAME:

This work will take place within one month from **01 November – 30 November 2022**

#### REMUNERATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

The Consultant will be paid an all-inclusive amount on completion of the work to the satisfaction of the ILO.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

The consultant should have a working experience in accounting and related career of at least two years. Knowledge on IPSAS Requirement as well as a previous experience in reviewing asset records and transactions of International Organizations, including UN Agencies and ILO, is an added advantage.

Proposal should be sent to [darprocurement@ilo.org](mailto:darprocurement@ilo.org) by latest **3rd November 2022**.

The below Link refers to the same TOR on the ILO website.

[https://www.ilo.org/africa/about-us/offices/dar-es-salaam/WCMS\\_345413/lang-en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/africa/about-us/offices/dar-es-salaam/WCMS_345413/lang-en/index.htm)

## GUDELE HOSPITAL, JUBA

by Afia Medical Group

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Gudele Hospital** is a brand new ultra-modern **64** bed hospital in Juba, South Sudan. Our mission is to provide world-class care with a strong emphasis on being an integral part of the surrounding community. We are searching for best-in-class team players who demonstrate outstanding professionalism, compassion and integrity.

<b>Administrator</b>	CEO	<b>Nurses</b>	OPD
	Admin assistant		Maternity (Labour & Delivery)
	Head of Finance		Gynaecology
	Head of Nursing		Paediatrics
	Head of Engineering & Facility		Surgical
	Human Resource Practitioners		Medical
			Nursing Assistants
<b>Doctors</b>	Consultant Doctors	<b>Laboratory</b>	Lab Manager & Technologist
	Resident Medical Officer	<b>Radiology</b>	Manager & Radiographer
	Resident Pathologist	<b>Pharmacy</b>	Pharmacist & Technologists
	Resident Radiologist	<b>House Keeping</b>	
	Dentists	<b>Security</b>	
		<b>Catering</b>	
<b>Nurses</b>	Admin	<b>Finance Department</b>	Various Positions
	Emergency Department	<b>Engineering</b>	
	Theatre	<b>ICT</b>	
	ICU	<b>Medical Records</b>	
	Radiology		

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## UHI Bill: State can work on LHRC observations before second reading

LEGAL and political stakeholders are filing observations and recommendations to parliamentary committees, ahead of the second reading of the Universal Health Insurance Bill which is likely to be presented for its second reading during the current session of the legislature. Proposals on what it should contain, for instance in relation to raising the funds involved, have come from various quarters, including one from a religious research and policy outfit. A political and a secular NGO are other notable contributors so far; the debate hasn't been deeply engaged.

The latest significant contributor was the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) whose contribution focused not on the sources of funding or the rates thereof, but on the way, the bill is legally construed, and how its implementation may raise problems rather than solving them in the design. The LHRC director pointed at a number of loose ends so to speak, which if enacted into law become issues of the discretionary provisions of the responsible minister. Eventually, the minister delegates powers to regulatory agencies via specified regulations, and the rest is done by the police, if anyone is in breach of those specifications, now an offence.

While some of us still believe that the issue of funding and how it is structured remains the key issue, it is undeniable that issues of procedure of how the funds are collected and whether this is free or it isn't going to be a free transaction. Another aspect is that the body of the law or bill provisions leaves plenty of the key issues to regulations that will be drawn up by the minister. The NGO insists that these issues be brought into the mainframe of the bill itself,

not left to the regulations.

One highlighted area is Section 20(1) which makes it necessary for an employer to submit the name of an employee to the health insurance scheme within 30 days of signing the contract of employment. That means such employers will have positioned health security contributions right away, and it is easy to see that this will imperil plenty of jobs.

Earlier there was a training levy for technical skills programmes for youths, at 1.5 per cent of gross incomes for companies, and it became a bone of contention for decades. Adding a health insurance component at rates to be determined by the minister in post-legislation regulations won't work.

Another area of LHRC concerns was to suggest a sub-section (30) explaining how and on the basis of what strategies the government will convince itself that every Tanzanian has health insurance coverage without using force. The matter ought to be clarified earlier so that the law has a chance to succeed, instead of touching off endless complaints and dislocations. In that case, the NGO floated the idea that regulations to be drawn up by the minister should be reviewed by the parliamentary committee before being gazetted, to remove the chance of complaints arising whenever the legislature enacts certain laws. Often the principal legislation appears to be less severe than the regulations thereof, throwing whole sectors into chaos, or disarray.

When Section 22(2) recommends that all people without ability will have the right to have health insurance, what is the criterion for legal disability? Can this just be left to the minister to sort out in regulation? Isn't that an essential part of the bill?

## Census results show the potential and threats of the fast growing population

TANZANIA'S population is well above the 61m people mark and is fast approaching the 62m population mark, with preliminary results of the National Population and Housing Census conducted from August 23 to 29. The proper figure for the counting week was 61.74m people, with slightly over 250,000 new births for the country clocks 62m people, and that is the figure actually applicable at least from early next year. And growth will be up to two million people yearly.

It means that at the start of the year, the Mainland will definitely have registered the 200,000 babies it needs to move from 59.8m people to 60m people properly speaking, while Zanzibar will need a while longer to finish up the 120,000 babies it needs to fill up from 1.88m inhabitants to the more pleasant figure of 2m people. But the presentation by President Samia Suluhu Hassan wasn't just wondering and marvel at the fast growth of the country's population, but a measure of trepidation as well, even if her voice did not quiver, or visibly shake. There was a measure of calibrated comfort and dire warnings to the public as to what all this really implies.

While the president repeated a few of those implications at the unveiling of the census results, she was more emphatic at a ceremony when visiting Kagera Region in a recent tour of the region. Reacting to a blissful remark that high birth rates were not a problem, the president relived her youthful days as an NGO activist, telling the audience that she was told that a newly opened health centre was

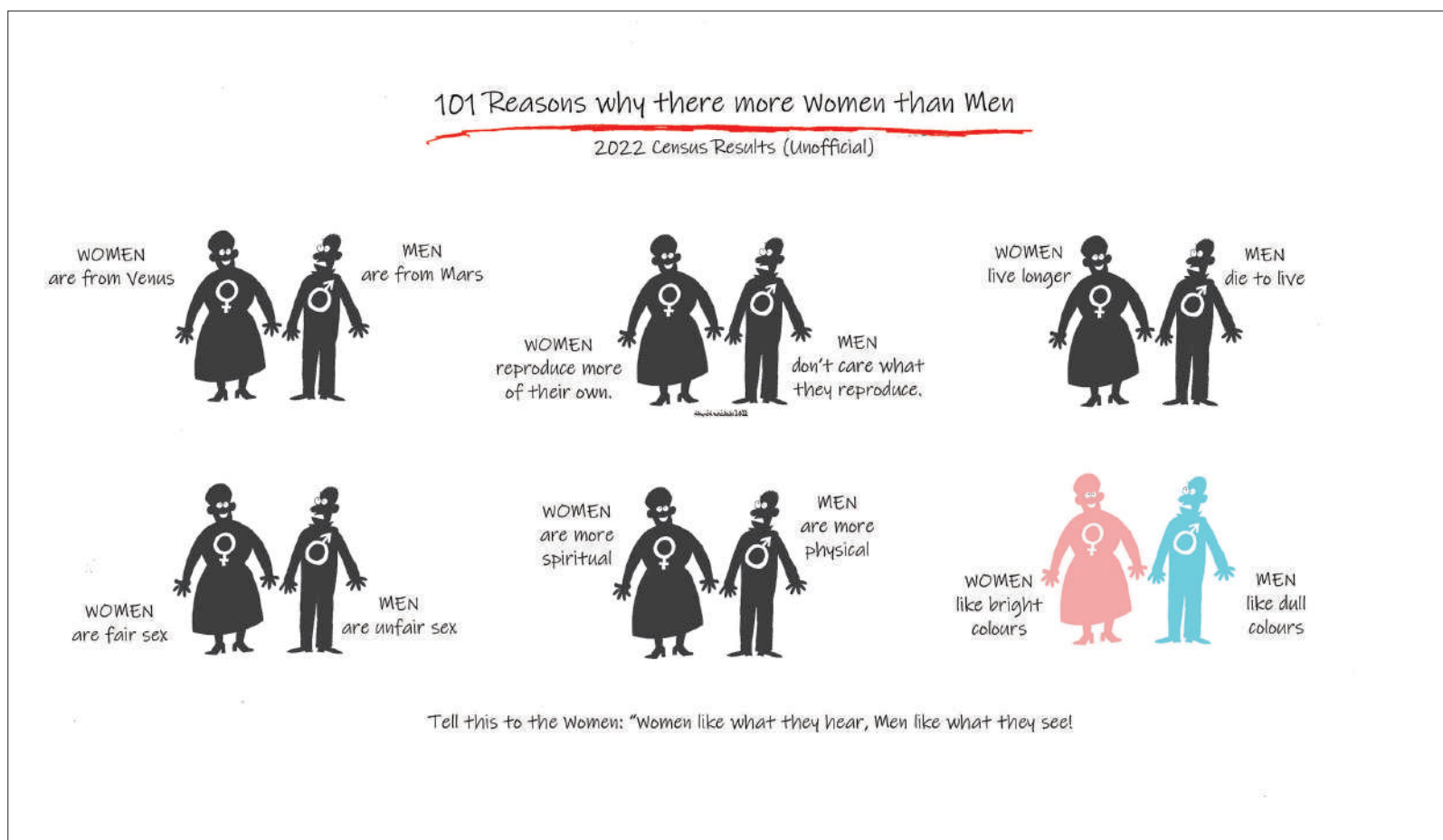
aiding upwards of ten thousand expectant mothers to deliver, each month. It is more than 100,000 children at a ward health centre yearly, a social services time bomb.

Just at a glance, it is hard to say, if not impossible, that each district, let alone each ward, adds 100,000 decent jobs each year, and prior to that, whether school places and health facilities will be there as well. Right now, the government has huge problems decongesting classes where up to 300 pupils sit in a class, and we add 100,000 up and coming pupils per ward, each year. Some experts will say that those who see a large population as a big opportunity live in a Fool's Paradise.

Yet there is no doubt that as we live in a social and political democracy, the far flung idea of copying the Chinese model of one child per family enforced by law is unimaginable and no one has ever suggested it.

Having two child families is more applicable but it results from rising incomes where couples have children to cement their own bondage with one another, not investing for social security in future. We thus need to be as European in policies as we can, so that we raise our average incomes fast, freeing women from the burden of repeated pregnancies on account of being confined within traditional unions and behaviour.

Extending birth control pills and freer abortions, known as reproductive rights, isn't the answer but when women can make conscious choices arising out of economic empowerment. The rest, a matter of trying to police clinics, and debate with clerics; of it is useless.



## Delivering an African agenda at African COP

By Jean-Paul Adam

COP is a conference of the parties and the supreme governing body of an international convention. It is composed of representatives of the member states of the convention and accredited observers

We need 'agenda-setting' finance for national climate pledges, a just energy transition, and to de-risk climate-linked private sector investment

We are all hoping that Africa's COP can be a pivotal moment in bringing certainty on climate action. But can the climate emergency truly be given the attention it merits in Sharm-el-Sheikh? More than ever, we are in an era of turbulence.

Are we at risk in focusing on smoothing things over as quickly as possible, rather than fundamentally addressing the slow burning climate emergency?

This COP is being held in an environment characterised by geopolitical tensions, and advanced economies are likely to focus efforts to secure energy and food supply chains and controlling ballooning inflation. Measures to combat inflation mean that the flow of finance to the world's most vulnerable is likely to be further curtailed.

Africa needs COP27 to deliver on 'agenda setting' finance - resources that are specifically tailored to deal with the urgent needs of the most vulnerable.

This is particularly critical, because in the African context, the achievement of climate goals are inextricably linked to development outcomes.

If we are to break down what is needed on finance, perhaps the first priority will be to focus on more clarity on the specific types of finance needed.

While the \$100 billion promise, which has not been realised, included all forms of finance, it may prove more productive to have clear goals on the amounts of grant finance needed, the amounts of concessional loans required and complemented by the opportunity in terms of investment from the private sector.

In terms of private sector investment, we must recognise that the current environment is characterised by capital flight from markets perceived as being riskier to established havens.

Africa already had the least private sector-driven climate finance than any other region at only 14 per cent of flows, according to the Climate Policy Initiative 2022. South Asia has the second least private finance able to mobilise almost two and half times more private finance than Africa.

The current environment is even less conducive to private sector investment, and this is why the sector needs to be supported and

accompanied.

At the recent pre-COP27 meeting convened by the Egyptian presidency in Cairo, the need for predictable and affordable green finance mechanisms was underlined, with emphasis on the need for deployment of blended finance to allow this to happen at scale.

The Pre-COP meeting, as well as the recent IMF-World Bank meetings also underlined the importance of debt sustainability to allow countries to invest in climate resilience.

African countries face a looming debt crisis as they are scheduled to repay \$64 billion in debt repayments in 2022, a sum which is twice the amount available as bilateral aid, according to The One Campaign-Data Dive: An urgent plan to avert the debt crisis.

Debt for climate investment refinancing could provide an additional mechanism to help better manage existing debt and create fiscal space for investment in climate action, as recently recognised in an IMF paper (2022) 'Debt-for-Climate Swaps: Analysis, Design, and Implementation'. Looking ahead at COP27, we should encourage countries to proactively seek to refinance existing expensive debt, and potentially with the support of blended finance resources, reinvest in priority areas of climate action.

The recent debt refinancing by Barbados provides an interesting example of such opportunities, with possibilities to undertake similar deals in Africa.

At COP27, we hope an agreement can be reached to link debt issuances to Key Performance Indicators aligned with climate goals - for example African countries' nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

It is also hoped that climate disaster standstill clauses can become the norm - whereby a climate related shock can allow countries to pause repayments while addressing the impact of disaster.

One of the challenges in delivering real investment into climate action in Africa is the availability of an appropriate project pipeline. This issue is sometimes overstated - there are significant projects across the continent which are already mature in terms of preparation. But it is a reality that funding that is available from global funds such as the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero, often does not automatically flow towards the most vulnerable countries, because the experience of these funds does not exactly correspond with the opportunity available across the continent.

The UN Economic Commission on Africa (UNECA), UN Climate Champions and the COP27 presidency have recognised the importance of working through specific project ideas to help channel resources into

the most transformative projects. Many of these projects are ideally placed for private sector investors, while several also are not classically attractive to such investment. But the focus of the initiative has been to unlock additional resources for truly transformative projects.

These projects in many cases are also truly regional in nature covering multiple countries and leveraging the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). To cite two examples:

- Regenerate 30: A farmer and agri-business initiative to mobilise \$500 million in regenerative agriculture and sustainable value chains. Each action is built on locally owned climate resilient solutions from production to processing of agricultural products.

- Africa's Great Blue Wall: an initiative aiming to develop marine protected areas in Africa's oceanic spaces and connecting these protected areas to sustainable economic opportunities around increased value addition of fisheries and eco-tourism. In particular, the initiative seeks to raise resources through a regional blue bond which will facilitate the provision of affordable finance to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in this space.

Continued efforts to ensure there is a viable pipeline of projects available for investment will be an important component of truly delivering on implementation.

African negotiators have consistently pointed to the fact that Africa's low relative emissions, and the low access to electricity in African countries means that Africa requires more flexibility in implementing transitions towards net zero as agreed at COP26.

The African Union has recently defined a common African position on the just energy transition, which re-affirms that achieving accessibility goals in line with SDG7 and the objectives of Agenda 2063 will mean that many African countries will need latitude to make use of their fossil fuel resources.

The common position provides for the gradual phasing out of coal and oil but recognises that gas will play an important role in the transition as part of addressing base load generation needs and hence allowing more intermittent renewables to be added to the energy mix. There is also the recognition of the role of gas in delivering clean cooking solutions to the almost 900 million Africans who currently do not have access to such options.

Many partners have expressed concern that the use of gas, and in particular the development of new gas fields, will render the 1.5 degrees maximum warming target unachievable.

African countries have remained

committed to the net zero commitment of Glasgow, and the common position should not be interpreted as deviating from this goal. African countries have rather sought to define the pathway that is the most credible based on existing resources.

In almost all scenarios, renewables, in particular solar and wind, represent the most cost-effective option. But to unlock this opportunity, base generation capacity has to be significantly reinforced and large scale investment into renewables needs to be front loaded. Many African countries have underlined that the promised investment through NDCs has not materialised.

Hence the critical role that Just Energy Transition Platforms are likely to play in the context of a successful COP27 outcome.

Perhaps most importantly, the concept of a transition should be viewed through the lens of economic transformation. Hence Just Energy Transition Platforms should focus on access to energy, and the scale of energy investment required for the diversification of the economy and for the establishment of resilient and sustainable value addition.

Based on least cost scenarios, for the vast majority of countries, assuming the appropriate investment is possible, the benefit of accessible and affordable energy will be achieved through renewable means.

Loss and damage The scale of climate change impact on the daily lives of African citizens is rising. African countries are already spending between 2 and 9 percent of their budgets in unplanned allocations to respond to extreme weather events, according to estimates by UNECA's African Climate Policy Centre.

Global frameworks to respond with the speed required are coming up short. And the combined impact of COVID-19, the food and energy crisis associated with the war in Ukraine and climate related disasters means that African countries have limited fiscal space to respond.

African negotiators have continued to emphasise the urgency of delivering a financial mechanism to deal with loss and damage which is additional to existing flows of climate finance. In the majority, developed country partners have resisted making commitments to this end.

Notable exceptions were the symbolic gesture by the Scottish Government at Glasgow on the occasion of COP26, and most recently the announcement by Denmark of \$13 billion for loss and damage.

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**H**EALTHY soils produce healthy crops that in turn nourish people and animals. Indeed, soil quality is directly linked to food quality and quantity. Soils supply the essential nutrients, water, oxygen and root support that our food-producing plants need to grow and flourish.

Various studies estimate that 33 per cent of the earth's soils are already degraded, noting that at the current rate of soil degradation, the world could run out of topsoil in about 60 years.

Save Soil is a global movement launched by Sadhguru, as Jagadish Vasudev is commonly known. This is Indian yoga guru, author and founder of the Isha Foundation which operates an ashram and yoga center. This foundation is involved in various activities in spirituality, education and the environment most recently as it launched the Conscious Planet initiative to save the earth's soil.

Save Soil is a global movement launched by Sadhguru to address the soil crisis by bringing together people from around the world to stand up for soil health, and support leaders of all nations to institute national policies and actions towards increasing the organic content in cultivable soil.

Sadhguru says that because we are removing organic content from the soil, 40 per cent of the world's topsoil is gone. He says we still have 15 to 25 years to turn things around; otherwise we will soon be living in the desert.

He took part in a brief questions and answers with London School of Economics and Political Science's Business Review Managing Editor Helena Vieira during the World Economic Forum's Great Narrative Meeting in Dubai. In the meetings he kept repeating one word: soil .soil .soil.

He said humanity is facing many issues but soil is an issue that we must attend now, or we will regret it as a generation.

"Every scientific study is clearly pointing out that we have enough soil only for 60 years maximum. In another 30 years' time, there is going to be a serious food crisis," he said.

At the same time, he argues that our population will be over 9 billion, adding that responsible scientists are pointing to this scenario, maintain that this is not new in the history of the world.

"The Mayans, the Mesopotamians, and the Romans did the same thing: they over-farmed their lands and their civilizations collapsed. Today, this is not limited to one geographic location, it's happening across the world."

He said as humanity, we are turning living soil into a dead thing. Soil is a living entity and 87 per cent of life on this planet is lived within the first 12 inches of soil, which is dying at an unimaginable rate, to a point where 80 per cent of the insect biomass is already gone.

"That happened in the last 30 years. And they 9scientists are saying that by the end of the century, more than 50 per cent of the bio-organisms or micro -organisms will be extinct. When that happens, you cannot revive the soil. So, if we act now, in the next 15 to 25 years, we can turn this around. If we act after 50

# For soil to save us from food crisis, we have to save it from degradation



years, it will take 200 to 500 years to turn this around. To pull back one inch of topsoil normally takes 500 years, he remarked.

He said the most important thing is that soil needs organic content and only way to put organic content in the soil is through green litter from the trees and other vegetation, and animal waste. But according to him, animals have gone out of the farm. Machines replaced them a long time ago. Trees have also been removed from the farm. The world has gone into monoculture where people think soil is an endless resource and people can go on harvesting crop after crop.

"It is not going to work like that. We have to put back some organic content," he maintained.

"I am not trying to say you should do organic or any other type of farming. Do whatever kind of farming you choose. The important thing is that a minimum of 3 to 6 per cent organic content has to be there if we want to leave living soil for the coming generations. Otherwise, we will be living on sand. Desertification is one of the most important concerns on our planet. If we don't attend to our soil problem, we will be all left with deserts."

Sadhguru embarked on a 100 -day motorbike journey from London to India to raise awareness of one of nature's most undervalued resources. He has already set off his journey 30,000km (18,600-miles) trip through Europe and the Middle East in an effort to 'save soil' where he meets celebrities, environmentalists and influencers in dozens of countries along the way.

"I'm not a scientist, I'm not an environmentalist. I belong to the land, not to the lab, but I know there's a soil crisis so I'm talking to as many heads of state, politicians, leaders, top scientists and influencers," he said.

The 64-year-old motorbike enthusiast counts English environmental activist Jane Goodall, Deepak Chopra who is an Indian-American expert in mind-body healing, Colombian singer-songwriter Maluma, England rugby player Jonny Wilkinson and German footballer Michael Ballack as people he met at public events in cities including Amsterdam, Berlin, Geneva and Tel Aviv.

In the run up to the trip, he has been touring radio and TV studios, including The Daily Show in the US with Trevor Noah and Chris Evans' breakfast radio show.

So far, 14 countries, including Barbados, Guyana and Dominica, have signed a memorandum of understanding to collaborate with him to secure soil health globally. Sadhguru hopes that more of the UN's 193 member states will come on board as he bikes through the world.

Soil can be enriched by introducing cover crops and more vegetation or adding plant litter and animal waste. Increasing organic matter improves soil structure, aids water retention, reduces erosion and boosts biodiversity.

A teaspoon of healthy soil contains more microbes than there are people

on the planet. Healthier soil provides more nutritious food and more climate resilient landscapes that are better able to cope with extreme weather events such as floods.

"We cannot address climate change without addressing soil health," says Sadhguru. "Without citizens making a big statement, no government is going to make long-term investments. We want the whole world to talk about soil."

So, let's think about this serious global issue which affects each of us. We must contribute from our part so that we can give future generations a tension-free happy life.

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# Protecting and keeping children in school is our collective responsibility

By Correspondent Daniel Sembeya

**V**IOLENCE against children within and outside schools has been identified as a major contributing factor to drop-outs and eventually such children end getting involved in harmful activities that affect them, families and the entire nation.

It is obvious that the government cannot be everywhere every minute of the day to ensure rights of the children are protected and that is why each of us should play a part in this.

Speaking with this paper in an interview during the recent civil society organisations' week in Arusha, Save the Children Tanzania's child rights governance specialist Wilbert Mchunguzi said that taking care of the interest of children is investing in the future of the nation.

In order to address this issue which erodes strong foundation that children need for leading healthy and productive life, the organization has teamed up with the government to establish children's councils and protection desks at Levulosi Primary School and Themti Secondary School both in Arusha Region.

"We focus on four key aspects namely education, protection, health and nutrition and participation. We also look at the rights of children in emergency realities like the refugees," he said.

Mchunguzi said that during the CSOs' week in Arusha, Save the

Children did an outreach session that targeted the two schools to promote child participation in promotion of their rights especially rights to protection.

This is important because children are subject to different forms of violence from adults and in some case from children themselves. Efforts to ensure children are safe and secure by CSOs only complement those undertaken by the government.

"As CSOs we are secondary duty bearers because we only support government's efforts," he said.

Mchunguzi said that his organisation has been creating awareness among chil-



**Wilbert Mchunguzi, child rights governance specialist at Save the Children, speaks during the launch of children protection desks and councils in Arusha recently. Photo courtesy of Save the Children**

dren so that they understand that they have their rights, including the right to protection against violence.

According to him, they teach children to know that they have a role to play by not keeping quiet but speak out by telling someone they trust or report to authorities if they don't get help.

As part of trainings, children are encouraged to help each other and listen to each other because that way they can help each other against violence. He added that in the two schools children were taken through issues to do with child rights, protection against violence and where to report.

"We have come to understand that at least these children have a certain level of understanding about their rights but they lack confidence and a platform to

speaking," he said.

According to Mchunguzi, Children's Councils are platforms that seek to promote children's participation in local governance in Tanzania. On the other hand, they launched child protection desks which handle child protection-related queries and issues.

The councils are child-led organisations and their members are elected by children. Adults may occupy advisory positions. All children (persons below the age of 18) may become members of the councils and seats are reserved for most vulnerable children.

However, Mchunguzi suggested that in order for these councils to survive and remain sustainable, there is a need to create an environment where

children's councils can collaborate with communities and local authorities surrounding their schools. Also, the government needs to inject funds to support them so that they remain sustainable and operational.

Linus Kahendaguza, Coordinator for National Plan of Action to end Violence Against Women and Children (NPA-VAWC) in the President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, commended Save the Children for promoting child rights and child protection in the country.

He said the objective of establishing these children's protection desks and councils was to eradicate all forms of violence against children. He said the government has put in place various guidelines and policies on how to establish children's protection desks and councils which is being implemented in line with the national strategic plan of eradicating violence against children and women.

Imelda Kamugisha, National Coordinator for Child Participation and Protection in the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, and

Children said children's protection desks and councils are meant to enable the young ones defend

themselves by reporting acts of violence against them, adding that through the councils, children discuss burning issues that touch their lives.

"We call upon communities to collaborate with children to ensure all violence is eradicated," she said.

Kamugisha said that children's right to be heard is recognised by the United Nations convention on the rights of the child and the African Charter on the rights and welfare of the child.

Tanzania has ratified both instruments and the Tanzania Law of the Child Act 2009 recognises the right of children to participate in all decisions which affect them in the family at school, and in their communities.

Children, therefore, have the right to participate in how their communities are governed by local government authorities. However, realising children's right to participate is challenging given deep-seated social views that children have limited status and capacity.

Tanzania is the first country in Africa to undertake a national study on violence against children - for the first time measuring all forms of violence namely sexual, physical and emotional amongst girls and boys and giving national estimates of the prevalence of violence.

Blandina Nkini, Arusha Regional Development Officer said that collective efforts from all players are needed to eradicate violence against children. She said that violence against children continue to prevail because some community members hide criminals.

Another challenge is that sometimes people resolve acts of crime at family level without bringing the perpetrators to authorities for action.

"It is wrong to resolve issues of violence against children at home; everyone needs to play their role by reporting incidences of violence against children to authorities," she urged.

Joachim Mdongwe, Themti secondary school's headmaster said that children's protection desks and councils are crucial for addressing violence against children which are on increase.

Mdongwe promised to support children but he urged them to reveal violence committed against them within and outside their school.

According to police report on violence against children reported at police stations, there were 11,499 acts of violence in 2021. Of these statistics, Arusha Region led by 808 acts violence followed by Tanga Region with 691 acts of violence.

The CSO Week is the largest gathering of civil society organizations in Tanzania. It offers an opportunity to engage with multi-sectoral actors for purposes of enhancing partnerships in the interest of steering the national development agenda forward.



By ISS Lake Chad Basin Project

**A**S Islamic State (IS) and al-Qaeda leaders have been targeted and eliminated internationally, the terrorist groups have expanded and consolidated their African operations. According to Jihad Analytics, half the attacks claimed by IS since the beginning of 2022 were carried out in 10 African countries. Among them were Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria – the four Boko Haram-affected countries of the Lake Chad Basin.

Boko Haram factions are also expanding operations beyond the region. For a long time, the eight primary target areas of violent extremism in the Lake Chad Basin were North and Far North (Cameroon), Lac and Hadjer-Lamis (Chad), Diffa (Niger), and Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (Nigeria). However, in 2022 the scope has expanded, particularly with the establishment of Ansaru and

## Africa's counter-terrorism strategies require upgrades with African Union engagement in addressing growing threats

Islamic State West Africa Province (Iswap) cells in other parts of Nigeria.

This has complicated counter-insurgency operations, especially where national militaries are already overstretched. The extension of terrorist activities beyond the Lake Chad Basin also puts these groups beyond the reach of the region's Multinational Joint Task Force – a military response to Boko Haram set up by Benin, Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria.

There is the growing possibility of mergers or alliances of convenience involving the three prominent violent ex-



A French soldier stands inside a military helicopter during France's Barkhane counter-terrorism operation in Africa's Sahel region in Gao, northern Mali. File photo

tremist groups in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin, namely Iswap, Ansaru and Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'awati wal-Jihad (JAS). The move to expand and consolidate operations is forging unlikely ties not only between terrorist groups but between them and organised criminals.

Two examples are the kidnapping of train passengers in Kaduna, Nigeria, in March and the jailbreak leading to the escape of prisoners affiliated with Boko Haram in Abuja, Nigeria, in July. The former involved a collaboration between the Boko Haram faction Ansaru and criminal gangs referred to as bandits. The latter brought together two Boko Haram factions, Ansaru and Iswap.

Growing links are also being observed between Boko Haram offshoots outside their usual geographic zones of operation. A merger of the three breakaway factions may cause a spillover of terrorism in Nigeria and the wider Sahel.

Ansaru is affiliated with al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, while Iswap owes allegiance to the IS core. JAS has reportedly reached out to IS, leading the global ter-

ror organisation to nudge its most successful affiliate, Iswap, towards an alliance with JAS. A merger could see a consolidation of fighters and resources. It may also lead to greater control of economic activities in the communities where these groups operate, improving terrorists' access to income.

These trends could expand recruitment into violent extremist groups. Attacks such as the Abuja jailbreak show the ability of perpetrators to target capital cities in affected countries. Boko Haram has hit N'Djamena in Chad and Abuja in the past.

Collaboration between terrorists and other armed groups will affect counter-insurgency measures, making a careful analysis of the conflict dynamics vital. Only by staying ahead of the curve and being proactive can Lake Chad Basin and other African countries avoid becoming more deeply entrapped.

The rise of banditry and abductions signals worsening insecurity in the Lake Chad Basin. Nigeria is currently the epicentre, but the phenomenon is rising in northern Cameroon. Train attacks, hostage takings and arms flows increasingly characterise the already vulnerable region. Nigeria's north-west and north-central zones are particularly affected, with transnational expansion likely.

In the 16 June 2022 edition of its Al-Naba publication, IS declared Africa the land of Hijra and Jihad and called on its members to relocate to African countries. Analysts have observed the growing involvement of IS and al-Qaeda in the affairs of their African affiliates. The prevailing belief is that the continent is the next stronghold for an 'Islamic caliphate'.

Between January and June 2022, Nigeria had the second-highest number of IS-claimed attacks (305), just behind Iraq and ahead of Syria at 337 and 142, respectively. The actualisation of IS' desire to 'remain and expand' in Africa may internationalise a conflict that has hitherto been primarily local.

If more terror attacks are launched from locations such as the Lake Chad Basin, these new target countries may be further isolated from the rest of the world through profiling and travel restrictions.

The African Union (AU) has shown a willingness to support regional organisations such as the Lake Chad Basin Commission in the fight against violent extremism. This was emphasised at an AU Peace and Security Council meeting on 23 September. Given the increasing complexity of the situation and a clear trend towards terrorist expansion in parts of Africa previously spared, the AU's role is crucial.

Drawing on its experience in Somalia and the Lake Chad Basin, the AU's security bodies should assess the current threats and upgrade their responses accordingly. This implies a consolidated approach that aims to stabilise affected regions, focusing on the military and the socio-political sources of violent extremism.

Greater AU support is also needed for the Lake Chad Basin's stabilisation and recovery strategy. The AU should also consider bolder engagement with the 85-country member-Global Coalition against Daesh, which in December 2021 announced the establishment of an Africa Focus Group. **DM**



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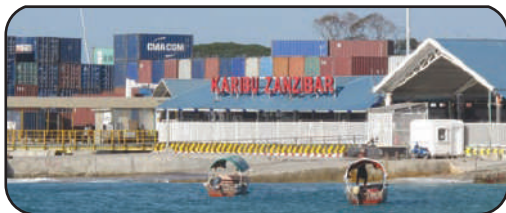


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The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Zanzibar Utilities Regulatory Authority (ZURA) congratulate the President of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar and Chairman of the Zanzibar Revolutionary Council, His Excellency Dr. Hussein Ali Mwinyi, on the successful completion of his two years in office.

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# A climate-smart approach to drought in Mvomero 'desert'

By Getrude Mbagi

DURING her childhood, Pendo Ndemo thought that being born a woman, there was no need to think and plan big things/dreams in life. Growing up in a pastoral community of Kibaoni village in Melela ward of Mvomero District in Morogoro Region, Pendo witnessed girls and women spending their life as house assistants associated with a number of domestic violence acts.

As a member of the Maasai tribe, a community with deeply entrenched customs and traditions, she dropped out of school and got married at the age of 17, twelve years ago after her father received cows as bride price.

"Despite the fact that many girls were denied the right to education in our area, I can say I was somehow lucky because I managed to complete primary school but in my first year of secondary education, I dropped out of school for marriage, I had no way but to obey my parents' order," she says.

She is now residing at Mingo village in Lubungo ward of Mvomero District with her husband with their main economic activity being livestock keeping.

"So my education dreams ended there and I had to start a new life as a wife, life wasn't easy although my husband wasn't rude as many others that she grew up witnessing beating their wives every day," she adds.

Livestock keeping and Climate change Pendo says as pastoralists, their lives haven't been easy for years due to the impact of climate change, especially drought where during the dry season a good number of animals were dying due to lack of pastures and water.

"It is clear that when resources are scarce, life is twice as hard for women who live in communities like mine where our rights are rarely respected. So impacts of climate change have hit us greatly and women are ones who mostly bear this burden," she says.

However, things began to turn around in

2017 when they received news from the village office on the coming of a project that will help pastoralists adopt new ways of livestock keeping and growing pastures.

"We were then told to form groups so as to start benefiting from the training project, we did so, and started to receive the skills to transform our pastoralism, we thank the experts and I also thank my husband because he didn't put any obstacle and allowed me to participate in the training," she explains.

According to her, the training project benefited both farmers and herders, women and men in Maasai communities including those in Mvomero on smart livestock keeping, pasture cultivation, entrepreneurship and milk production.

One year after participating in the project which went along with practical training sessions in the field, Pendo and other group members are now thriving.

"In late 2017, they visited national research centres for livestock and small livestock breeding as well as grass and pasture management to learn more about the new way of keeping their animals so as to benefit more," she says.

"Few months after training we were given improved breeding bulls and Billy goats, which are resistant to harsh living conditions and more productive than traditional breeds. I now have more than 100 improved cattle and more than 200 goats which I expect to get more income from," she says.

Regress Maleyo, also a pastoralist at Lubungo says now the Maasai community in their area has already made great progress and begun to adapt their old traditions to meet new challenges.

"The participation of women in economic activities such as livestock keeping, vegetable cultivation and in saving groups has increased something which has also reduced dependency," she adds.

Sadam Korea, also a Maasai pastoralist, said the training they received transformed their mindsets and has greatly helped to reduce conflicts between farmers and pastoralists as both sides now respect them-



Pendo Ndemo, a woman pastoralist at Mingo village in Lubungo ward, Mvomero District checks her cattle before they leave to search for pastures

selfs and recognise the value of each other, especially this time when the villages are hit with climate change impacts.

Previously before the project, pastoralists and farmers were living very harsh life as each one didn't see the value of the other, but after the project, things have changed, we now know the value of farmers and you cannot see a herder here sending animals to farms because we now know the value of agriculture," he says. According to him, the project has transformed their mindsets and they are now reaping big through engaging in smart livestock keeping.

"I now have more than 60 improved cattle who have reproduced after getting the improved bulls in 2017. With this more people around the area are now coming to learn from us and are all eager to adopt the ways because smart livestock keeping gives us more income than previously," he adds.

He urges the government to learn from the project and extend the knowledge and skills to all pastoralists in the country.

Sadam however calls on the government to also find a stable market for their improved livestock as currently, the price in the market was changing.

Kiromwai Sekemi, a pastoralist at Lubungo village says due

to the smart livestock-keeping skills they got after benefiting from training, the majority of herders have started to change the old way of keeping animals and are now benefiting heavily despite challenges brought by climate change.

According to him, the pastoral population in the village was trained on the advantages of keeping a small number of animals rather than having groups of cattle and at the end of the day, it does not pay much.

"With the skills, many of us are utilising them well, many have embarked on dairy farming now and benefiting a lot. The majority of the pastoralists who were previously counting losses from the dairy business are now reaping big due to the skills they obtained from experts who visited their village on the best way to keep livestock for increased meat and milk production," he says.

He elaborates: "Our lives have greatly improved, because we are pocketing profits almost every week from the milk that we sell, previously a good amount of milk was decaying due to lack of market and storage facilities, but now I am sure of the market of the milk as well as cattle especially after learning on the importance of raising quality cows as well as goats for commercial purpose."

## Zambian wildlife ranger receives award for his anti poaching work

By Special Correspondent

PATROLLING the vast Kafue National Park in Zambia, these rangers are always on alert. Their team leader is Nedly Mulimo. He works for the anti-poaching unit of Game Rangers International, a non-profit wildlife conservation organisation established in Zambia in 2008.

Mulimo's work has been recognised and the year's recipient of a prestigious award, the Tusk Wildlife Ranger Award. Sponsored by the Nick Maughan Foundation and launched by Prince William in 2013, the Tusk Wildlife Ranger Award gives international recognition to the men and women who face danger daily as they protect Africa's wildlife.

"The animals we have to need to be looked after and be passed on to future generations," says Mulimo.

Mulimo first joined the Zambian government's National Parks and Wildlife Department (now called the Department of National Parks and Wildlife) back in 1985.

The country's national parks are teeming with wildlife that also attracts heavily armed poachers determined to take prized items such as elephant tusks.

Mulimo explains that educating local people about the importance of wildlife is a key part of his job.

"As you know the threat to our wildlife comes from the people who live within the community. So first thing, show them

that you love them, you need to protect them, then bring in your words and encouragement on how they can help you to take care of the wildlife."

His colleague Britius Munkombwe, a community outreach manager with Game Rangers International, agrees.

"It is very important to support communities living adjacent to other protected areas, the GMA's (game management areas) and the National Park because they are regarded as major stakeholders in wildlife conservation. Historically, these community members that live alongside the GMA actually used to live in the GMA and they gave

out (donated) that piece of land for the purpose of wildlife conservation, so it's very important that we work with them and consult them on many matters to do with wildlife conservation because they know more than what anyone can know in terms of the history of these areas and how these animals have actually been in existence."

The danger associated with the job is amplified by findings from the Game Rangers Association of Africa Roll of Honour, which showed that more than 100 wildlife rangers were killed in the line of duty in Africa in the last year alone.

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## TENDER

### TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION

Requests the submission of Expressions of Interest from qualifying parties wanting to participate in the supply and support of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System

Tembo Nickel Corporation ("Tembo") is an operating company formed via the Framework Agreement (19 January 2021) between Kabanga Nickel Limited ("Kabanga Nickel") and the Government of Tanzania ("GoT") for the development of the Kabanga nickel deposits in Ngara District in the Northwest of Tanzania. Under the Framework Agreement terms, Tembo (owned 84% by Kabanga Nickel and 16% by GoT) has been formally established for the mining, processing, and refining of Class 1 nickel with cobalt and copper co-products.

Kabanga is the largest development-ready nickel sulphide deposit in the world, unmatched in scale and grade, with at least 30 years life of mine and further exploration upside. Once in operation, the Kabanga Nickel Project will produce Class 1 battery-grade nickel, cobalt, and copper refined metals in Tanzania. The cradle-to-gate operation will use hydromet technology that is significantly more cost-efficient than smelting. The hydromet process will reduce the carbon footprint, minimize environmental impact, lower capital, and production costs, and contribute significantly to the economic growth of Tanzania.

Tembo Nickel Corporation, therefore, invites "Expressions of Interest" from reputable, experienced, and certified companies interested in pre-qualifying for inclusion in a tender process for the supply of the ERP system with the support services that meet the following criteria:

- Mining-specific ERP system
- Proven experience operating in a Tanzanian mining environment
- Cloud-hosted platform with low bandwidth requirement
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- Project costing system capable of exploration, construction, AFE costing
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- Financial consolidation and JV reporting capability
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- Level of support/that the systems will require to keep our operations going

The above Services are intended to be awarded through a competitive tendering process in which a restricted number of suitable qualified and experienced suppliers/service providers shall be invited to receive the tender documents. If your company would like to be considered for pre-qualification to receive the invitation to tender, please submit an "Expression of Interest" on your company's letterhead together with the following additional information and/or documentation:

- Full company profile
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- Indicate the above reference number TEMBO-2022-10-002 and description on your Expression of interest submission.

Kindly send your response by email to [tenders@kabanganickel.com](mailto:tenders@kabanganickel.com) by the close of business on 06<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered. Please quote the reference number in the subject line of your email.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of Tembo Nickel Corporation.

For and on behalf of TEMBO NICKEL CORPORATION: KABANGA NICKEL PROJECT



## Education Cannot Wait director calls on donors to expand support for successful programme bringing girls and boys back to learning in post-conflict areas of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

KINSHASA

**T**HE Director of Education Cannot Wait (ECW), Yasmine Sherif, launched a strong call for public and private donors to step up funding, asking them to "show the same courage" she saw in the children she met during her week-long visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Years of conflict, the impact of climate change, epidemics - including outbreaks of Ebola, Cholera, and COVID-19 - and other crises, have taken a heavy toll on DRC's young generation. The country hosts the largest population of internally displaced persons in Africa. Nationwide, more than 3 million children between the ages of 6 and 11 are out of school, and less than one in ten children can read a simple sentence.

Sherif visited an ECW-funded programme in Tanganyika in the country's southeast. UNICEF implements the programme with the Congolese government, pro-



ECW director Yasmine Sherif announced US\$2 million in new funding for children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. However, with conflicts, displacements, the climate crisis, COVID-19, and other epidemics such as Ebola disrupting development gains, as many as 3.2 million children (aged 6-11) are out of school, so even more funding is required. File photo

vincial authorities, and other key international and local implementing partners. While the programme launched at the end of June, it is already showing promise in a province where 62% of children are out-of-school and 60% of girls are married before the age of 18.

"We have seen the progress on the ground. This programme demonstrates how we can transform lives with the power of education through an integrated approach that brings together UN agencies, international and local NGOs, the government, local authorities, and the engagement of the communities themselves, the parent-teacher association, the local village chiefs, women groups and of course the children!" Sherif said.

Together with the Governor of the Tanganyika province, UNICEF officials, and officials from the British Embassy in DRC, Sherif inaugurated the Lubile 1 primary school in the village of Mpungwe; a school built with funding from ECW, which is the United Nations' global fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises. The school has

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high-quality infrastructure, curricula and provides students with a daily meal. There are also psychological services to assist children with trauma, including support to reintegrate children associated with armed groups. The programme also offers vocational training for youth. According to the delegation, this school is a first - indicating that anything is possible if the means are available.

The delegation also visited a temporary learning space set up in the Kikumbe village internally displaced camp - which provides much-needed learning opportunities to displaced children. The programme also offers psychosocial/mental health services and re-integration support to young mothers and survivors of sexual violence.

"Thanks to ECW support, we can provide and enhance access to quality education and alternative learning opportunities for all children, especially girls who have suffered so much," said UNICEF DRC Representative Grant Leaty. "It is heart-warming that we have been able to respond to their specific needs."

Leaty added that although the challenges are significant, important progress in relation to the provision of education in Tanganyika is being made.

ECW has already invested 22 million US dollars to support similar schools across Tanganyika, targeting a total of 67,000 children, of whom 32,000 have been reached to date. ECW and partners need to mobilize another 44 million US dollars to expand the three-year programme to other crisis-affected provinces where the needs are high.

Education is the basis of all human rights, says Sherif adding that investing in children's education guarantees the achievement of sustainable development objectives. Because she believes education is at the center of human rights. Without it, little can be achieved.

"Most of the children we met come from displaced families and have never been to school before. Education is their only hope. Their courage and the efforts by the community and local partners to ensure all children go to school inspire us all to do more. We call on public and private donors to urgently step up their support for all crisis-affected girls and boys in DRC and worldwide to have the opportunity to enjoy their right to a safe, protective, inclusive quality education," she said.

According to Laura Mazal, the Development Director at the British Embassy in DRC, access to quality education in times of humanitarian crisis is vital for children. It offers protection, a sense of normalcy, and hope. The UK is the second largest contributor to ECW's multi-stakeholder fund at the global level. "ECW's work is crucial in providing support to the most marginalized children. We have seen first-hand the work being delivered on the ground in Tanganyika, from meeting girl survivors of sexual violence to children formerly associated with armed groups. These children are now receiving a quality education, with huge thanks to ECW," said Mazal.

Schools are essential in reducing tensions between community groups, which often spill over into armed conflicts.

"We must step up to help the next generation to heal from the wounds of violence," Sherif said. "It is crucial to jointly expand holistic education programmes that integrate psychosocial support, gender transformative approaches, and a focus on safety and the well-being of children and adolescents. At the same time, more must be done to stop this cycle of unspeakable violence and systematic violations of human rights and of international humanitarian law. The pervasive impunity must end; perpetrators must be brought to justice."

During her visit to the DRC, Sherif also announced 2 million US dollars in new funding to continue to support life-saving educational services for refugees and host-community children and adolescents in the Nord Ubangi province in the DRC, building on a previous investment in the region. **IPS**



## Tanzania pierces US cashew nut market

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA has burst into United States cashew nut market by yesterday exporting at a go and directly an eight-tonne air cargo of processed cashew nuts to New Orleans, Louisiana, opening the door for future shipments.

The exporter is Ward Holdings Tanzania Limited (WHT), a subsidiary of Ward Holdings International, a Michigan-based global market development and investment company.

The groundbreaking flight of the cargo was witnessed by the Agriculture Deputy Minister Anthony Mavunde at the Julius Nyerere International Airport Export Cargo Terminal. Mvunde hailed the efforts of the company, saying the efforts were supportive of the government plan that seeks to have 60 percent of Tanzania's cashew nuts locally processed by 2025. "If our plan succeeds, it means increasing new industries and creating more jobs for our youths", he said.

US Embassy Representative, Robert Adrian Raines, said the shipment is part of and represents the growing business relationship between Tanzania

and US. "This step will boost the wellbeing of cashew nut farmers and promote their crop," he said.

WHT President Godfrey Simbeye, described the occasion as a "historic moment of cashew nuts grown, harvested and consumer-packaged in Tanzania being exported directly for the first time from farmers in Tanzania to the US marketplace. It is a win-win formula for Tanzanian farmers and American consumers."

Africa produces 60 percent of the world's cashew nuts and the US is the largest importer of crop, he explained.

Simbeye assured the gathering, which included business leaders, that Ward Holdings International is a reputed American market-maker which is "committed to the advancement of Tanzanian interests through industrialization of its agriculture industry and high-value crops."

He also said that future Tanzanian cashew nut shipments will enter US through New Orleans, adding that Dar es Salaam and New Orleans signed recently sister city partner and bilateral trade agreements, "signaling the beginning of a robust business relationship."



Agriculture deputy minister Anthony Mavunde (R) escorts the first batch of 8 tonnes of cashew nuts processed by Ward Holdings Tanzania (WHT) and being transported to the US market at an event held at Julius Nyerere International Airport (JNIA) in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Others are US Embassy representative Robert Adrian Raines and WHT President Godfrey Simbeye (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Russian investors mull setting up wine factory in Arusha

By Correspondent Valentine Oforo, Dodoma

A GROUP of Russian investors are in Tanzania to look for possibilities of investing in a modern wine processing factory in Arusha Region.

Dr Cornel Masawe, the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) - Makutupora Centre's director said yesterday in an interview that among others, the development is projected to play a meaningful role in helping stimulate and accelerate cultivation of wine grape varieties in the northern zone regions where the prestigious economic cash crop can also flourish well.

He said that apart from Dodoma, grapes are also growing well in most part within northern zone, including Kilimanjaro, Karatu, Tanga and Babati.

Other parts within the country where grapes can flourish in abundance include Morogoro, Tabora, Bunda and Peramiho. But scientific facts have established that grapes grown in Dodoma are more wine-worthy (in terms of good taste and aroma), surpassing those grown in rest parts of the

world, which is an advantage to Tanzania.

"The envisaged investment will automatically provide an economic opportunity to farmers in the northern zone parts to start growing wine grape varieties and benefiting accordingly, and the move will play a meaningful role in helping improve the general performance of grape sub-sector in the country," Dr Masawe added.

He added: "The Russian investors come to us (TARI-Makutupora) to express their plan to set up a wine processing factory in Arusha Region and we directed them to complete the required necessary protocols as set by the government through the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)."

Dr Masawe expressed, the investors seek to invest in Arusha in order to provide best wine varieties to various tourists who are regularly jetting in Arusha and Kilimanjaro for visiting numerous tourist sites that the northern circuit has to offer.

He said the centre (Makutupora) which has been designated for coordinating key research on grape seed varieties as well as wine processing was working round the clock to introduce

enough seeds for wine grapes so as to heighten performance of the country's wine processing sub-sector.

As part of the said efforts, he communicated that the Dodoma-based centre had imported into the country at least 13 grapevine lines for best wine grape seeds varieties from South Africa, and unveiled that trails for the varieties have so far proved impressive successes.

He unveiled that the said grapevine lines were planted in special isolated areas at the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI-Makutupora) and Hombolo centers and have shown good development in adopting the local (Dodoma) weather.

As per the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA) all plants from outside the country must be planted in isolated areas, a distance from relevant local plant species, for special screening and limitation of contamination of possible diseases.

"The wine grapevine lines have appeared to be resistant to local grapes-related common diseases, a development which is good omen for the smooth metamorphosis of the vital economic sector in the country," he

unveiled.

The wine grapevines lines were imported into the country through collaboration between giant local wine stakeholders, TARI and the ministry of agriculture with an eye to help improve performance of wine and grape sectors.

Though placed second after South Africa for brewing best wines within the continent, there are only two wine grape varieties grown in Tanzania, Makutupora Red and Chenin White, a situation which limits the country's ability to produce wider varieties of wines and thus, the stakeholders realized over the need for the introduction of more grape wine varieties.

"As per the professional procedures, the grapevine lines will later on be planted into different multilocation trials in Chamwino and Bahi districts as well as in Dodoma municipality. The multilocation trials will allow the grapevine lines to be evaluated further by the Tanzania Official Seeds Certification Institute (TOSCI), especially in terms of their distinctiveness, uniformity as well as stability (DUS)," Dr Masawe stated.

He named the 13 grapevine lines in question

which are a mixture of red and white grafted scions as pinotage, cabernet sauvignon, syrah, merlot, durif and carignan, chardonnay, chenin black, semillon, ramsey, R99, R110, and SO4.

"The imported varieties are the most global famous for bottling international wines and thus, we're remaining optimistic that upon their official release they will enable local processors to manufacture international wines," he observed.

Dr Masawe expressed optimism that the envisaged varieties is expected to play a major role in helping improve performance and status of wine processing industry within the country and thus, curving a fresh successive niche.

Although still with a limited number of factories, Tanzania is making crucial strides in bottling numerous wines that continues to conquer the world market, basically due to uniqueness in taste and aroma. Among top wine varieties produced at home, include Domo, Image, For You, Presidential wine, Overmeer, Altar, Sharye and Dane NK Super wine, to mention but a few.

## Exim Bank inaugurates promotional campaign for its mastercard holders

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania has launched a promotional campaign to entice its MasterCard holders to use their card instead of cash for payment of goods and services at merchant's Point of Sale (POS) or ecommerce sites.

The campaign named "Chanja Kijanja, Kimasta Zaidi" will see a total of 185 winners among the bank's customers who increasingly use the bank's Mastercards for transactions stand in a position to win various prizes including cash, Smartphones and all expenses paid trips Dubai, Turkey and South Africa with their beloved ones.

Explaining how the three month campaign will run at a brief launch ceremony in Dar es Salaam yesterday, Andrew Lyimo, bank's head of Retail Banking said: "Anyone who is a customer of Exim Bank and has the bank's Mastercard automatically qualifies to partake in the promotion."



Exim Bank Tanzania Head of Retail Banking, Andrew Lyimo (C) speaks to reporters when introducing the bank's new promotional campaign named "Chanja Kijanja, Kimasta Zaidi" that will see a total of 185 winners among the bank's customers who increasingly use the bank's MasterCard for transactions, stand in a position to win various prizes including cash, Smartphones and all expenses paid trips to Dubai, Turkey and South Africa with their beloved ones. The launch of the campaign was held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Besides him are the bank's Head of the Alternative Banking and Customer Service, Silas Matoi (R) and the bank's Head of Marketing and Communications Department, Stanley Kafu (L). Photo: Guardian Correspondent

According to him, during the campaign, every spending worth 100,000/- and above in a single receipt or cumulatively charged to the bank's MasterCard will be eligible to enter a raffle.

"Every week, there will be a draw and

15 lucky customers will stand a chance to win a cash reward worth 100,000/-," he said, adding: "Further, every month there will be a draw where external customers will get the chance to win the brand-new iPhone 14 pro with the minimum eligibil-

ity being spending worth 400,000/- and above in a single receipt or cumulatively."

Commenting on the grand prize for the winners of the campaign, the bank's Head of the Alternative Banking and Customer Service, Silas Matoi said the winners will

will have the opportunity to visit various centers including the 'Museum Of The Future' and the Safari Desert. The second winner will go to Turkey with his partner and while there they will have the opportunity to visit several attractions including the famous Blue Mosque located in the city of Istanbul," he said.

"So just for doing the right thing like shopping online via their Exim Mastercards we are more than willing as a bank to reward our first winner with an all-expenses paid trip to Dubai where they will have the opportunity to visit a number of beautiful locations including 'the Museum Of The Future' and the Safari Desert," he said.

The second winner will make it to Turkey with his/her beloved ones and while there they will have the opportunity to visit several locations as well including the famous Blue Mosque that is located in the city of Istanbul, according to Matoi.

"The third winner will travel to South Africa with the same package as well, while there he/she will visit 'Jozi Towers' and Table Mountain which are famous sites in the country and Africa in general," he mentioned.

Exim Bank's head of Marketing and Communications Department Stanley Kafu, said the underlying mission of the bank is to promote a cashless society which is where the world is heading while using the prizes to entice more to join a formalized economy and hence deepening financial inclusion



## AWF, NBP announce winners of Mkapa African wildlife photography awards

By Special Correspondent

BUILDING upon the success of the inaugural Mkapa Photography Awards, African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) and Nature's Best Photography (NBP) are proud to announce the winners for the second year of the prestigious award as selected by the panel of world-class judges and conservation advocates.

The 2022 results were revealed at the Mkapa Awards Ceremony and Exhibition Grand Opening on October 27, 2022, at the Nairobi National Museum in Nairobi, Kenya. The exhibition of 77 prints and 4 videos will travel to other global locations throughout the year.

In line with AWF's mission to ensure wildlife and their habitats thrive in modern Africa and Nature's Best Photography's initiative to display the beauty,

diversity, and importance of wild Africa - our collaborative goals are to attract photographers at all levels of expertise, while encouraging young talent to become advocates for generational behavioral change towards wildlife conservation. This impressive body of work brings immediate and long-lasting impact to public understanding and stewardship of wild Africa.

Adding a very personal legacy connection to this program, the Mkapa Awards are named in honor of the late, iconic African leader and former President, Benjamin Mkapa, for his dedication to conservation education throughout Africa, and his impactful support of AWF programs across the continent.

Here's the link to the 2022 Mkapa Awards Watermarked photos with captions.

"Bringing Africa to the



AWF CEO, Kaddu Sebunya, during his address at the launch of the Benjamin Mkapa African Wildlife Photography Awards

World, and the World to Africa" defines this global competition, geared towards developing new, multi-media platforms that engage and involve Africans and those traveling to Africa in a blended narrative of conservation and visual storytelling.

The Guest of Honor, US Ambassador Meg Whitman speaking at the event said, Art, like the photography on display as part of the 2nd Mkapa Award exhibition, has the power to transport us - whether to the plains of Kenya or North Dakota - and help us see our planet in new and interesting ways. African Wildlife Foundation, Nature's Best Photography, and the participants in this year's Mkapa competition understand that power. Their work values the essential role of conservation efforts in a thriving, modern Africa. They use their talents to encourage us to appreciate the many creatures - great and small

- with whom we share this planet.

Speaking at the awards ceremony, AWF CEO Kaddu Sebunya said, "Through this competition and numerous other strategic partnerships some already running and others in the pipeline, AWF is committed to finding these voices, helping them, and amplifying their voices - we remain committed to help define and refine the Africa's agenda for conservation and development and representing these voices, ... trumpeting these voices for African conservation to the world over."

"In our second year of this unique photography competition, we were delighted to see interest spread globally and in particular throughout Africa. The subject matter of images submitted represents not only greater species diversity but also focus on a broader set of critical issues and the Africans championing conservation on the front

lines," said AWF Senior Vice President and program co-founder Craig Sholley.

The 2022 Mkapa Awards Photographer of the Year wins a grand prize award of US\$ 5,000, and a large specially-commissioned stone elephant sculpture. Each of the 13 Category Winners receive US\$ 1,000 and a stone elephant sculpture. In addition, all Winners are displayed as stunning large-format prints and HD video, along with Highly Honored finalists at the Nairobi National Museum in Kenya through February 2023.

2022 Mkapa Awards Conservation Heroes Category Winner, Anthony Onyango of Nairobi says, "Nature photography for me goes beyond just taking a picture, but informing and inspiring people to protect nature. It is truly an honor to be among the winners this year and it is testament that we Africans have what it takes to emerge among the best."

The competition enhances the visibility of African wildlife through the following categories: African Conservation Heroes, Coexistence and Conflict, African Wildlife at Risk, Fragile Wilderness, African Wildlife Behavior, African Wildlife Portraits, Africa's Backyard Wildlife, Art in Nature, Creative Digital, Mobile, Africa in Motion/Video, and two Youth Photographers of the Year, one inside Africa and one international. The overall Grand Prize was chosen from among all categories.

Co-founder of the Mkapa Awards, Nature's Best Photography President, Stephen Freigh, says, "Through my 40 years as a publisher of photographic works, I have personally witnessed the positive results of combining the creative and documentary talents of professional, amateur, and youth photographers alike. Their extraordinary memories are our new, defining discoveries and their stories are our ever-changing window to nature."

## Central Basin Water Board in initiative to save Mwamapuli Dam from extinction

By Guardian Correspondent, Igunga

CENTRAL Basin Water Board has established communities of water consumers aimed at rescuing the Mwamapuli Dam in Mwanzugu Village, Igunga District, Tabora Region whose rate of destruction has started to increase threatening its extinction.

The launching of the com-

munities was done at the weekend during which the Central Basin's Community Development Officer, Neleya Bundala said the establishment of the communities is in the joint implementation of directives given by the District's Defence and security Committee to enable the communities' members manage their own water sources.

Bundala who is also the water Communities Coordinator

said members of the communities and the people in general are responsible in the protection of water sources against destruction as they are the foremost consumers of the water therefrom, according to the law.

For his part, Igunga District Commissioner, Sauda Mtondoo who was the official guest at the launching event said the Mwamapuli Dam was very important for rice culti-

vation, domestic use and other marine creatures including fish.

The DC said due to its importance, the issue of the management and water conservation is not vested on the government alone, hence the people should join hands with their government in waging war against its destruction.

For his part, the Director of the Central Basin Water

Board, Danford Samson said the establishment of water consumers' communities has been helping in the reduction of conflicts as its protection will be carried out by members of the water consumers' communities themselves.

Samson said wanton tree cutting, farming near water sources and introducing livestock inside water sources areas have been the main reasons for the destruction of

the water sources.

Nguvumoja Ward Councilor in Igunga District, Alfred Mguba said efforts by the Central Basin Water Board in saving the Mwamapuli from extinction will assist the Mwamapuli Irrigation Scheme that is depended by many people in their rice farming activities.

For their part, the residents advised for the dam to be demarcated as there has been

invasion of people farming near it.

In August last year, Tabora Regional Commissioner, Amb. Batilda Buriani instructed Igunga District officials to remove invaders from water sources feeding the Mwamapuli Dam.

She said the invaders engage in their activities that create sediments that move towards the dam threatening its sustainability.



Prof Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People With Disabilities)

## Ndalichako showers praise on Dar, Coast regions investors

By Guardian Reporter

PROF Joyce Ndalichako, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth, Employment and People With Disabilities) has praised factory owners in both Coast and Dar es Salaam regions for providing employment to thousands of Tanzanians through production of goods sold locally as well as for export.

The minister expressed her commendation at the weekend as she wound up her two-day official visit in the two regions during which she visited 6 factories that produce various good including packaging materials, household utensils, pipes, drinks, sanitary pads and beef.

The factories she visited include Lake Oil Group, Tanzania Rudar Co. Ltd at Kigamboni, Tanchoice Limited, U-Fresh Food Limited, Keds Tanzania Ltd and Global Packaging Limited.

"I have finished my two-day visit in the two regions, its aim is to get feedback in regard to the implementation of labour laws including jobs created by our investors.

"What pleased me is that in all the six areas I visited, I have witnessed more than 3,000 jobs that have been created," said Prof Ndalichako. She said many of these are youth, proving that the Phase V Government implements its responsibilities I creating an enabling environment for investors.

However, Prof Ndalichako said she found minor deficiencies at some work places including some employers who do provide work contracts to their workers, failing to remit contributions to workers' security funds as well as lack of safety systems.

During the visit, the Minister was accompanied by Kibaha district Commissioner, Sarah Msafiri, Kigamboni district Commissioner, Fatma Nyangasa, OSHA Chief Executive Officer, Khadija Mwenda, the commissioner for Labour, Suzan Mkwangwa and other officials in the ministry's various institutions.

For her part, Kibaha DC Sarah Msafiri thanked the Minister for the visit and reminded employers to abide by labour laws and promised to work together with investors in implementing the directives given.

## TADB provides financial management training to grape farmers

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

TANZANIA Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) has provided three-day training on financial management and production to promote grapes farming in Dodoma Region.

TADB Small Loans Development Officer, Angelina Nyaisambo made the remarks here at the weekend at the opening of training seminar to farmers from various areas of the Region.

Nyaisambo said the aim of the training includes educating the farmers on how to

utilise the loans they take for the development of grapes farming.

She explained that many farmers do not know anything about financial management, hence the training is important for them before the start of the grapes farming season.

She further said TADB is doing so as to provide opportunities to farmers to come up and take loans which they will use in the farming season for grapes, the crop that is widely cultivated in Dodoma Region.,

Zablon Maunga, a grape farmers said TADB has done

a good thing by giving them the training as many of them had no knowledge on financial management.

He said as for now, they come up to take bank loans to expand their grape farming activities for their own economic wellbeing and the nation in general.

He thanked TADB for extending the loans and called on it to continue assisting them in their grape cultivation.

Recently, Antony Mavunde, Deputy Minister for Agriculture visited some wine processing plants in the region and called on them to

increase their efforts.

Mavunde said the crop is in high demand in the world market hence they should not remain idle.

He said the government is behind them in making sure the strategic cash crop expands in the country for the benefit of both farmers and



By Getrude Mbago

# TOL Gases to expand production

TOL Gases has invested 13.65bn/- in a carbon-dioxide gas project to double the company's production capacity.

The investment which is injected in the Company's plant at Ikama village in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region targets at producing food and medical grade carbon dioxide.

The plant has an estimated life-time of 20 years and capacity to produce two tonnes per hour.

TOL Gases Limited Managing Director Daniel Warungu said at the weekend that the carbon-dioxide plant in Ikama village is expected to commence operations in January next year.

"The new plant will enable the Company to expand its market share in the local market as well as foreign markets such as Zambia, Zimbabwe, Democratic and Republic of Congo" he said.

According to him, the company is expecting an increase in monthly revenue by 8.2bn/- which is a 42 per cent increase in revenue from carbon-dioxide production alone.

The plant will add-up to the Company's taxes it pays to the government through tax and service charges. It will also contribute to the local council's basket that receives 42 percent of mining royalties.

Warungu said the new plant in Ikama will double the carbon-dioxide production capacity and ensure reliable supply through a diversified resource base.

Carbon-dioxide is used in various industrial and medical applications such as in production of beverages, both soft and alcoholic beverages as well as processing of food products.

It is also a crucial element in pro-



Rungwe district commissioner Dr Vincent Anney (3rd L) in a group photo with staff of TOL Gases Limited and other government officials who attended the launch of the new carbon-dioxide plant by the company in Ikama village, Rungwe District in Mbeya Region recently.

duction of firefighting equipment.

"The carbon-dioxide gas produced by TOL Gases Limited has a great contribution in the growth of the industrial economy and overall development of the country," he said adding,

"The launch of the new plant which is the second plant in Ikama village is a step towards supporting the government's vision of an industrial

economy through local manufacturing of goods."

He further stressed that the Company continues to produce other industrial and medical gases at its three existing plants located in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, and Mbeya.

"The company has continued to invest in embedding reliability into its operations and significantly invested into procurement of new trucks

and tankers in order to increase its ability to deliver the products on time to its customers," he asserted.

District Commissioner, Dr Vincent Anney commended the Company for the new investment and assured the cooperation from the Government towards the contribution of the industrial and health sector.

"As a Company that has had a great contribution to the industrial and health sectors for decades, we will work closely with it to ensure its work continues to benefit the local community and the country as a whole," Dr Anney said.

According to Dr Anney carbon-dioxide has been used in various industrial and medical applications such as in production of beverages, both soft and alcoholic beverages as well as processing of food products.

It is also a crucial element in production of firefighting equipment.

TOL Gases Limited is among the leading producer and supplier of industrial and medical gas in Tanzania was established in 1950 as East Africa Oxygen and later changed to Tanzania Oxygen Limited before being taken over by the government through the National Development Corporation (NDC) in 1978.

In 1998, TOL was listed at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange, and to-date, 10,711 Tanzanians own TOL shares.

TOL Gases Limited produces industrial gases including Industrial Oxygen, Acetylene, Carbon-dioxide, Nitrogen, special gases like Helium, Argon, Argoshield, Ammonia, and Freon, among others.

The company also produces medical gases including Medical Oxygen, Nitrous Oxide and Compressed Air.

The Company has now paid dividends to its shareholders including the Treasurer Registrar on behalf of the government for four years consecutively now.

## Mini-grids powering energy access in Africa

By Darrell Proctor

GOVERNMENTS and power generators continue to work to improve access to electricity on the African continent. Engie Energy Access, a subsidiary of French energy major Engie, recently signed a \$60 million financing agreement with CrossBoundary Energy Access (CBEA), money that will be used to deploy solar-powered mini-grids in rural areas, primarily in Nigeria. InfraCo Africa, a London, UK-based financier, on Sept. 30 said it will commit \$1.7 million to support off-grid energy developer Equatorial Power (EP), as EP brings mini-grids online in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

U.S.-based Husk Power, meanwhile, recently announced it is commissioning six new solar mini-grids, each with generation capacity of 50 kW, in Nigeria. The facilities will serve both residential and business locations in Nasarawa State, joining a dozen other similar Husk mini-grids already in service in the region. Husk officials said the company is on track to complete about 20 sites in Nigeria by the start of 2023. The group earlier this year launched its Nigeria Sunshot initiative, with a goal to build at least 500 sites by 2026. The company said the mini-grids could benefit more than 2 million people and displace 25,000 diesel generators, which at present are used to provide power in many rural areas of Africa.

A variety of groups from different countries are investing in projects in Africa. InfraCo Africa is part of the Private Infrastructure Development Group, or PIDG. The agency is managed as a private company, with funding from government groups in the UK, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. "InfraCo Africa has a strong track record of delivering mini-grid projects in sub-Saharan Africa and we are pleased to bring our expertise to Rwanda and DRC, both of which are new countries for us to invest into," said Nabil Saimi, InfraCo Africa's head of business development. "We are committed to delivering access to clean power and are excited to support EP's innovative approach to coupling power access with agri-processing and other vital stimuli for employment and economic development."

InfraCo Africa and EP signed a deal to co-develop four new mini-grids, as well as four agri-processing hubs (APHs), on Idjwi Island in the DRC (Figure 1). The groups also will co-develop four solar mini-grids, and three APHs, in southeast Rwanda.

The mini-grids, ranging in size from 60 kW to 85 kW, also will incorporate battery energy storage to help balance intermittent solar power during rainy seasons in the two countries. The project is being designed to deliver about 3,300 electricity connections to low-income consumers in DRC, and 2,500 in Rwanda. InfraCo Africa said the mini-grids will enable more than 35,000 people to get access to clean energy. "We are happy to have the right partner to accompany us on our journey to go beyond electrons and offer modern and sustainable rural infrastructure services to the people of DRC and Rwanda," said Dario Fallara, EP's head of business development.

EP is active in areas beyond supplying electricity. The group also works in water purification, processing of agricultural products, and other activities. InfraCo Africa said that it has leveraged a \$1.35 million capital grant from its sister company PIDG Technical Assistance to support the project in Africa.



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## Trump's company 'cheated' tax authorities, prosecutor says

NEW YORK

FORMER president Donald Trump's real estate company cheated tax authorities for 15 years, a prosecutor said on Monday in her opening statement in the Trump Organization's criminal tax fraud trial, while defense lawyers countered that the company's longtime chief financial officer had acted for his own benefit.

The company paid certain executives - including former CFO Allen Weisselberg - in perks such as rent and cars without reporting those benefits to tax authorities, and falsely reported bonuses as non-employee compensation, said prosecutor Susan Hoffinger of the Manhattan district attorney's office.

"This case is about greed and cheating, cheating on taxes," Hoffinger said. "The scheme was conducted, directed and authorized at the highest levels of the accounting department at the company."

The case is one of several legal troubles facing the 76-year-old Trump as he considers another bid for the presidency after losing in 2020.

Trump has not been charged in the case.

Weisselberg, who has worked for Trump for nearly half a century, in August pleaded guilty to avoiding taxes on \$1.76 million in personal income and

agreed to testify at trial as part of a plea deal for him to receive a sentence of five months in jail. He paid back nearly \$2 million in taxes, penalties and interest, Hoffinger said.

Both Trump Organization units charged - the Trump Corporation and the Trump Payroll Corporation - have pleaded not guilty. Their lawyers argued on Monday that Weisselberg was not acting on the company's behalf.

"Weisselberg did it for Weisselberg," Michael van der Veen, a lawyer for the Trump Payroll Corporation, said in his opening statement. "Greed made him cheat on his taxes, hide his deeds from his employer, and betray the trust built over nearly 50 years."

Hoffinger said Weisselberg was "a prime beneficiary" of the scheme. But she said he acted as a Trump Organization executive, and that the company benefited by keeping top executives happy and saving on taxes.

Hoffinger said Trump paid for the private-school tuition of Weisselberg's grandchildren, adding that the jury would see checks signed by Trump himself as evidence.

Van der Veen sought to shift blame to accounting firm Mazars, which handled the company's and Weisselberg's tax returns.

Mazars did not immediately respond to requests for comment. In February, the firm dropped the Trump Organiza-



Former US president Donald Trump

tion as a client and said financial statements it prepared for the company from 2011 through 2020 should no longer be relied on.

## First witness

If convicted, the Trump Organization - which operates hotels, golf courses and other real estate around the world - could face \$1.6 million in fines. It could also further complicate the real estate firm's ability to do business.

The trial is expected to last over a month. Twelve jurors must reach a unanimous verdict for conviction on each count of tax fraud, scheming to defraud, and falsifying business records.

She said that when Trump was elected president in late 2016, Weisselberg and the company "had to clean up these fraudulent tax practices" due to concerns about additional scrutiny. The companies stopped paying for its employees' unreported personal expenses, and Weisselberg began paying his grandchildren's tuition himself, Hoffinger said.

Susan Necheles, a lawyer for the Trump Corporation, said it was Weisselberg - not the company - who wanted to clean things up.

The prosecution's first witness,

Trump Organization controller Jeffrey McConney, testified that Weisselberg received a portion of his compensation as non-employee bonuses until a certain point.

Prosecutor Joshua Steinglass asked him if it stopped around the time Trump was elected.

"I think coincidentally it was," said McConney, who was granted immunity from prosecution because he testified before the grand jury that indicted Weisselberg and the companies.

"Did you say coincidentally?" Steinglass replied. McConney, who prosecutors see as a hostile witness, said yes.

Weisselberg stepped down as CFO when he was indicted but remained on the payroll as a senior adviser. After his guilty plea, he continued to be paid but was put on leave.

The case is separate from a \$250 million civil lawsuit filed by New York's attorney general against Trump, three of his adult children and his company in September, accusing them of lying to banks and insurers by overvaluing his real estate assets and Trump's net worth.

Trump also faces a federal criminal investigation into the removal of government documents from the White House when he left office last year.

## Netanyahu bids for comeback in tight Israeli election

JERUSALEM

ISRAELIS began voting for the fifth time in less than four years yesterday, with former premier Benjamin Netanyahu bidding for a comeback in a race likely to turn on a far-right party that has risen from the fringe to become a potential coalition kingmaker.



After years of deadlock, voter exasperation may hurt turnout, but surging support for the ultra-nationalist Religious Zionism bloc and firebrand co-leader Itamar Ben-Gvir has galvanized the campaign.

Israel's longest-serving premier, Netanyahu is on trial on corruption charges, which he denies, but his rightist Likud party is still expected to finish as the largest in parliament.

However as polls opened on Tuesday, the final opinion polls from last week showed him still short of the 61 seats needed for a majority in the 120-seat Knesset, opening the prospect of weeks of coalition wrangling and possibly new elections.

"There's a feeling of despair at all these elections," said Hagit Cohen, a 46-year-old social worker from Tel Aviv. She said she was voting for outgoing centrist Prime Minister Yair Lapid rather than the centre-left parties she normally backed.

Security and surging prices have topped the list of voter concerns in a campaign triggered by defections from the unlikely ruling coalition of right-wing, centrist and Arab parties formed after the last election.

The campaign, which opened weeks after a brief conflict with the militant Islamic Jihad group in Gaza in August, has also unrolled against a backdrop of months of violence in the occupied West Bank, with near-daily raids and clashes.

However the conflict has had little direct impact on the campaign, which has been overshadowed by the outsized personality of Netanyahu, whose legal battles have fed the stalemate blocking Israel's political system since he was indicted on bribery, fraud and breach of trust charges in 2019.

As Netanyahu's legal problems have continued, Ben-Gvir and fellow far-right leader Bezael Smotrich have eaten into Likud's traditional hawkish base and the once-marginal Religious Zionism is now set to be the third-largest party in parliament.

Ben-Gvir - a former member of Kach, a group on Israeli and US terrorist watchlists - has moderated some earlier positions, but the prospect of his joining a coalition government led by Netanyahu risks alarming Washington.

Lapid has campaigned on diplomatic advances with countries including Turkey and Lebanon as well as on a strong performance by the Israeli economy which has weathered the turbulent global environment in relatively good shape.

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## China urges removal of obstacles to Russia grain, fertiliser exports

UNITED NATIONS

A Chinese envoy on Monday called on relevant countries to take concrete measures to remove the obstacles facing Russia's grain and fertilizer exports, warning against politicizing and weaponizing economic and trade issues.

Geng Shuang, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, made the remarks at a UN Security Council debate on the Black Sea Grain Initiative.

On July 22, Russia and Ukraine separately signed a document in Istanbul with Türkiye and the United Nations on grain and fertilizer exports from Ukraine and Russia to ensure supplies to global markets amid the Russia-Ukraine armed conflict.

Russia announced Saturday that it would immediately and indefinitely suspend its implementation of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, accusing



Geng Shuang, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, addresses a UN Security Council meeting on the question concerning Haiti at the UN headquarters in New York, on Oct 4, 2021. (CIA PAK/UN PHOTO/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA)

Ukraine of launching drone attacks against the Russian Black Sea Fleet's ships and infrastructure.

China has taken note of Rus-

sia's recent announcement on suspending its participation in the initiative, as well as the response of Ukraine, the UN and other relevant parties, Geng said.

"We hope that parties concerned continue

to stay in communication, rebuild mutual trust, and find a solution that meets the concerns of all parties," he said, adding that China also hopes UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will continue to play an active role in this regard.

In July, the United Nations signed a memorandum of understanding with Russia on the full access of Russian food and fertilizers products, including ammonia, to global markets.

Russia's grain and fertilizer exports are equally important to the international market, and the memorandum signed between Russia and the UN should likewise be effectively implemented, Geng noted.

"The countries concerned must face up to and eliminate the negative impact of the all-round, non-discriminated sanctions on normal international trade, take concrete measures to solve the real obstacles facing Russia's grain and fertilizer exports," Geng said.

He urged relevant countries to completely abandon the wrong approach of politicizing and weaponizing economic and trade issues.

"Dialogue and negotiation are the only realistic way out of the Ukraine crisis. Cold War mentality, bloc politics, division and confrontation, isolation and suppression will not bring peace," said Geng.

Xinhua

## US Halloween night shootings kill one, injure about 20

ONE person was killed and about 20 wounded on Halloween night in two separate shooting attacks in the US cities of Kansas City and Chicago, police said.

Between five and seven people were shot and one was killed in a shooting at a home in Kansas City, where about

70-100 teens were partying on Monday night, city police chief Karl Oakman said.

Some individuals unknown to the homeowners started shooting when they were asked to leave, Oakman told reporters. In Chicago, 14 people, including two children and a teenager, were injured in a

drive-by shooting, but there were no immediate reports of deaths, Chicago police said.

Seven of the injured, including the three minors, were either in serious or critical condition. Two shooters, traveling in a dark SUV, shot at a group which was standing at an intersection, police said. Thirteen

were hit by gunfire while one was struck by a vehicle, police said, correcting an earlier statement which said that as many as 14 were shot.

Police did not identify the offenders or have any details of the motive, Chicago police superintendent David Brown told a press briefing.

The bloodshed follows a series of US school shootings that have left dozens dead and wounded this year alone, adding to a long-running US debate over gun control. One of the deadliest took place in May when a gunman killed 19 children and two adults in Uvalde, Texas.

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## China makes big strides in developing whole-process people's democracy

THE integration of informatization and industrialization is driving the prosperous development of intelligent technologies and, in particular, the robotics industry. Nowadays, more and more service robots have become a part of people's daily lives.

According to a recent report released by the Chinese Institute of Electronics, the average annual growth of the Chinese robotics industry over the past five years reached 22 percent.

Robots are employed in a number of scenarios, such as education, medical care and emergency rescue, with new business models constantly emerging, heralding a new intelligent era featuring human-robot collaboration.

Recently, there was a trendy hashtag on

Chinese social media about the first batch of people who walked robotic dogs. Videos have been posted online showing robotic dogs walking on streets. They have similar-sized limbs to real pet dogs and can roll and stand on their hind limbs.

Many Chinese companies have launched robotic dogs. For instance, one developed by a tech firm based in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang province, is able to carry a load of 3 kilograms and serve as a running companion for its owner. Last year, electronics manufacturer Xiaomi also unveiled a bipedal humanoid robot that is able to "see" and "sense" its surroundings with face and body recognition technologies. The robot can follow its owner

and avoid obstacles automatically.

Thanks to the rising manufacturing capability, robots are no longer exclusive to industrial production. They are now helping people in many aspects.

They are widely employed in domestic service, acting as people's personal assistants, such as robot vacuum and mop, and cooking robot. In June this year, Chinese electrical appliance manufacturer Midea Group launched a robot that can act as an AI butler, family assistant, safety guard and tech playmate.

In the sphere of education, robots are great teachers and coaches. This June, a board game robot was introduced to a school in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong prov-

ince. Apart from teaching students to play various board games, it can also introduce the culture and rules of the games.

As China sees an accelerating aging process, robots are also used in elderly care. Some products that aim to improve senior people's self-care and risk-prevention abilities are already available on the market. For example, wearable exoskeletons are designed to assist seniors with mobility difficulty.

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Science and Technology jointly issued a guideline for the robotics industry for the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025) at the end

of 2021.

The plan said that China will strive to become a global hub for robotics innovation, high-end manufacturing, and application by 2025, and the country will boast world-leading competitiveness in the robotics industry by 2035.

The guideline indicated that the Chinese robotics industry has embraced a strategic opportunity to achieve independent and leapfrog development.

At present, service robots are manufactured to offer more convenient and intelligent services, as well as complicated functions. They are empowered by a number of new technologies such as AI, virtual reality, and 5G, which creates more possibilities for the application of robots.

People's Daily



# Paul Pelosi attack suspect 'sought to take US House speaker hostage'

SAN FRANCISCO

THE man accused of bludgeoning US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband with a hammer after breaking into the couple's home threatened to take her hostage and break her kneecaps if she lied under his questioning, according to a federal criminal complaint filed on Monday.

David Wayne DePape's alleged intentions emerged as federal prosecutors charged the 42-year-old suspect with assault and attempted kidnapping in Friday's predawn break-in at the Pelosis' San Francisco home.

The 82-year-old speaker of the US House of Representatives, a Democrat who is second in the line of succession to the US presidency, was in Washington at the time of the assault. Her husband, Paul Pelosi, 82, a real estate and venture capital executive, has undergone surgery for skull fractures and injuries to his hands and right arm, and he remained hospitalized on Monday.

"Paul is making steady progress on what will be a long recovery process," the speaker said in a statement on Monday.

The attack, which Jenkins called "politically motivated," has stoked fears about partisan extremist violence just over a week ahead of the midterm elections, on Nov 8, that will decide control of Congress during one of the most vitriolic and polarized US campaigns in decades. Democrats' continued control of both the House and the Senate is at stake.

As one of the highest-ranking Democrats in Washington and a longtime representative of one of America's most liberal cities, Nancy Pelosi has been a frequent lightning rod for expressions of conservative criticism and contempt.

Her office was ransacked during the Jan 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol by a mob of supporters of Republican President Donald Trump, some of whom hunted for her during the melee, following a fiery speech by Trump featuring false claims that his defeat in the 2020 presidential election was the result of fraud.

## Awakened by stranger

DePape was arrested by police officers dispatched to the Pelosis' home after Paul Pelosi placed an emergency-911 call reporting an intruder, according to an FBI affidavit filed as part of the federal criminal complaint.

The San Francisco Police Department recovered zip ties in the bedroom and in the hallway near the front door.



US Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi (left) and her husband Paul Pelosi, pose for the media outside of 10 Downing Street in central London, on Sept 16, 2021, as she arrives for a meeting with Britain's former prime minister Boris Johnson. AFP

Police also found a roll of tape, rope, a second hammer, a pair of gloves and a journal in DePape's backpack, the affidavit said. The intruder had broken in through a glass door to the residence.

Paul Pelosi, who was initially left unconscious from the attack, later told police that he was asleep when a stranger, armed with a hammer, crept into his second-floor bedroom and awakened him, demanding to

speak with his spouse, the complaint states.

According to Paul Pelosi's account in the affidavit, he told the intruder that his wife would be away for several days and the intruder responded that he would stay and wait for her. Pelosi's husband recounted that he managed to slip away to the bathroom to place the 911 call, the affidavit said.

The suspect told police in an interview following his arrest that he planned to hold

Nancy Pelosi hostage for questioning, and that if she told the "truth" he would let her go but if she "lied" he would break her kneecaps, according to the FBI affidavit.

He told police he did not flee the Pelosi home after Paul Pelosi's 911 call because, according to the affidavit, "much like the American founding fathers with the British, he was fighting against tyranny without the option to surrender."

Authorities said police officers arriving at the Pelosi home saw DePape and Pelosi struggling over a hammer. As the officers shouted at both men to drop the tool, DePape yanked the hammer away and struck Pelosi in the head before officers subdued DePape and took him into custody.

DePape was charged in federal court with one count of assault on a family member of a US official and one count of attempted kidnapping of a US official. Prosecutors alleged the offenses stemmed from the suspect's intent to retaliate against the House speaker for her "performance of official duties."

The federal charges carry a combined maximum sentence of 50 years in prison, the Justice Department said in a statement announcing the charges. The state charges are punishable by a prison sentence of 13 years to life, Jenkins said.

Online messages recently posted to several websites by an internet user named "davidepape" expressed bigoted sentiments against minorities, Jews, women and transgender people while embracing the cult-like, right-wing conspiracy theory QAnon.

Older online messages promoted quartz crystals and hemp bracelets. Reuters could not confirm the posts were created by the suspect charged on Monday.

Experts on extremist ideology have said Friday's attack appeared to be an example of a growing trend they call "stochastic terrorism," in which sometimes-unstable individuals are inspired to violence by hate speech and scenarios they see online and hear echoed by public figures.

No one can stop Russia's economy or undermine political stability, Lavrov says

MOSCOW

NO one will be able to stop the Russian economy or undermine political stability in the country, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in a message to participants in a world thematic conference of Russian compatriots residing overseas, dubbed "Economic Cooperation: Compatriots and Russian Regions. Responding to Challenges of the Time."

"It is safe to say that no one will ever be able to stop the Russian economy or undermine domestic political stability," Lavrov (pictured) pointed out.

According to him, while taking the West's destructive actions into account, Russia continues to steadily follow its own course regardless of any difficulties. "We faced sanctions before. The experience of the past decades helps us succeed in overcoming the challenge," the top diplomat noted.

Lavrov emphasized that Russia was not facing isolation on the international stage. "We have many friends all over the world. We consistently boost relations with a broad range of countries within the CIS, in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America," he specified.

The Russian foreign minister also said that Moscow did not seek to wall itself off from its business partners in Europe and North America. "It has never been our choice to cut mutually beneficial ties," he concluded. **Agencies**



## Rwandan leader says means to peace in eastern DRC lies in diplomatic processes

KIGALI

RWANDAN President Paul Kagame said Monday that the means to a peaceful end of hostilities in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) lies in diplomatic processes which were launched in Kenya's capital Nairobi and Luanda, the capital of Angola. He made the remarks following Sunday's phone talks with the UN Secretary-General, Antonio

Guterres, about the escalating conflict in eastern DRC.

The DRC accuses Rwanda of backing the rebels, a charge Kigali has persistently denied. Sunday's talks came as rebels gained ground, capturing some key towns in the Rutshuru territory in the DRC's North Kivu Province after days of fighting. In a tweet, Kagame said he held a "good discussion" with Guterres on the conflict in eastern DRC.

"The ways and means to de-escalate the conflict and address the issues to a peaceful end in eastern DRC are with us building on the Nairobi, Luanda and other international efforts," the Rwandan leader said. We just have to commit ourselves to applying them, he said.

Kagame and his Congolese counterpart Felix Tshisekedi in July held talks aimed at defusing tensions between the

two neighboring countries. The talks, brokered by president Joao Lourenco in Luanda, were convened amid tensions over allegations that Rwanda is backing the M23 rebels in the DRC.

The summit agreed upon dialogue and a "roadmap" which includes the reactivation of a joint intelligence team as well as addressing the issue of Rwandan rebels of the Democratic Forces for the Liberation

of Rwanda (FDLR) based in the DRC.

But on Saturday, the tensions between the two countries hit a new low after Kinshasa expelled Rwandan ambassador to the country Vincent Karega amid intensified fighting between the M23 rebels and DRC government troops in the North Kivu province. Rwanda in a statement Sunday 'regretted' the decision to expel its ambassador. The Nairobi

process launched by the East African Community bloc in April, meanwhile, emphasizes dialogue under the chair of former Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta.

However, Kinshasa has said it will not accept talks with M23, saying it is a terrorist group being externally supported to continue the war, which presents a challenge. Guterres spoke with the President of Angola, Joao Lourenco, Felix

## Brazil's Bolsonaro silent on Lula victory, transition talks begin

BRASILIA/SAO PAULO

IT is still not clear if President Jair Bolsonaro will publicly address his defeat in Brazil's presidential election, a minister said, amid doubts over whether the far-right nationalist will accept the victory of his leftist rival Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Bolsonaro (pictured) was holding off on making remarks so he could prepare a speech, Communications Minister Fabio Faria told Reuters. But it was not clear if Bolsonaro would concede defeat, as his allies were encouraging him to do.

Brazil is on edge, with pro-Bolsonaro truckers setting up roadblocks throughout the country to protest Lula's return to power. Some truckers posted videos calling for a military coup.

The protests that spread from the first roadblocks in farm states did not immediately disrupt grain shipments by the top food producing country, but agricultural lobbies warned they may eventually affect exports.

Brazil's federal highway police said 321 protests had partially or fully blocked roads in 26 states. Truckers - who have benefited from Bolsonaro lowering diesel costs - are one of the president's key constituencies, and they have been known to disrupt Brazil's economy when they shut down highways.

Faria, the communications minister, said Bolsonaro was working with his solicitor general to determine measures to clear the highways.

The truckers were hoping Bolsonaro would endorse their roadblocks, but the president's political aides were urging him to accept his electoral defeat to quell the spreading protests, a



senior staffer at his campaign headquarters said.

While the president had not conceded, his associates held the first contacts with the Lula camp on a future transition.

Vice-President Hamilton Mourao spoke by telephone with Lula's vice-president-elect Geraldo Alckmin and recognized Lula's victory, a spokesman for Alckmin said.

Later, Workers Party president Gleisi Hoffmann called Bolsonaro's chief of staff, Ciro Nogueira for what her spokeswoman called a "cordial" and "respectful" conversation.

The outgoing president has yet to call his rival to congratulate him on becoming Brazil's next president.

Lula's win represents a stunning comeback for the 77-year-old former metalworker, who governed Brazil from 2003 to 2010 but then spent time in prison for corruption convictions that were later annulled.

Lula has vowed to overturn many of Bolsonaro's policies, including pro-gun measures and weak protection of the Amazon rainforest.

Environmentalists and sustainable investors cheered Lula's

victory and his commitment to protect the rainforest and restore Brazil's leadership on climate change.

Even before he is due to take office on Jan 1, President-elect Lula will send representatives to next month's COP27 United Nations climate summit in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, allied environmentalist Marina Silva said on Monday.

In his victory speech on Sunday evening, Lula pledged to strongly police illegal logging, mining and land grabbing that have driven the surging destruction of the Amazon rainforest in the past four years under Bolsonaro.

Pitching the contest as a battle for democracy, Lula promised to unite his deeply divided country and celebrated what he called his "resurrection."

"I will govern for 215 million Brazilians, and not just for those who voted for me," Lula said at his campaign headquarters. "We are one country, one people, one great nation."

The Supreme Electoral Court declared Lula won 50.9 percent of votes, against 49.1 percent for Bolsonaro, who becomes the first Brazilian incumbent to lose

a presidential election.

### International recognition

Lula's win consolidates a new "pink tide" in Latin America, and means the left will govern all the region's major economies after a string of electoral successes from Mexico to Argentina in recent years.

Argentine President Alberto Fernandez flew to Sao Paulo to meet Lula on Monday and hailed "a new era for the history of Latin America. A time of hope and future that begins today."

US President Joe Biden moved quickly to congratulate Lula, calling the election "free, fair and credible."

Congratulations also poured in from other foreign leaders, including China's Xi Jinping, Russia's Vladimir Putin, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and French President Emmanuel Macron.

But Bolsonaro's prolonged silence sparked fears over the handover of power.

Markets braced for a volatile week. Brazil's real currency gained more than 2 percent against the dollar, while the Bovespa was up 0.6 percent in choppy trading.

Lula's win was a rebuke for the fiery far-right populism of Bolsonaro, who lost support as Brazil ran up one of the worst death tolls of the coronavirus pandemic.

Lula has vowed a return to state-driven economic growth and social policies that helped lift millions out of poverty during his two terms as president.

A former union leader born into poverty, Lula's presidency was marked by a commodity-driven economic boom and he left office with record popularity.

## UK gov't under pressure over conditions at migrant centre

LONDON

THE British government came under increasing pressure on Monday to tackle deteriorating conditions at a migrant processing center in southeast England a lawmaker said was "overwhelmed" by the numbers of people arriving across the English Channel.

Nearly 1,000 migrants arrived in Britain in small boats on Saturday alone, according to the Ministry of Defence.

Conditions at the site at Manston in Kent were last week described by Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration David Neal as "pretty wretched".

Intended to house around 1,500 migrants for less than 24 hours at a time, numbers have swelled to more than double that, with one Afghan family telling Neal they had been there for 32 days.

Neal told a parliamentary committee that out of 11,000 people who had gone through the center in the past two months, there had been four cases of diphtheria.

On Sunday, a similar center in the nearby port of Dover was attacked by a man who drove up and threw petrol bombs attached to fireworks before killing himself.

Local lawmaker Roger Gale, a member of the governing Conservatives, visited Manston on Sunday and said it had deteriorated significantly in recent days and weeks.

"It is overwhelmed," he told BBC Radio. "There are simply far too many people there and this situation should never have been allowed to develop and I'm not sure that it hasn't almost been developed deliberately."

Gale said a decision had been made in the Home Office not to book hotel accommodation to house migrants and he had requested that a government minister explain the situation to parliament.

Asked if some believed worse conditions would put people off traveling to Britain, Gale said: "I would say that is wholly unacceptable ... we need a grown up solution to what is a very real problem."

A spokesperson for Britain's Home Office, the government department responsible

for immigration, crime and policing, said the number of arrivals via small boats was putting the asylum system under "incredible pressure".

"Manston remains resourced and equipped to process migrants securely and we will provide alternative accommodation as soon as possible," the spokesperson said.

New British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's office last week said he had discussed the issue of clandestine migration across the Channel with French President Emmanuel Macron.

Charlie Taylor, the chief inspector of prisons, said the Home Office needed to "get a grip", and he would be returning to the site soon after inspecting it over the summer.

"They need to speed up the processing of migrants, they need to make suitable provisions so people can be moved off site as quickly as possible and housed in humane and decent conditions," he told BBC Radio.



**Manston remains resourced and equipped to process migrants securely and we will provide alternative accommodation as soon as possible**



# SPORT



Beach volleyball teams made up of performers from Germany and Kenya take on each other in a recent showdown that took place at Coco Beach in Dar es Salaam. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## 'Dar ought to boost girls' participation in volleyball'

By Beatrice Philemon

LACK of the right infrastructure, coaches, cultural norms, lack of sports equipment, and support from parents and schools are the main factors preventing young girls from putting their skills to show in beach volleyball in Tanzania.

Sand Fuer Alle's president, Oliver Camp, whose institution is based in Germany stated so in Dar es Salaam recently.

Camp was in Tanzania for two weeks accompanied by six volleyballers and two leaders to take part in an international beach volleyball tournament.

"We are very glad to have taken part in a beach volleyball tournament in Tanzania that in turn has helped us get a better understanding of the local volleyball environment and see how strategies can best be implemented to promote beach volleyball in Tanzania and other African countries," he disclosed to The Guardian.

According to the official, the showdown has moreover helped them experience the culture of the region, issues that face beach volleyball, and how to implement strategies with a focus on creating change rather than just focusing on performance.

"From what I have seen here during the competition, boys are quite advanced but girls are still lagging because girls in Tanzania lack regular practice in beach volleyball," he said.

The official disclosed they are planning to host an international tournament in Tanzania, bringing together various countries across the world to encourage more girls to involve in beach volleyball.

"The idea is to promote beach volleyball to make it popular and we want to encourage Tanzanians to explore the opportunities in beach volleyball as well as allow girls to participate in beach volleyball similarly to men he said.

He also challenged other institutions to think about what can be done at the local level to let young girls become successful in beach volleyball.

Camp noted parents, volleyball bodies at regional and national levels, primary and secondary schools, universities, colleges, local authorities, and national government need to work together to promote volleyball and beach volleyball.

According to Camp, they need to do so because the game can also develop great leaders and be an opportunity for young girls to shine whether turning out for a domestic club or participating in volleyball at an international level.

"We are learning and researching how we can support our sisters and brothers to engage in beach volleyball," he said.

The official revealed they have got get a chance to play with Tanzanian and Kenyan players as part of youth meetings and share experience in volleyball.

The official said they moreover visited Bagamoyo Secondary School in Coast Region and seven primary and secondary schools in Tanga, met girls and boys, and discussed beach volleyball, why boys and girls differ in their involvement in the sport, and obstacles facing girls' involvement in sports.

He mentioned secondary schools visited as Kihere, Nguvu Kazi, Macechu, and Usagara while primary schools are Kisosora, Mnazi Mmoja, and Sahara in Tanga rural.

Camp stated that there are many factors affecting girls' participation in sports including cultural norms, lack of sports equipment, and lack of support from parents and schools.

The official stated they moreover visited Kampala International University in Tanzania

to meet students and have a face-to-face discussion to see what can be done to resolve this situation and help girls become volleyball players.

The leader noted that in a bid to help young girls participate in volleyball and other sports, the government should provide equal funding when it comes to financing national teams as well as providing funding according to girls' needs.

Camp pointed out Tanzania can moreover use social media to educate young girls about volleyball, use role models who can inspire them to take part in the game, introduce volleyball in schools and support them in the provision of equipment and training.

The leader noted girls need to have the right infrastructure, education, and coaches who will train them, a move that will help players develop and bring good results in Tanzania.

According to her, women should also have the same opportunity availed to men, and civil society can support young girls to meet their dreams.

Temeke District-based Faru Sports Foundation's Chairman, Nassoro Shariff added that the tournament has been organized by Sand für Alle in collaboration with his foundation with funding from African German Youth Office (AGYO).

"This is the first tournament to be held in Tanzania, bringing together 14 women's teams from Tanzania, Kenya, and Germany, among those 11 teams are from Tanzania, two from Kenya and the other is an outfit from Hamburg," he said.

"We are very happy that we have got an opportunity to play beach volleyball and we are happy to share skills, we feel happy, healthy, and fit and we will continue to work with Sand Fuer Alle president, and promote beach volleyball in Tanzania to encourage more young girls to participate in it," he said.

He said the squads were placed in pools and took on each other during the pool stage.

He mentioned women's category winners of the beach volleyball tournament as Geeske Camp and Sinja Reich from Sand Fur Alle, following a 22-20 victory over Milored Cherol and Phosac Kasisi from Kenya.

The champions received caps with International Volleyball Federation (FIBV) logo, T-shirt from telecommunication firm Tigo to be worn in Germany to encourage girls to embrace beach volleyball, second-placed squad took towels and FIBV caps.

Shariff said Germans Michael Thomas and Mauritz Camp triumphed in the men's tournament, beating Omary Bure featuring for Kampala International University in Tanzania's Omary Bure and Jeshi Stars' Ramadhan Masse

The winners walked away with FIBV caps, tracksuits, and T-shirts from Tigo, the runners-up got tracksuits and FIBV caps to be used to motivate girls in their localities to take part in beach volleyball.

Shariff moreover lauded Sand Fuer Alle president Camp for donating volleyball nets to Tanzania Volleyball Association (TAVA) that will be used to promote beach volleyball in other regions.

"We have decided to organize this event so that we can motivate young girls to involve in beach volleyball as is the case with men," he said.

He called on well-wishers to assist his foundation to obtain volleyball nets, balls, and other equipment for the game.

Faru Sports Foundation's technical director Edwin Smith lauded Pepsi, Tigo, and Sand Fuer Alle for their support which has in turn helped both women and men show their talent and receive various awards.

## SPORTS

## Early Olympic preparations key to medal-winning glory

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

IN the exciting realm of sports it is doubtlessly an ill-kept secret that early preparations for blockbuster sporting events dramatically increase the chances of a team winning a slew of medals at such gigantic sporting spectacles.

It can even be boldly asserted that early preparations for major sporting events are unarguably a sine qua non for sublime medal-winning displays.

Indeed, the paramount importance of early preparations is a fact that we, as Tanzanians, have recently started to embrace.

For instance, in what was a first for us, we meticulously and intensively prepared for this year's Commonwealth Games and as a consequence, our athletes carted home three medals at the sporting festival.

It should be noted here that our encouraging outing at the Commonwealth Games stands in stark contrast to our past when we routinely botched up preparations for prestigious sporting championships, which consequently saw us embarrassingly end up as the also-rans at countless Olympics and World Athletics Championships.

Pleasingly though, it appears that our modus operandi, where preparations for sporting competitions are concerned, has undergone a complete sea change.

Proof of this dramatic U-turn can be seen in a recent media report which indicated that the Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) is intending to commence preparations for the Paris 2024 Olympics early next month.

Indeed, the TOC will organize an athletics championship in early December which will be used to select athletes, who will form part of the national contingent that will represent our country at the Paris Games.

Irrefutably, this move by the TOC should be praised to the hilt as it



Tanzania Olympic Committee (TOC) secretary-general, Filbert Bayi.

increases the likelihood of our athletes claiming a few medals at the Paris 2024 Games.

Let us now dive into domestic football, where Yanga is gearing up to take on the Tunisian side, Club Africain today in the first leg of their CAF Confederations Cup playoff round.

It is expected that the match will be a tightly contested affair as North African clubs are perennially tricky opponents for any side from sub-Saharan Africa to face.

Nevertheless, despite that fact, Yanga should not be fazed by the challenge facing them as Club Africain has found it arduous to jockey for top honors in continental football in recent years.

At this point, it should be highlighted that the winner of this playoff round between Yanga and Club Africain will safely progress to the CAF Confederations Cup's group stage.

Thus, with a lot at stake, one hopes that Yanga will prove equal to the task of ousting Club Africain from continental football's second-tier competition.

Let us still maintain the football theme by examining the prospects of national juggernauts, Simba Queens at the CAF Women's Champions League, which excitingly

kicked off last Sunday in Morocco.

Indeed, on the home front, Simba Queens are known for their largely unrivalled supremacy in the Mainland Tanzania Women's Premier League.

Admittedly though, dominating at home is indisputably an entirely different kettle of fish from enjoying supremacy on the continental women's football landscape.

Nonetheless, one wishes the Simba Queens the very best of luck as they venture forth into the daunting and no-holds-barred competitive arena of continental women's football.

## Parents urged to instill spirit of respecting culture



Some Little Scholars Early Education Center's pupils are pictured at a function for marking the International Day that took place in Dar es Salaam on Saturday. PHOTO: COURTESY OF LITTLE SCHOLARS EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

PARENTS and guardians have been urged to instill the spirit of embracing multicultural values in their children so that they grow up with good values.

Little Scholars Early Education Center's Director Sonia Somaoya disclosed in Dar es Salaam on Saturday when the school was celebrating International Day.

She said since its inception 16 years ago, International Day is a popular event at the school as pupils studying at the institution use it to showcase different cultures.

During the celebration, pupils at the school displayed different attires of different cultures, and dances, as well as their ability to communicate in different languages.

Sonia pointed out: "We are celebrating this International Day with a theme 'Unity in Diversity', at our school we appreciate that multicultural education seeks to respect the humanity of every person."

"We also know that education plays a powerful role in

influencing a child's development and contributing to who they will one day become," she said.

Head of the school Sandhya Karia agreed that when preschool children are introduced into a multicultural environment it becomes easier for them to accept other perspectives and ways of doing things that are as valuable as theirs.

"At our school, we encourage the children to learn other cultures as that is one of the ways which will help them in the future to understand and value other people," she said.

One of the pupils' parents, Godwin Protance appreciated the school for its efforts in promoting education and culture in the country.

The celebration was attended by parents, guardians, and guests that include Pakistan's High Commissioner to Tanzania Azam Biham.

Since the inception of the school, its mission and core values are support the needs of the children with sensitivity and affection within a diverse setup.



## Scaloni: The inexperienced coach who broke Argentina's curse

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina

THE quiet Russian town of Bronnitsy was the scene of one of the most tense moments the Argentina team experienced during the 2018 World Cup when Lionel Messi stood up to the then-coach Jorge Sampaoli and yelled: "We don't get what you're saying. We no longer trust you. We want to have an opinion."

Lionel Scaloni, who was a member of the team's technical staff at the time, witnessed the confrontation that laid bare the insurmountable differences between Sampaoli and the players before Argentina was eliminated in the round of 16 by France. Details of the confrontation started trickling out over the next few days, and Sampaoli was soon gone.

Scaloni's surprising success leading Argentina – even though he didn't have much of a record as a coach, he was able to break a streak of 28 years without a title and set a record of 35 undefeated matches – had a lot to do with that confrontation outside Moscow.

"I never worried about sitting in front of a group and speaking honestly, plainly. You can lie to them once, but the second time they call you out," the 44-year-old coach said in a recent interview. "It's important that when the players go out into the field they're convinced of what the coach says. I think we've been able to achieve that."

Since 1993, when Argentina had won its last trophy, coaches with lots of experience, such as Daniel Passarella, Marcelo Bielsa, Alejandro Sabella, Gerardo Martino and Sampaoli himself, left without glory. Even a symbol of the national team like Diego Maradona struck out.

The original plan after the 2018 World Cup was for Scaloni to lead the team in two friendly matches in the United States while the Argentine soccer association negotiated with a more experienced coach. But the main candidates – Mauricio Pochettino (who was with Tottenham at the time), Diego Simeone (Atlético de Madrid) and Marcelo Gallardo (River Plate) – were all busy and the federation was not willing to break another contract, as it had done with Sampaoli and Sevilla in 2017.

With a thin résumé that included only a few practices under his belt as an under-17 coach in Mallorca, Spain, where he lives, and as Sampoli's assistant, Scaloni leaned on his own experience as a player in the national team.

A former right back, Scaloni emerged from Newell's Old Boys in Rosario – just like Messi – and then transferred to Estudiantes de La Plata. After he was part of the winning team at the 1997 World Youth Championship in Malaysia, he started a tour

through European clubs, first at Deportivo de La Coruña in Spain, then West Ham in England, Racing Santander back in Spain, and Lazio and Atalanta in Italy.

He played with the Argentine national team at the 2006 World Cup.

"He's a very smart person. He was always one to watch and ask a lot of questions," Hugo Tocalli, the coach of Argentina's youth squads from 1994-2007 and field assistant to José Pékerman at the 2006 World Cup, told The Associated Press. "He wanted to know the reasons behind certain tactical exercise, why a certain team was chosen. He was also one to talk a lot with his colleagues."

"He has applied that now, how to talk to the players. As a coach he makes things simple and has gained the respect of the players."

As coach of the Albiceleste, Scaloni shaped a team that was made up by the survivors of the group that reached the finals at the 2014 World Cup and the 2015 and 2016 Copa America – Messi, Ángel Di María, Nicolás Otamendi – and new talents, such as Emiliano Martínez, Cristian Romero, Leandro Paredes and Rodrigo De Paul.

Scaloni also managed to obtain the best version of Messi in the national team. As opposed to his predecessors, who insisted on replicating his style of play at Barcelona when he played for Argentina, Scaloni called on three midfielders – Paredes, De Paul and Giovanni Lo Celso – to liberate Messi from a leadership role and play closer to the area.

"He deserves everything he lived through as well, because the process he had to grasp was not easy and he built all of this," said Messi, who won the first trophy of his career with the national team at the 2021 Copa America.

"He's very personable, talks a lot with the players and tries to be there for whatever is needed," added Messi, Argentina's top scorer with 90 goals in 165 matches. "It's evident ... he loves what he does."

After the initial criticism from the media and disapproval from more experienced colleagues who did not think he was qualified enough to lead a team like Argentina, Scaloni is now asking for caution as the World Cup approaches when faced with the euphoria behind the "Scaloneta," as his team has been nicknamed.

"We're going to try to do the best job possible, there's no doubt about that," said Scaloni, who had renewed his contract until 2026. "Then if it goes well, perfect, but if it goes poorly, it isn't all bad. That's the message because that way we will play more calmly."

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## Neymar's trial on fraud and corruption concludes

BARCELONA, Spain

NEYMAR's trial concluded on Monday with the company that accused him of fraud and corruption reducing the prison sentence it sought for the player's alleged involvement in irregularities related to his transfer from Santos to Barcelona in 2013.

The trial's conclusion came three days after Spain's state prosecutor dropped its charges against Neymar, his father and the former executives of the Brazilian and Spanish clubs.

Brazilian company DIS continued with its charges but called for a revised prison sentence of two and a half years for Neymar and four years for Neymar's father, who is also the player's agent.

DIS initially sought five-year jail terms for the 30-year-old Neymar, his father and former Barcelona executives Sandro Rosell and Josep Bartomeu.

DIS also wants compensation of 34 million euros (\$33.6 million) and a fine of 195 million euros that would be paid by the accused to the Spanish state.

The state prosecutor announced the decision to drop the charges after hearing testimony from Rosell and Bartomeu on Friday. He said he did not see any evidence that a crime was committed.

The prosecutor initially sought a two-year prison sentence and a fine of 10 million euros for Neymar. He also wanted five years for Rosell and three years for the former president of Santos, Odilio Rodrigues.

DIS claims it was paid far less than the 40% it says it was due as part owner of Neymar's player rights. The company said it received its due percentage only from the 17 million euros that Barcelona and Santos initially announced as the transfer fee between the clubs, while the real cost was about 82 million euros.

DIS on Monday accused Neymar and his father of being traitors for trying to hide the amount of the transfer. It said it lamented the prosecutor's decision to drop the charges against Neymar.

All defendants have denied any wrongdoing.

A verdict and sentencing is not expected for at least three weeks.

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## Soccer's 'most important project' begins, not the World Cup

CAPE TOWN, South Africa

THE goal is to get soccer balls to 700 million elementary school children, most of them in the poorest or most remote corners of the world.

India alone needs 1 million balls, which will likely have to travel the length and breadth of the country by road to reach kids at about 10,000 schools.

"Can you imagine China?" said Fatimata Sow Sidibe, the director of FIFA's Football For Schools project.

Overshadowed by the buildup to the World Cup, soccer has embarked on probably its most ambitious global youth development program, with the monumental aim of delivering balls and a coaching program to nearly half of the world's children between the ages of 4 and 14.

Football For Schools was launched in 2019 but came to a grinding halt because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was relaunched this year and has an initial budget of \$100 million from FIFA, about 1% of what Qatar reportedly spent just on its stadiums for this year's World Cup.

And yet, "this is the most important project in the world of football," said Steve Pila, who is managing the Football For Schools rollout in South Africa, one of the pilot countries.

Football For Schools aims to send 11 million Adidas soccer balls to tens of thousands of schools, by air, sea and road. Schools will also get access to training routines via a free cellphone app. That changes the game because it allows any teacher to coach with the help of dozens of practice sessions designed for kids and available at the tap of a finger.

Many schools aren't just short of balls. They also don't have a dedicated soccer coach.

"Even a teacher in the most rural area is able to take young boys and girls together and, at the palm of your hand, you have something to do with them," Pila said.

Pila said South Africa's biggest problem is not enough good coaches and this "fills that gap just a little."

Simple, and hopefully effective.

Development programs are difficult to judge, especially when targeting such young kids. Any results are



Children practice at the Goma Academy of Leaders in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Oct. 24, 2022. Soccer has embarked on probably its most ambitious global youth development program, the ultimate goal of delivering millions of soccer balls and a coaching program to 700 million children aged between 4 and 14 across the world. The Football For Schools project was launched in 2019 but came to a grinding halt because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It has now been relaunched. (AP Photo)

long-term and sometimes intangible. Football For Schools is unlikely to have a noticeable impact on the world game by the time the next World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico comes and goes, or even the one after that. It's a 5-10-year project at least.

"Nobody is investing in this because there is no immediate return of investment," Sow Sidibe said.

But youth programs are priceless. All indications are that the world's best players, the driving force of the game and the focus of the \$200 billion World Cup in Qatar, become the best because they had regular exposure to soccer before the age of 10. Lionel Messi was playing at a club in Argentina at the age of 4, way before Barcelona came calling. Cristiano Ronaldo was in a youth team on the Portuguese island of Madeira at 7.

FIFA believes there are more than half a billion willing young children out there who still don't have enough contact with the world's most popular game.

"We are spreading the net now," said Mzimkhulu Fina, the chairman of schools soccer at the South African Football Association.

Poor regions are the focus. So far, Football For Schools has launched in 18 countries, most of them in Africa, South America, Central America and Oceania. The Caribbean is next. India is a big target for next year, where the project hopes to allow 1.8 million more Indian children to kick a soccer ball, Sow Sidibe said.

She hopes that all 211 member countries of FIFA will eventually take it on.

Africa is especially rich in potential, with more than 400 million children aged 10 or younger growing up on a continent where soccer has no equal as a sport. It also has some of the steepest challenges; poverty but also the remoteness of rural areas where talent scouts aren't dropping by to whisk promising players off to academies.

The backstory of Sadio Mané, the Bayern Munich forward from Senegal who is one of the best players in the world, encapsulates Africa. Born in the village of Bambali in southern Senegal, soccer didn't come to Mané. He had to go find it. He left home as a teenager for the capital, Dakar, in the hope of making it. He did but "so many are

missed," Pila said.

"We have good young players in Africa, but if they are not surrounded by all they need to be among the top ... it's going to be difficult," said Yaya Touré, a former Ivory Coast midfielder who played for Barcelona and Manchester City.

Football For Schools has another vital component, said Pila, who previously was the head of one of South Africa's top academies and is proud to have discovered Steven Pienaar, who became a South Africa international.

The app combines soccer with a life skills program developed through a partnership with UNESCO, the United Nations education agency. And by putting soccer programs in more schools, you keep more young players there, going to class and getting an education.

Pila said it's as critical as ever that youngsters understand they'll need more than their soccer skills in life because they may not make it as professional players. And even if they do, they won't play forever.

"You know football is not long-lived," Pila said. "You play it as long as you are under 35. Unless you are Cristiano Ronaldo."

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## Louis van Gaal back in charge of Netherlands at World Cup

AMSTERDAM

EIGHT years after taking the Netherlands to the semifinals in Brazil, Louis van Gaal is back for another shot at bringing home his nation's first World Cup title.

Van Gaal's tactical ability and leadership will be essential for a team that failed to reach the quarterfinals at last year's European Championship under his predecessor, Frank de Boer.

The Netherlands, three times a World Cup runner-up, is in Group A with host Qatar, Ecuador and Senegal. The team is unbeaten in 15 matches since the 71-year-old Van Gaal took over for the third time after De Boer quit, twice beating Belgium on its way to qualifying for the Final Four of the Nations League.

Van Gaal's success in steering the Dutch team out of the doldrums comes despite him revealing in April that he was being treated for an aggressive form of prostate cancer.

The 71-year-old coach brings a wealth of experience, having led a young Ajax team to Champions League victory in 1995 and managed major clubs including Barcelona, Bayern Munich and Manchester United.

The defining moment of Van Gaal's storied coaching career was his call to bring on reserve goalkeeper Tim Krul in the last minute of extra time in the 2014 World Cup quarterfinals against Costa Rica with the score at 0-0.

Krul saved two penalties in a 4-3 shootout victory that sent the Netherlands to the semifinals. The Dutch team then lost to Argentina on penalties in the next match, with Jasper Cillessen in goal.

Van Gaal has been outspoken in criticizing Qatar as host of the tournament, calling it a "ridiculous" decision motivated by commercial interests.

KEEPER CONUNDRUM

Despite his 2014 heroics, Krul isn't expected to make the cut for Qatar. But the 33-year-old Cillessen, now playing for Dutch club NEC Nijmegen



Louis van Gaal

after spells with Ajax, Barcelona and Valencia, will likely be in the squad.

While Van Gaal appears to have the contours of his starting team largely worked out, it remains unclear who his starting goalkeeper will be.

Other options include 38-year-old Ajax keeper Remko Pasveer, Feyenoord's Justin Bijlow and Freiburg's Mark Flekken.

FORMATION

The debate rages among Dutch fans at every major tournament about whether or not the Netherlands will play their preferred formation of four defenders, three midfielders and three forwards.

Abandoning that 4-3-3 setup was part of the reason that De Boer fell out of favor at Euro 2020, but don't expect Van Gaal to immediately jump back to the system that is drummed into Dutch soccer players from the youngest youth squads right up to the Ajax team.

Van Gaal has been training this year a system with three defenders, four midfielders, two forwards and a player floating just behind the forwards. He says it means "that an opponent always has to adapt."

But Van Gaal will keep opposing teams guessing in Qatar and is always pre-

pared to change the way his team sets up – even during matches.

What system he uses on any given day "depends on the qualities of the opponent," he told Dutch broadcaster NOS.

MEMPHIS

Memphis Depay was one of the break-out stars of the World Cup in Brazil. These days, he's most often seen on Barcelona's bench watching Robert Lewandowski at work.

Van Gaal has in the past said he only selects players who are playing regular club soccer. He will make an exception for Depay, who is well on his way to becoming the Netherlands' all-time top scorer.

Depay's last goal, against Wales in June, took his international tally to 42, level in second place on the list with Klaas Jan Huntelaar. Robin van Persie is alone on top with 50 goals.

"It's always important to play ... and I've done a lot less of that recently," Depay told NOS in September.

But the ever-confident striker said he is in no doubt he will be ready in time for the Netherlands' first match against Senegal on Nov. 21.

"I give everything in training to show that I belong here," Depay said, "and can be important for my country."

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Tanzania's Simba Queens attacker Asha Djafari (R) gets the better of Morocco's AS FAR player as the two sides took on each other in the 2022 CAF Women's Champions League Group A tie in Rabat last Sunday. AS FAR posted a 1-0 victory. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA QUEENS SC

### Ngorongoro Heroes confront Ethiopia in U-20 AFCON qualifiers' decider

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S national U-20 men's football team 'Ngorongoro Heroes' will come up against Ethiopia in their second Group B outing of the 2022 U-20 Africa Cup of Nations CECAFA Zone qualifiers in Sudan. The match will kick off at Al Hilal Stadium at 7 pm.

The Tanzanian youngsters began their campaign with a demoralizing 2-0 defeat to defending champions Uganda on Saturday evening at Al Hilal Stadium, Khartoum.

Two goals down at half-time, they managed to stabilize after the restart but could not break down the Uganda defense.

In a group of only three teams, Ngorongoro Heroes are left with little choice but to get a result against Ethiopia to avoid early elimination.

While victory or a draw would leave them hanging on the balance pending the results of the last group stage between Uganda and Ethiopia, a loss would see them automatically knocked out of the competition. Ethiopia will play Uganda on Saturday.

The 2022 CECAFA U-20 tournament also serves as the qualifying tournament of the U-20 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualifiers for the East and Central African Zone. Seven teams have been divided into two groups.

The leader from group A will face the runners-up from group B and vice versa. The two finalists will automatically qualify for the 2023 U-20 AFCON finals to take place in Egypt.

The top four teams in Egypt will go on to represent the continent at the World Cup.

Following a group stage exit from the 2021 U-20 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in Mauritania, Ngorongoro Heroes promised to come back stronger.

Tanzania, playing in their first-ever continental tournament left Mauritania with just a point from Group C.

They drew 1-1 with semi-finalists Gambia but suffered heavy defeats to Ghana and Morocco.

They went down 4-0 to the Black Satellites and 3-0 to the Young Atlas Lions.



Players making Tanzania's national U-20 football squad, Ngorongoro Heroes, engage in drills at Wad Al Nil Stadium in Sudan on Tuesday ahead of this year's U-20 AFCON Qualifiers for CECAFA Zone's clash against Ethiopia set for today. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

## Nabi upbeat ahead of Yanga's test in 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup playoff



Yanga's head coach Nasredine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, faces an acid test in the club's quest to make it to the group stage of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup when it plays hosts to Tunisian side Club Africain in Dar es Salaam today.

The first leg of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup Group Stage playoff will kick off at 4 pm.

After being dumped out of the 2022/23 CAF Champions League by Sudanese giants Al Hilal SC, Yanga was handed a continental lifeline as they dropped down to the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup where a chance to make it to the group stage for the first time since 2017 awaits them should they win the two-legged tie.

The record Tanzanian champions have to be at their brilliant best to carry a healthy advantage to the second leg given their poor record against North African teams.

However, Yanga coach Nasredine

Nabi said they are not under pressure and added his players have promised to give their all to qualify.

The Tunisian gaffer said: "Our match preparation was mainly based on recovery and analysis of the opponent because we played three days before this CAF match."

Nabi stated: "We have no solution but to help our players recover well so that they can be in good shape for the game."

The gaffer pointed out: "Unfortunately, that's what I said after the Mwanza match, we did ask TFF to postpone our Geita Gold FC match based on the fact that we represent Tanzania in the CAF Confederation Cup."

Nabi revealed: "They said there is no reason to postpone. Our opponents and everyone in Africa when they are in trouble, the Federation helps them to have every possible chance of winning."

"We don't ask to postpone matches just for the pleasure and sake of postponing, we are technicians, and we know how it is to play three matches in 8 days."

"It's going to cause injuries. Unfortunately, we did everything we could, and still, we had two injured players. Maybe they won't

play because we refuse to postpone."

"My fit players are confident and very focused despite all the setbacks. They are focused and motivated to get a very good result which would allow us to go to Tunis with a good chance of qualifying".

"The match will be difficult, this is going to be a difficult battle because I have the impression that here in Tanzania, we don't know Club Africain very well."

"Club Africain is a club that carries the hope of Tunis in Tunisia and is popular in the world. They have a good history, winning the CAF Champions League under the old system in 91."

"They also have other titles, it's a club that has more than 100 years of extremely popular existence in Tunisia."

The coach said: "So it's a club that has the African competition heritage and that's why we have to do everything to be able to achieve a positive result, it's our dream according to the will of God to be able to offer this qualification to our fans, we will fight until the end, we will give the best of ourselves, that's what the players promised me so that we could get a good result."

## Semi-final hopes on the line as Simba Queens face Determine Girls in CAF Women's Champions League

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA'S Simba Queens face a tough mission when they lock horns with Liberia's Determine Girls at Stade Moulay Hassan in Rabat, Morocco. The match will kick off at 7 pm.

The Tanzanian champions, who won the second edition of the CECAFA Women's Clubs Championship in August, are drawn in Group A with hosts AS FAR Club of Morocco, Green Buffaloes (Zambia), and Determine Girls from Liberia.

The Group A match looks thrilling, after Simba Queens lost narrowly to Morocco's AS FAR, while Determine Girls lost 4-0 to Zambia and COSAFA Qualifiers champions, Green Buffaloes, in their opening games on Sunday.

Coach Charles Lukula's charges were undone by poor finishing against AS FAR in a game they created multiple chances only to concede in the second half and fail to find an equalizer.

They will have to move forward from that shock and secure a win against Determine Girls in case they need to revive their qualification hopes.

Ahead of the game, Lukula said: "The only thing we want in this game is a victory, not goals, if we win we get three points and can beat Green Buffaloes in our last group stage game to qualify for the semis as first runners up. If we can reach the semi-finals then the sky will be the limit, we can even qualify for the final and lift the trophy."

Lukula pointed out: "I have high hopes for my players, they are playing well. We missed chances in our first game but that's not a big problem, I am confident we are going to bounce back."

Kenyan international midfielder Corazone Aquino who partnered up with skipper Opah Clement up front against AS FAR said they need to improve to win their remaining games to qualify for the knockout stage.

The footballer noted: "We take one game at a time. For now, we are focusing on Wednesday's game. Most people who watched our first game saw how we sacrificed ourselves, if we improve on that we will get positive results going forward."

She stressed: "Our target is to win the remaining games. If we win then it is the semi-finals and from there we will know what is next."

Determine Girls stunned the football region of West African Football Union A after edging Senegalese USPA and Malian giants AS Mande for the 2022 CAF Women's Champions League spot.

The Liberians are eyeing up another giant-killing outing in Morocco and, after failing in their opening game, they will face Simba Queens with a point to prove.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko



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