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By Felister Peter

REGIONAL administrators in Dar es Salaam are seeking to intensify the rate of vaccination against COVID-19 infections, by camping at places of worship so that worshippers are inoculated as prayers are concluded.

Regional Medical Officer Dr Rashid Mfaume told a seminar for leading Muslim clerics and community leaders yesterday that the target is to ensure that 60 percent of city residents are vaccinated against the respiratory disease by the end of the year.

The strategy being implemented by the regional authorities involves the collaboration with stakeholders, including Management and Development for Health (MDH), a leading non-governmental agency in the area of public health that traditionally focused on educating the youth on HIV prevention and regular taking of anti-retroviral medication.

The official noted that the campaign will see mobile vaccination administered in village and ward levels, to attain close to two thirds of vaccination eligibility in each place, thus the need for eliciting assistance from religious leaders to encourage people to turn up for vaccination.

"We are optimistic that with the support of religious leaders, we will reach many people across the city," he said, specifying

Vaccination services will now be offered at places of worship

that vaccination services will be offered at mosques after Friday prayers.

The Ministry of Health has set a target of vaccinating 3.8m people in Dar es Salaam but has so far inoculated 1.04m people, in which case 60 out of 100 eligible people "should be vaccinated to ensure herd immunity," he declared.

Current vaccination trends show an increase in the number of people receiving the jabs every day as a total of 17,000 people get the jabs on a daily basis, whereas earlier the city was vaccinating just 400 people per day, he stated.

Since COVID-19 vaccination started there are no reported cases of people experiencing unexpected effects or actually falling sick for that reason.

Dr David Sando, the MDH chief executive officer, said the NGO was assisting the city inoculation campaign with an operational initiative funded by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A total of 3bn/- has been disbursed for the purpose, to provide training, supply working equipment and employ health sector personnel, he elaborated.

"We want to use mosques as a platform to encourage people to get vaccinated.

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19 MPs: High Court faults all objections to expulsion

By Guardian Reporter

THE High Court of Tanzania yesterday dismissed an objection filed by the 19 Special Seats Members of Parliament (MPs) of the leading opposition party, Chadema regarding their expulsion from the party.

Judge John Mgeta, delivering the ruling, said that the court reached its verdict after reviewing arguments submitted by both sides, where seven objections by the political party were presented by advocate Peter Kibatala.

The technically disqualified MPs led by the party's former women's wing chairperson Halima Mdee, filed an objection to expulsion, asking the court to impose a restraining order on the matter.

Observers said the ruling removes all restraint due to expulsion from the party, as the High Court accepted two out of the seven objections presented by the party, directing that adjustments be made on five other objections.

The court faulted objections filed by Mdee and 18 other, asserting that the MPs addressed the wrong applicant who in accordance to the laws was supposed to be the registered trustee, citing Section 21

He said the court has no powers to questions decisions by NEC, in accordance with Section 74 (12) of the constitution

(1) of the Political Parties Act as requiring each registered political party to appoint trustees.

Chadema advocate Jeremia Mtobesya asked the court to dismiss the files objections as the MPs sued the National Electoral Commission (NEC) "which should not have been involved in the case."

He said the court has no powers to questions decisions by NEC, in accordance with Section 74 (12) of the constitution.

Party secretary general John Mnyika said the Attorney General is now expected to inform the Speaker of the National Assembly on the court decision, with the Speaker expected to implement the court order right away and formally "ordering the expelled MPs to leave the House."

On May 11 the party governing council voted unanimously to expel the 19 Special Seats MPs for having been sworn in without the blessing of the party, after which former Kawe MP Halima Mdee said the voting process was clouded with intrigues and lacked transparency



This is at the scene where a train travelling from Kigoma to Dar es Salaam derailed yesterday at Malolo in Tabora Region. Sources said four passengers died and 132 were injured in the incident. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Train wagon slide has four dying, 132 injured

By Guardian Reporter

FOUR passengers, two children and two adults, died in a train accident which left 132 others injured, the railway after a passenger train derailed in Tabora yesterday morning, the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) has confirmed.

Jamila Mbarouk, the head of information and public relations, said in a statement that the train derailed at 11 am, a few kilometers from the Tabora central railway station.

The 132 injured passengers were rushed to the Kitete Regional Hospital and were

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responding well, she stated, noting that all the train's eight wagons were derailed, elaborating that the train had 930 passengers on board from the western region of Kigoma travelling to Dar es Salaam.

"TRC is investigating to establish the cause of the derailment," she said, wishing the injured passengers a quick recovery, affirming that the dead are two children, a five-year-old girl child and a boy infant of four-months.

TRC was doing whatever it takes to facilitate the injured to reach their final

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Turkish airbus jetliner lands at KIA and flies to Zanzibar



By Guardian Correspondent, Kilimanjaro

A TURKISH Airlines plane landed at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA)

yesterday, the first in the drawn out returning to normal as relaxation from the Covid-19 restrictions eases out.

The Airbus A-330-330 jetliner is part of

expected four direct flights per week from the commercial capital of Istanbul to KIA, a restoration of the route since suspending flights two years ago.

Atupele Mwakibete, the deputy minister for Works and Transport officiated at a function to receive the plane, landing at 1:30am with 251 tourists, flanked by senior government officials, the KIA management and Turkish Airlines officers.

The plane's arrival was a good day for the tourism business, he said, noting that efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to advertise the country via "The Royal Tour" documentary will be paying off.

The film has attracted many tourists to come to Tanzania, with various airlines, including Turkish Airlines, taking up that opportunity to transport tourists.

Citing immense hospitality offered to tourists, he was optimistic that when they go back home others will come. "Today we have received here 99 tourists while 152 others are

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Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority director general Hamza Johari handover a book to one of Minazi Mirefu secondary school students. TCAA has donated over 467 textbooks for various subjects to the school located at Kipawa Ward in Dar es Salaam yesterday, being part of the authority's corporate social responsibility (CSR). Photo: Correspondent Dickson Mufashani

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proceeding to Zanzibar," he said.

Christina Mwakatobe, the airport company's acting director, said that Turkish Airlines will be using the bigger Airbus A-330-300 planes carrying up to 289 passengers, owing to the big tourist market and high demand for air travel.

KIA first received a big plane used by Ederures Airline flying from the Swiss

business capital of Zurich, to KIA via Zanzibar, and last month Eurowings landed, a franchise affiliated with German carrier Lufthansa. Other flights by major international airlines are expected, she stated.

Dr Natu Mwamba, the KADCO board chairperson, said the restoration of Turkish Airlines flights sets the pace for other international airlines as the tourism sector recovers, noting that

Manyara, Arusha, Kilimanjaro and Tanga regions will use the flights to airlift horticultural products, minerals and gems to be sold in southern European markets.

Gerson Msigwa, the chief government spokesman, said it is a good thing to see big airlines increase flights to Tanzania, suspended due to Covid-19 pandemic. Turkish Airlines has more than 350 planes making flights to 160 countries,

he stated.

Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB) data indicates strong tourism sector growth, he said, noting that since January 2021 tourism arrivals had reached 275,796 visitors, rising to 368,700 tourists from January to April this year.

This shows that the government objective of attaining five million tourists by 2025 can be realised, he added.

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destination, she said, citing the case of Tabora passengers heading to Dar es Salaam who met with another train derailed in Dodoma region, 58 km from the capital.

The train was ferrying 720 passengers from Dar es Salaam to Tabora, Katavi, Kigoma and Mwanza regions when it derailed. Six of the 12 wagons derailed at around 7 pm in the Kigwe-Bahi area, reports indicated.

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We already have over 300 medical teams offering COVID-19 jobs at the community level. Vaccination services will now be offered at places of worship," he asserted.

Those vaccinated will have their data entered processed for obtaining an electronic certificate quickly enough, he said, highlighting that as each of the teams has a specialist for data entry and processing of electronic certificates.

Mufti Abubakar Zubeir appealed to Muslim leaders to encourage worshippers take up vaccination vaccinated within the precincts of mosques when the teams turn up, laying emphasis on education on the importance of being vaccinated.

The need to ensure a healthy nation

to enhance productivity in all sectors is paramount, so Tanzanians need to get the jobs as the vaccines were properly researched upon, tested and approved by national and global medical field regulatory agencies.

Mid-July last year, President Samia Suluhu Hassan launched the country's vaccination campaign against COVID-19 by receiving the Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) vaccine, a single shot type.

The Tanzania Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA) authorized five types of COVID-19 vaccines for local use, namely Sinovac, Sinopharm, Moderna, Pfizer and Janssen.

In December, the government launched the second phase of the inoculation campaign, targeting 80,000 to 100,000 people per day.

Foundation donates computers, books to sec school in Mtwara

By Guardian Reporter

WENTWORTH Africa Foundation (WAF) has provided a modern library, books and computers programmed with Soma Direct educational materials to Mangamba secondary school in Mtwara Region.

Speaking at the handing over ceremony yesterday, the headmaster Said Mpatte, thanked the foundation for choosing to support Mangamba secondary among hundreds of other schools.

"Today is a historical day for us, the school has existed for 16 years without a library and today we are proud and happy to have this facility in our school, thanks to Wentworth Africa Foundation's generous donation," said Mpatte.

Wentworth Africa Foundation President, Barbara Mc Bean explained that refurbishment of the school started in 2016 and that this was the 9th library on the list.

"In Mtwara Region, Wentworth Africa Foundation has refurbished and built libraries in Msimbati, Chuno, Raha Leo, Bandari and Chikolopola secondary schools. In Coastal Region, the schools supported are Mboga, Mandera and Jokate Mwegelo secondary schools and today Mangamba secondary school," said Barbara.

She added: "We are pleased to be able to provide Mangamba with inspiring spaces to learn and access to books and computers. We have spent US\$130,000 for all the library projects."

Barbara said the foundation's objective is to work with schools as a team, united through a shared goal of improving education and opportunities for Tanzanian youth.

WAF also donated sanitary pads to 372 girl students through the 'Keep a Girl in School' programme, aiming to empower girls to stay in school, restore their dignity and enable them to attend school throughout the year.

WAF achieves its mission of improving education in the region through its three programmes—library refurbishment, bursary support and menstruation hygiene management programme dubbed 'Keep a Girl in School'.

Through the bursary support programme, the foundation supports students from low income families to access higher education. Libraries are refurbished by the Realising

Education for Development (READ), an organisation funded by WAF.

Uppi Liundi, Director of READ said teachers were trained on library management while students are enthusiastic about forming reading clubs.

"I have registered 90 students for the reading club which is unprecedented. WAF has financed not only the refurbishment of the library, but also 954 books, tables, desks, and chairs and 6 programmed computers, all totaling 33m/-," he remarked.

Representing Mtwara Regional Administrative Secretary, the Regional Education Officer (Skills Development), Geoffrey Kituye said in WAF's areas of operation—Mtwara, Lindi and Coast regions there are over 1,500 schools.

He said Mangamba secondary should count itself as lucky indeed to have received the support from WAF.

Hamida Hamis, a Form Three student at the school said the pads were a blessing since she currently uses a piece of cloth which is difficult to wash and makes her uncomfortable.

Mangamba secondary school was awarded a school van last year after emerging the top performer in the region. With a new library and support for girls from WAF national examination results would be better.



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Tanzania, UAE pact to end double taxation, tax evasion

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) yesterday signed agreements to stop double taxation and controlling income tax evasion.

Lawrence Mafuru, the Treasury deputy permanent secretary signed for the government, while Abdullah Ahmed Al Obaidali, head of international cooperation and financial institutions at the UAE Ministry of

Finance signed for his country, in the presence UAE Ambassador Khalifa Abdulrahman Almarzooqi.

The agreements will be followed by the signing of contracts, the Treasury executive noted, attributing those achievements with efforts by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

During the president's visit in the UAE, she reached an accord for the removal of tax impediments to the promotion of trade and investments

between the two countries; as such improvements would strengthen the country's investment environment.

The agreements will result in increased investments, with Tanzania expecting more investors from UAE as they are backed by substantial financial muscle, he further noted, decrying double taxation as affecting the doing business.

Tanzanian businessmen will be able to do business in the Emirates without paying taxes twice,

he affirmed.

Ambassador Khalifa said the decision to stop double taxation would promote investments, as potential investors from UAE will establish projects in Tanzania, boost economic growth and improve people's livelihoods.

President Samia's efforts to improve the country's business and investment climate will attract more capital and investments especially from UAE, he added.



Water minister Jumaa Aweso talks at the handing over of performance report of the Rural Water and Sanitation Agency (RUWASA) for the year 2020/2021 including the signing of pre-service water vision agreements and the announcement of water prices for rural water services and motorcycle distribution for its servants in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Peter Mkwavila

TEF irked by removal of newspaper sellers off Dar

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Editors Forum (TEF) says it is depressed by the action of Dar es Salaam City militia of harassing newspaper vendors in various area of the city and taking away their tables.

In its present to the media yesterday, TEF chairperson, Deodatus Balile said: "Such incidents of harassing newspaper vendors have been proved to have been carried out by the city's militia without any tangible reasons at all."

He said in October last year, the government embarked in removing small traders (machingas) from the roadsides of Dar es Salaam, but newspaper vendors were spared not through overlook, but in accordance with the 4014 VAT and addendum 9(3) HSC 4902.90.00 that recognizes newspapers as an integral part of education.

"This law resembles nearly all laws worldwide in regard to VAT and that is why in all world cities there are stands for newspapers and books to impart education and knowledge to their people," Balile added.

He said that Tanzania will be the only country in the world to prevent her people to read newspapers and books.

"In addition to expressing our dismay, TEF has called on the Dar es Salaam City Director and others with similar motives in harassing newspaper vendors to stop these acts at once and should return all newspapers tables to the vendors.

He also appealed to the Minister for Information, and Information Technology to take prompt steps to suspend the ongoing operation that violates the country's laws.

Government cautioned on implementation of Kilwa modern fishing port project

By Getrude Mbago, Dodoma

THE government has been urged to ensure that the implementation of the modern fishing port project in Kilwa District, Lindi Region goes similar with the construction of key infrastructure such as airport, roads and the fishery college.

Member of Parliament for Kilwa South Ally Kassinge made the call yesterday in the House when contributing to the debate of the central budget for the 2022/23 financial year.

The lawmaker said that in order to ensure that the port produces positive outcomes, the government should ensure that an airport in Kilwa is expanded and rehabilitated at tarmac level but also a fishery college and strong road infrastructures are constructed.

"We should make sure that we also construct a modern fish market in Kilwa Kivinje and a fish centre at Kilwa Masoko, the port will open up a number of opportunities, so having friendly services, infrastructures and institutions is a matter of paramount importance," he said.

Kassinge also wanted the government to ensure that it compensated all residents who have been told to leave the area to pave way for the construction of the port and the airport.

Recently, while briefing reporters on the achievements attained by the ministry in one-year of President Samia Suluhu Hassan's duration, the Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Mashimba Ndaki said the construction of the port was expected to commence mid this year.

Ndaki said that the construction of the port is part of efforts to promote the fishing sector in the country where the government had set aside 50bn/- to be spent on construction.

He said upon completion, the state-of-art port will handle and oversee the management of the country's coastal and marine resources and modernise the fishing industry in the country.

Also contributing, Stella Manyanya (Nyasa) commended the government's move to take five percent of loans set by district councils for women, youth and persons with disabilities to construct and improve infrastructures of businesses areas of the petty traders.

"This is a very good decision as it is going to facilitate petty traders to conduct their businesses in a conducive environment," she said.

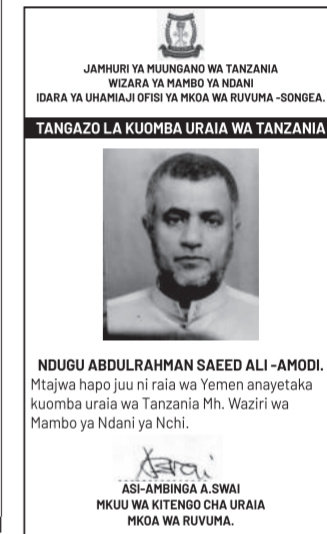
Kasalali Mageni (Sumve) said for the development outcomes to benefit Tanzanians, there should be equality in dividing the national cake complaining

that the majority of roads in the constituency were in a devastating state.

"Sumve constituency has no tarmac roads, we want equality on this, how are we going to develop if we don't have quality infrastructures to support farming and transportation of people, produce and other products," he said.

Emmanuel Shangai (Ngorongoro) said there were a number of loopholes in revenue collection in district councils calling on the government to look into this and supervise the collection as well as fight misuse of funds.

"Experts at district level are not playing their role well, we lose a lot of revenues due to recklessness of some our officials, I experienced this in various livestock auctions in Ngorongoro, a lot of funds are not collected there, district executive directors (DEDs) should wake up and supervise well revenue collection."



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Govt allocates 24bn/- for electric project from Tabora to Urambo, Parliament told

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government through the National Grid Stabilisation Project has set aside 24bn/- in the 2022/2023 financial year for a 115 kilometre 132 Kv electric project from Tabora to Urambo, the Parliament heard yesterday.

At the same time some 7,209 buildings comprising residential, schools and others in the region are to be connected with power under the densification projects.

Deputy Minister for Energy, Steven Byabato made the statement yesterday while responding to a question asked by the Urambo MP, Magreth Sita (CCM) who had wanted to know the benefits of the densification plan in electricity connectivity in areas that were not connected.

She also wanted to know when the Uhuru electricity cooling plant in Tabora region would start operating.

In response, the deputy minister stated that Tabora region has a total of 122 divisions that benefited through the densification plan whereby

27 are in Urambo constituency.

"At least 7,209 buildings are to be connected with electricity through densification project and 1,722 of them are in Urambo district," he said.

Byabato also explained that the Uhuru power plant is in the national grid project connecting Tabora and Kigoma regions whereby KV 132 line from Tabora to Kidahwe in Kigoma is to be built.

Under the project, he said some three Kv 132/33 power cooling stations will be built at Urambo, Nguruka and Kidahwe.

The project will also see completion of Uhuru plant by June 2023 and will help connect electricity from Tabora to Urambo.

On Tuesday, the government has expressed the commitment to connect all villages with electricity in the 2022/23, setting aside 140 bn/- for the start of the project.

As at February, 2022, a total of 27,934 out of the 64,760 divisions in the country had been connected to the utility through the densification projects.

Govt plans to purchase 195 ambulances in 2022/23 FY

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government plans to purchase 195 ambulances before the end of 2022/2023 financial year to be distributed to district councils across the country, it has been revealed.

The plan to purchase motor vehicles was revealed in the parliament yesterday by the deputy Minister in the President's Office Regional Administration and Local Government, Dr Festo Dugange when responding to a question asked by the Special Seats MP, Tecla Ungele (CCM).

In his question, the Member of Parliament wanted to know when the government would provide ambulances to district hospitals in Liwale, Nachingwea and Kilwa.

In his response, Dr Dugange provided assurance that the government was full committed to purchasing the ambulances.

The deputy minister said during the 2021/2022 the government dished out 1.04bn/- to Babati District Council for the construction of the district

hospital, health centre, one house for the medical staff and completion of the dispensary.

He said the government was full aware of the dire need of mortuary at Gidas Health Centre. He noted that the government would soon begin the construction of Gidas Health Centre and that it was in the process of looking for funding procedures.

In her supplementary question Special Seats legislator, Munde Tambwe (CCM) also wanted the government to look on the possibilities of increasing health centres in Tabora municipality which she said had almost 600,000 people, adding that at least 20 pregnant women were giving birth every day.

According to the deputy minister, the government would soon make thorough assessment on areas that have higher population but its people could not have access to medical facilities due to longer distance.

The assessment further will look on the ways to upgrade some dispensaries to health centres, according to Dr Dugange.



Agriculture deputy minister who is also Dodoma Urban MP Anthony Mavunde greets Chihoni primary school pupils who visited the Parliament for a training tour in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Ibrahim Joseph

Kabanga Nickel Project to generate at least 151bn/- in revenue, House heard

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Kabanga Nickel Project in Ngara, Kigoma region is expected to contribute at least \$ 65mn/-, equivalent to 151bn/- in revenue to the district council throughout its time, the Parliament heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Minerals, Dr Steven Kisurwa told the lawmakers that the project is also to help provide 978 direct jobs. He said this in response to a question asked by the Ngara MP, Ndaisaba Ruhoro (CCM), who had wanted to know how Ngara residents would benefit from the project.

"What is the government plan to ensure that residents of Ngara constituency benefit from the Kabanga Nickel Project?" he asked.

In response, the deputy minister explained that the project is undertaken by Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited through mining license issued on 25th October, 2021.

He said as at April, 2022, the project had spent a total of \$1.5mn/- in purchase of goods and services locally. The deputy minister stated that at least \$125,673mn/- were spent on purchase in Ngara district.

"I urge Ngara residents and Tanzania at large to tap opportunities created by the project" said the deputy minister.

He also added that through the corporate social responsibility (CSR), the project contributed 39m/- in 2021 and is expected to contribute a total of 207.8 m/-.

On 19th January 2021, the ministry of Minerals signed an investment agreement

with Kabanga Nickel Limited of the UK for the development of the nickel mining project.

Located 130 km southwest of Lake Victoria in the Ngara District of the Kagera Region in northwestern Tanzania, Kabanga is the largest development-ready nickel sulfide deposit in the world, unmatched in scale and grade, with at least 30 years life of mine and further exploration upside.

The government and Kabanga Nickel agreed to form a joint-venture, Tembo Nickel Corporation, which will own two subsidiaries: Tembo Nickel Mining Company which will be involved in Nickel mining in Kabanga, and Tembo Nickel Refinery Company which will be involved in mineral refining in Kahama, Shinyanga.

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Govt allocates 33bn/- for revamping of community development colleges

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE government has strengthened its strategy to increase the job market by 2025 following its allocation of 33bn/- for the construction, refurbishment and expansion of 54 community development colleges countrywide.

The money has been provided through the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and aims to make sure training by these colleges are of quality standard to satisfy the job market in the areas they are situated.

The Ministry's Acting Permanent Secretary, Masha Kabengwe made the remarks here yesterday when opening the general Meeting of all Community

Development colleges in the country.

Kabengwe, who is also the Ministry's Director of Administration and Human Resources, said the refurbishment has been done in three phases starting with 42 development colleges, and is now being done to 12 remaining colleges, and will include the construction of two new colleges.

He said the plan also goes simultaneously with the purchase of modern equipment for teaching and learning for better education provision.

Kabengwe further said already through the government's community development plan in fighting the effects of Covid-19, 68bn/- has been set aside for purchasing the equipment

and will start for 34 colleges.

"Already some of the colleges have started receiving the equipment, but I call on heads of the colleges to make sure the infrastructures and the equipment are taken care of," he said.

Earlier, the Ministry's Director of Technical Education, Margaret Mussai said there are 54 community development colleges in the mainland and many were in very poor condition, but many have been rehabilitated.

He said in the colleges small factories have been established including workshops including those for vehicles, carpentry and masonry aimed to ensure the country attains the industrial economy status.



Deputy minister for Works and Transportation, Eng Atupele Mwakibete speaks during the launch of national blue economy conference organised by Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute (DMI) which was held in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

Mbeya region attains 102pc of revenue collection target

THE authorities in Mbeya Region have said it has surpassed its revenue collection target set by the central government by more than 102 per cent while all local councils are expected to attain 100 per cent of their targets.

This was revealed here yesterday by Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera as he briefed reporters on the implementation of various development activities in the region including revenue collection.

He said in FY 2021/22 the central government set the target of collecting 42.6bn/- but so far, he added they have collected 43.2bn/-, equivalent to 101 per cent.

He said Mbeya District Council leads in the revenue collection, it was

targeted to collect 4.3bn/- but by June 21 this year it has collected 5bn/- or 117 per cent.

He named Chunya District Council as second - its collection target was 4.8bn/- but so far it has collected 5bn/- or 104 per cent, followed by Mbeya City Council that collected 16.7bn/- from its target of 16.6bn/- or 101 per cent.

He also named fourth local council as Busokelo that had a target of collecting 1.59bn/- revenue but collected 1.569bn/- or 100 per cent of the target.

He said three other local councils are yet to attain 100 per cent of their

revenue collection targets, but have good averages so far and it is hoped by the end of the financial Year they will attain the targets.

These councils include Kyela, Rungwe, and Mbarali.

He also called on executive directors of these councils that are yet to attain 100 per cent of their revenue collection targets to do so before June 30 this year.

Homera also said Mbeya Region plans to present special prizes to District Executive Directors who have done well in revenue collection in order to spur more efforts in revenue collection in future.

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

Mjema counsels cotton farmers in Shinyanga to increase production

SINYANGA Regional Commissioner, Sophia Mjema has appealed to the residents of the region to increase the pace in cotton farming whose price, she said, was now friendly and will increase their incomes.

Mjema made the remarks on Monday this week as she was speaking at a public meeting in Mwalalasa Ward in Kishapu District at which she also heard their complaints.

She said the Phase VI Government of President Samia Suluhu Hassan is determined to raise cotton farmers' economic wellbeing and issued the crop's indicative price of 1,900/- to 2,000/- per kilo which, she said was friendly. "I beseech you to cultivate cotton in abundance as the price is

now friendly to you, as earlier the price was 1,560/- per kilo, but now it is 1,900/- to 2,000/- per kilo," she added.

The RC also called on them to continue supporting President Samia for her hard work in serving the people, and that they should ignore the few misleading people, especially in regard of rising prices of basic goods in the country.

She said rising prices of basic goods cannot be blamed on the government, but has been contributed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine War, but President samia has been fighting to reduce the

inflation by providing 100bn/- subsidy to cushion the price rises.

Meanwhile, Kishapu District Commissioner, Joseph Mkude praised the government for cotton's indicative price and pledged they will continue managing the cultivation of the crop including educating farmers on profitable farming practices.

Some of the people who attended the meeting, praised the new indicative price for cotton, and asked the government to increase the number of agricultural experts to enable them reach out to all farmers to educate them on better farming practices.

By Guardian Reporter

RUFFO calls for collective efforts to strengthen child rights protection

THE Raising Up Friendship Foundation (RUFFO) is calling for collective efforts from stakeholders, parents and members of the public to strengthen protection of children rights and fight against violence.

In her remarks during the commemoration of the International Day for African Child recently, RUFFO executive director Hilda Ngaja said without coordinated efforts, children will continue facing more challenges and thus thwart their progress.

Organised collaboratively by RUFFO, Kisarawe District Council and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the event brought together about 1500 students from five secondary and primary schools in Kisarawe.

Ngaja said that the event reminds how leaders, parents, stakeholders and the society have roles to protect

the rights of a child. It is a time to celebrate the energy, strength and creativity of children across Africa. And a time to reflect, take stock and renew our commitment to giving African children a chance of a future they deserve.

"Children are our national asset and the future of the nation, so it is our national duty to protect the best interests of children and provide them equal opportunities without any discrimination," she said.

She said RUFFO is implementing a number of projects aimed to strengthen protection of children in the country.

"We have the Sitanyamaza campaign that aims to give a voice to children giving them opportunity and confidence to speak up against

oppression and abuse, we also implement the Hedhi Yangu (My Period) and Life Skills," she said.

Reports show that nearly 3 in 10 girls and approximately 1 in 7 boys in Tanzania have experienced violence prior to the age of 18 in school settings.

She reminded parents to always remain vigilant, take closer monitoring of their children so as to protect them from acts of abuse.

Kisarawe District Commissioner Nickson Simon said that the government recognises children and that's why it has put several policies and laws to protect them and support them to achieve their dreams.

He however said that the government alone cannot achieve the goal of protecting children without support from stakeholders and communities.



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INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGN OF AN ULTRA-MODERN TANZANIA REVENUE AUTHORITY OFFICE BUILDING ON PLOT NO. 123, 124 AND 265 BLOCK '121' SAMORA AVENUE AND PLOT NO 126 FUR 11 ALONG SOKOINE DRIVE, ILALA DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

Expression of Interest

16th June, 2022

1. This invitation for expression of interest follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) which appeared in Tanzania National e-Procurement System (TANePS) on 10th June, 2022.
2. The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has set aside funds for the operation of the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) during the financial year 2021/22. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for **Design of an Ultra-modern and Iconic Tanzania Revenue Authority Office Building on Plot No. 123, 124 and 265, Block '121' Samora Avenue and Plot No 126 FUR 11 along Sokoine Drive Ilala-Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.**
3. The Tanzania Revenue Authority now invites eligible Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the services which include Architectural Design Competition. The office building is intended to accommodate 2,582 staff whose spatial requirements is approximately 76,299m² (Gross Floor Area) within a plot size of approximately 6,600m².
4. Interested Consulting Firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services by submitting consultant's profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. Local and International Architectural Firms may associate to enhance their qualifications.
5. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement Act No. 7 of 2011 as amended in 2016 and the Public Procurement Regulations, 2013 - Government Notice No. 446 as amended in 2016 (hereinafter called Procurement Regulations) whereby the **International Architectural Competition Approach** will be used.
6. Selection will be conducted through the "Quality Based" selection procedures specified in the Public Procurement Regulations.
7. Interested eligible consulting firms may obtain further information online through TANePS OR from the office of the Commissioner General, Tanzania Revenue Authority, Postcode:28 Edward Sokoine Drive,11105 Mchafukoge, Ilala CBD, P.O. Box 11491, Dar es salaam, Tanzania from 08:00hrs to 17:00hrs on Monday to Friday inclusive except on public holidays.
8. Expression of Interest (Eoi) in digital format (PDF) must be submitted through **TANePS** clearly marked "the International Architectural Competition for the Proposed Design of an Ultra-modern Tanzania Revenue Authority Office Building on Plot No. 123, 124 and 265, Block '121' Samora Avenue and Plot No 126 FUR, along Sokoine Drive, Ilala-Dar es Salaam, Tanzania".
9. The Expression of Interest should be submitted at or before 14:00hrs EAT on Wednesday day 6th July, 2022.
10. Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

**Commissioner General
TANZANIA REVENUE AUTHORITY**

NGO vows to support govt's efforts in maternal, sexual reproductive health

By Henry Mwangonde

AN International Non-Government Organisation (DKT) has expressed intention to support the government in its endeavor to promote maternal and sexual reproductive health as well as join the war in HIV/Aids prevention through public awareness campaigns.

The organisation which began operations in the country in 2015, boasts having an impact through social marketing by selling family planning and reproductive health products hence creating a wide range of choices for users.

Visiting Chief Operating Officer for the organisation Daniel Marun said in a special interview that the organisation was ensuring that there is quality and wide range of family planning and sexual reproductive health options for the general public which will in the long run help in the fight against HIV.

He added that the best way to deal with myths and beliefs against sexual reproductive health was through public education. "If we manage to change the mindsets of the youth for example on condom use, definitely we will have protected the whole public because they are the majority," he said.

He however called for cooperation from both sectors including the private and public sector saying this can form a strong platform and approach to overcome myths and beliefs.

Country Director for DKT Tanzania Kelvin Hudson said the company has already marked key areas to work on especially those with high HIV/Aids prevalence like Njombe to benchmark the war against the diseases.

"We are using this approach to penetrate in rural and remote areas where we see there is a challenge and myths towards Sexual Reproductive Health," he added. The official said the

objective of the company is to ensure people's lives are improved through quality family planning and sexual reproductive health.

Family planning challenges in Tanzania include supply chain stock outs and irregularities, social inhibitions related to religion and culture, and a lack of modern birth control methods and sex education for young girls and adolescents.

Tanzania grapples with a serious HIV epidemic- nearly 1.6 million people are infected. Women are particularly affected and comprise over 60-percent of cases.

The organisation's goal is to respond to these problems by providing a wide range of high-quality contraceptives at affordable prices. Providing method choices, introducing innovative technologies and filling gaps in the supply chain will help serve the total marketplace.



Barron Group of companies representative, Jacqueline Kawishe (yellow dress), presents to the chairperson and founder of the Women Initiatives Foundation (MIF), Wanu Hafidh, school shoes donated by Feza school, in Zanzibar yesterday, as their contribution to the MIF fund. Others in the picture are MIF board members. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Reporter

DAS lauds fuel firm for opening service station in Kigamboni

KIGAMBONI District Administrative Secretary, James Mkumbo has commended TotalEnergies for launching their first service station in the area, urging more investors to emulate the spirit and partner with the company.

Mkumbo was speaking at the launch of Kigamboni service station under the Dealer Owned Dealer Operated (DODO) programme of the TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania.

"TotalEnergies has proven to hold the development of Tanzania and her people at the core of the company's heart and through the DODO programme enable local investors, businessmen and women to further boost their revenues and the economy of the country. I would like to urge more local investors, businessmen and women to partner with TotalEnergies through their DODO programme and be part of the leading fuel company in Tanzania.

He further thanked TotalEnergies for upholding its promise of ensuring to reach every Tanzanian with the best quality goods and products "I want to thank TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Ltd for continuing to strive to reach every Tanzanian with TotalEnergies products and services, for supporting the development of Tanzania through

innovation, investment and increasing employment opportunities in Kigamboni through this service station."

The dealer and owner of the station, Mohammed Saleh Afiff expressed his gratitude for franchising with TotalEnergies, the leading fuel company in Tanzania through the DODO (Dealer Owned Dealer Operated) programme.

"I am very happy to partner with the number one and best oil company in Tanzania, TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Limited, a company that focuses on innovating best solutions for both their customers and the sustainability of the environment. For long I had desired to work with TotalEnergies and today as partners we are launching the first station in Kigamboni with TotalEnergies brand in Kibada, Kigamboni. I am very thankful for this opportunity and ready to serve the people of Kigamboni with the best products and services."

Network Operations Manager, Thomas Meitaroni expressed the company's enthusiasm for launching another DODO station and the first TotalEnergies service station in Kigamboni. "We are very happy and proud to launch a new DODO station

today, where it is merely a month since we had the launch of a DODO station in Mapinga. This reflects on the success of our DODO programme which has enabled us to be here today and witness another milestone for the company and our partner."

He further added: "TotalEnergies is constantly finding ways to become more innovative in order to create better experiences for our customers and such efforts have built a well-recognised and trusted brand in the country which directly benefit dealers an increment of up to 40% in their sales within the first year of operation. These are the innovation practices that Mohammed Saleh Afiff will be able to benefit from franchising with TotalEnergies along with our brand's recognition, a huge fuel card customer base with more than 15,000 companies and a team with significant technical and marketing expertise which will be at his disposal at all times."

The Commercial Director (Network) of TotalEnergies Marketing Tanzania Limited, Marieme Sav Sow enlightened on how delightful it was to launch TotalEnergies Kigamboni service station in partnership with Mohammed Saleh Afiff and fulfilling Kigamboni citizens' long-awaited request.

TEMBO NICKEL IT Manager

Position Summary:

Tembo Nickel is seeking to recruit an **IT Manager** to join the Tembo Nickel Project Team. She/he will have full responsibility to insure smooth running of the Tembo Nickel IT system and IT infrastructures. The IT Manager must proactively identify and find solutions, to any IT system and internet challenges at Tembo Nickel. This role will report to Head of Finance and Administration.

Duty Station: Dar es Salaam Country Office with regular travel to sites.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Maintains a safe and secure work environment.
- Maintains information technology strategies.
- Researches and implements technological strategic solutions.
- Maintains organization's effectiveness and efficiency by defining and delivering strategic plans for implementing information technologies.
- Completes information technology projects by coordinating resources and timetables with user departments, contractors, and data centre.
- Directs technological research by studying organization's goals, strategies, practices, and user projects.
- Completes IT projects by coordinating resources and timetables with user departments and data centre.
- Verifies application results by conducting system audits of technologies implemented.
- Preserves assets by implementing disaster recovery and back-up procedures and information security and control structures.
- Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops, reviewing professional publications, establishing personal networks, and participating in professional societies.
- Contributes to team efforts by accomplishing related results as needed.

Qualifications and Competencies

- Master's degree in IT or Computer Science.
- 10 years of work experience in IT in a major project or reputable organization.
- Solid understanding of IT infrastructures.
- Ability to develop plans, budgets, and reports.
- Ability to coordinate, lead and mentor.
- Strong writing skills in both English and Kiswahili.

Tembo Nickel offers a competitive remuneration package and ONLY shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

How to Apply

Applicants are invited to send their resumes indicating the role title in the subject via email jobs@tembonickel.com

Application closing date is 30th June, 2022.

Note: Tembo Nickel is an equal opportunity employer and all appointments are based on merit.

The company does not charge candidates any fees in the whole recruitment process

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: SUPPLY OF SELF-LOADING SELF-BATCHING CONCRETE VEHICLES REFERENCE NO: 0010007759

EACOP Ltd (Company) Tanzania, an Oil company, invites experienced and reputable supplier/distributor to express their interest in furnishing the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), with self-loading self-batching concrete vehicles for Project Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) implementation.

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

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES:

- EACOP requires the services of experienced and reputable supplier/distributor for the leasing of self-loading self-batching concrete vehicles.
- All proposed self-loading concrete mixer are expected to self-load aggregates, sand cement, weigh the batch, blend concrete, transport, and place it wherever required. It is hence a stand-alone machine that can complete the concrete mixing task by using a single experienced operator for the machine and travel under its own power between sites.
- EACOP Ltd would like to lease approximately nine (9) self-loading self-batching concrete vehicles; primarily of two different sizes (volumes) 3.0 cubic metre and 4.5 cubic metre capacity.
- Supplier/distributor shall have the capacity to furnish all nine (9) self-loading self-batching concrete vehicles within a maximum period of 100 days of receipt of order.
- The self-loading self-batching concrete vehicles will be leased and dispatched along the pipeline project ineight (8) different regions; Kagera, Tabora, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Manyara and Dodoma.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Due to the size of the scope and to assist companies expressing interest, the Project reserves the right to award to multiple suppliers/distributors of self-loading self-batching concrete vehicles Interested companies MUST meet the requirements outlined below Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request by submitting the following:

- Experience, performance, and capacity in supplying heavy machinery in Tanzania, in compliance with national and international standards (including International Finance Corporation Standards (IFC), with atleast 10 years of experience / performance of similar services within Tanzania or internationally.
- Self-loading self-batching concrete vehicles shall comply with the following:
 - Production capacity of 3.0 cubic metre per hour as well as other models having a capacity of 4.5 cubicmetre per hour capacity
 - Capacity to be licensed for on road travel in Tanzania
 - Road light system
 - 4x4 - Four-wheel drive, with crab steering
 - On board water system, self-priming, water pump direct feed drum
 - Double cone drum with double spiral mixing screws
 - Unloading cutes with extensions
 - Closed cab with ROPS and FOPS level 1 standards
 - Loading device with bucket and lifting arms with ability to weigh all materials.
 - Warranty covering 2000hrs operation hours/ 1 year
 - Supplier/distributor to provide Operator Training package for a minimum of 12 operators
 - Service kit for 1 year including Spare tyres
 - In country (Tanzania) ability to service and maintain self-loading self-batching concrete vehicles complete with spare parts and a mobile service/workshop truck.
 - Suitably qualified and experienced technicians to repair and maintain the vehicles as and when needed.
 - Financial capacity to deliver the services required including submission of financial accounts for the previous financial year.
 - Application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended
 - Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017 and Local Company definition and commitment to developing local/national content value. (Provide training details).
 - Evidence of organization QHSE policy, procedure, and process in compliance with applicable Local and Industry standards for similar works.
 - Appropriate licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
 - Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year.

Companies which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 15:00 hours East African Time (EAT), or 7th July 2022. Email address should be 0010007759.

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

All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

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Exempt import duties on fish feeds, stakeholders in aquaculture appeal to govt

By Correspondent James Kandoya

AQUACULTURE dealers have appealed to the government to exempt import duties charged on fish feeds to reduce a hike in price reaching 80,000 per bag.

Director and Co- Founder of Aqua-Farms Organisation in Coast Region, Jerry Mang'ena told The Guardian newspaper over the phone that the prices of the product are so expensive, the situation increased operation costs.

He said currently, fish feeds are imported from Netherlands, Egypt and Vietnam adding that the local manufacturing factories were not capable of satisfying the demand.

Mang'ena said that as per January this year, the demand was 400 tonnes adding that the ongoing wars had increased prices for the foods.

"We request the government through the ongoing budget debate to consider exempting the import duty in the imported fish feeds to reduce cost of production and enhance competition," he said.

He expressed fears on the increase in number of new local farms that is not directly proportional with production warning that unless checked, the prices for fish feeds might double.

Linus Hoza, Aqua Country Technical Sales Manager, said the government should create a friendlier environment to attract foreign companies to come and invest in fish feed manufacturing factories.

He said if they have invested in Uganda, they can also come and invest in Tanzania adding that good policy and frameworks were very important to attract investors.

Apart from that, the government should reverse the 10 percent tax charged to local importers of fish feed to reduce the cost farmers used to incur. "70 percent of fish farmers in the country are of substance, therefore they cannot pay \$ 3000 or \$ 10,000 per container shipment to import fish

feed. The only way to help them is for the government to waive tax to the integrator who can import in bulk," he said.

According to him, the manufacturing factories have put conditions demanding importers to buy not less than 25 tonnes, while the capacity of local fish farmers was to buy per one bag.

As a result, they are not trusted and therefore cannot grow in the sector noting that local investment was very important.

The aquaculture farms are both in need of investment capital as well as working capital, the latter being sometimes half of the total required capital but often overlooked by farmers.

The statistics show that Tanzania's commercial aquaculture production still remains under 5,000 tonnes per year, about 1 percent of fish production.

Furthermore, the population has been growing at 2.8 percent, one of the highest rates in sub-Saharan countries (SSA).

It is expected to reach 80 million in less than 10 years, which on a baseline scenario would increase current fish consumption by 50 percent.

Apart from that, a conducive regulatory framework, market oriented educational institutes and an established private sector organisation.

According to Journal of Applied Aquaculture, "Fish farming in Tanzania: the availability and nutritive value of local feed ingredients" more than 80 percent fish farmers relied on locally available feed ingredients as a major feed supplement for their cultured fish.

Feed ingredient availability was determined by factors such as production season, climatic conditions, geographical zone, and accessibility.

The most commonly used local feed ingredient was maize bran, followed by Lake Victoria sardines, sunflower seed cake, ricebran and wheat pollard.



Works and Transport permanent secretary Gabriel Migire (L) talks to Misenyi elders in Kagera region during his official visit yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Minister Bashe to officiate 2022 Nanenane exhibition in Mbeya

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

AGRICULTURE Minister Hussein Bashe is expected to officiate the launching of this year's Agricultural Exhibition (Nanenane) that will be held in Mbeya Region at the national level from August 1 to 8.

The exhibition is also expected to be

closed by one of the national leaders yet to be known.

This was revealed here yesterday by Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Juma Homera when addressing reporters on the exhibition's preparations, saying so far they are more than 80 per cent complete.

Homera said the preparations are

being carried out in cooperation with all regions of the Southern Highlands Zone and the Ministry of Agriculture and added exhibitors from the agriculture and livestock sectors from within and outside the country will participate.

He added that so far they have invited exhibitors from various regions

of neighbouring countries bordering Tanzania including those in the EAC and the SADC.

He named the countries expected to participate in the fair as including Congo (DRC), Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda and Kenya.

"We thank President Samia Suluhu Hassan for picking our region to hold the exhibition at the national level at the John Mwakangale Fair grounds and we invite all farmers, herders, fishermen to come and display their products," said Homera.

Kikukwe villagers resolve to build hostel for students

By Correspondent Mutayoba Arbogast, Bukoba

STUDENTS at Kikukwe Secondary School in Misenyi District, Kagera Region will soon be relieved from walking long distances as construction of a hostel by the villagers has started.

Decisions by the village government and a community based organization—Umoja wa Maendeleo ya Kijiji cha Kikukwe (UMKI) to construct the hostel was reached after parents resolved to help students by ensuring a good learning environment that will boost their academic performance.

UMKI is an alumni association formed in 2020 by people from across the country. The aim of the organisation is to contribute for development of Kikukwe village and the region at large. Some of the supported sectors include education as well as women empowerment.

"We mobilized villagers to join efforts by UMKI because children were walking for long distances to and from school. Lack of a hostel affected the academic performance as they were spending too many hours on the roads," said the organisation's Executive Secretary, Magreth Kyai, adding the hostel will also benefit students from Bugombe village.

She said having a hostel at school premises would also reduce incidences of sex abuse and gender based violence (BGV) against school girls.

She added that some well-wishers from Kanyigo ward and several others also supported the initiative by contributing 23m/-. She said the construction work has already begun whereas upon completion, the building would have cost 156m/-. Kyai pleaded to the communities to continue supporting the efforts by contributing cash, manpower and building materials such as stones, water and sand. She acknowledged the support from Misenyi District Council, appealing for more financial support to ensure the project is implemented successfully.

Chairperson of the construction committee, Jesse Kahwa said they are determined to ensure the dream of having a girl's hostel at the school becomes a reality.

UMKI Chairperson, Godfrey Mugini said their efforts are meant to ensure a good learning environment for students at the village. He said with comfortable learning environment, children will be in a position to concentrate in their studies, thus achieving their desired educational dreams.

According to a 2016 report by the World Health Organisation (WHO), Tanzania is the third country in Africa with the highest number of school dropouts due to early marriages and pregnancies.

According to UNICEF, Africa is home to 130 million child brides, both girls under the age of 18 who have already married and adult women who were married as children.

Statistics by the Tanzania Demographic and Health Survey (TDHS) 2010 shows that 37 per cent of females in Tanzania are married at the age of under 18 years.



Tanzania's Goodwill ambassador for Tourism in the US, Macon Dunnagan (left) presents a gift of a pair of army boots to the Kilimanjaro National Parks (KINAPA) assistant conservation officer, Amon Ayoub (right) at the Rongai Gate located in Rombo district, in Kilimanjaro region on Monday for his outstanding services. The envoy started his 47th Mount Kilimanjaro Climb with a group of other tourists. Photo: Correspondent James Lanka

Young graduates meet to discuss socio-economic challenges

By Guardian Reporter

YOUNG graduates, development, and economists from within and outside Tanzania have met in Dar es Salaam to extensively discuss socio-economic systems that will enable them to solve the challenges in their communities.

The symposium dubbed: 'Uhuru Con' was made possible by Liberty Sparks Tanzania and is an annual event and is the sixth one since it started. It enables students and young people to meet, learn, discuss and exchange ideas on various socio-economic social systems that will enable them to face challenges in their communities.

At this forum, young people and stakeholders learned more about how cross-border trade can improve the lives of the business community and people.

Speaking at the just-concluded symposium, Liberty Sparks director Evans Exaud said: "If non-tax barriers end, marketing opportunities will increase and living standards will improve because people will have the freedom to choose the products they want at affordable prices."

Exaud added that there are still poor Tanzanians and poverty will go down if we agree to invest in systems that will facilitate cross-border trade, especially in the import and export of goods.

US-based economic lecturer, John Leask, said the role of the media in spurring a commercial revolution was not forgotten, noting that business growth relied heavily on knowledgeable businessmen and accurate business information.

Leask also described how the media has helped countries like the United States to make economic strides by disseminating free-market education that has largely helped protect the interests of citizens and their government.

He also urged young people to cut back on non-essential activities in order to have more time to work on ideas and strategies for tackling poverty in the country.

US-based Acton Institute Relations Officer, Li Schoolland elaborated on

China's economic system saying that in the 1950s China was poorer than any other country in Africa.

She said at the time the Chinese government was rife with corruption as its citizens perished in poverty. "China's economic transformation, spurred on by the advent of free market systems after Mao Tse-tung, took office. Even other countries can learn from China," she said.

In this, Associate Professor of Economics at Hawaii Pacific University Ken Schooland said that the free market helps solve many challenges including systems and technological innovations that help reduce mortality and increase life expectancy, stimulate commercial competition, access to affordable products, stimulate political, poverty freedom, poverty alleviation and corruption in the country.

Prof Ken added that free market and migration cannot be separated because migration stimulates competition, creativity, technological development, knowledge exchange and knowledge in the market.

Other issues highlighted at the symposium include the need for people to work hard, being patient and creative in asset production, fundraising, spending cuts, and goal management.

Another expert, Carlyle Rogers reminded the government to set friendly standards so that it can earn revenue without affecting business growth and human development. The US-based Center for Freedom and Prosperity chairman, Daniel Mitchell described how high taxes could kill or spur development, noting: "The higher the tax rate, the lower the cost."

One of the participants, Maliea Mboje, said that unfriendly laws and regulations are a major challenge leading to unemployment, and the high cost of starting companies and setting up businesses.

She added that the steps to follow are still a challenge and something that hinders many university graduates from self-employment, calling on the government to continue to facilitate the establishment and business environment in the country.

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Facing up to disputes on the quality of education

EXPERTS in the field of education will have their hands full once again as the Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Higher Education moves to map out plans to implement a multibillion shilling programme to revamp higher education.

The purpose is to make the delivery of education more related to market needs, more innovative and better equipped, so that the graduates are not just more employable but more tuned to thinking up something of their own. Often there are usable funds somewhere waiting for bankable ideas, but few graduates can think of something, unless trained in a vocational orientation.

In the past decade the most contentious issue in that direction was the use of language, and it can't be said that the matter has been eclipsed. Yet there are facts on the ground that can't be ignored, for instance the fact that secondary school education is a passive bilingual situation, where the syllabus and textbooks are in English but much of the delivery, and tuition classes, are conducted in the national language. The reason is that teachers want students to understand, so they pass the message, adjusted to speaking skills.

Yet there is a feeling that the biggest challenge in the problem of employment isn't the quality of college graduates but needs of the market, which raises a problem of programme design. There are various ways of understanding the kind of effort that

the higher education enhancement strategy is putting up, where it is easy to suggest that students aren't being employed when they finish because they don't have the right skills or orientation for the job. If that kind of summary exposition of the issue is adopted, there is a risk of converting higher education into vocational education, by the refrain that 'liberal education' is abstract.

To some practical administrators, what graduates need to know is what to do on the job, not being able to play with abstract ideas, debating about national economic strategies or worse, how the world outside behaves and where Africa and Tanzania fit in. That means students are put to programmes that don't involve knowing the world but merely the job, whereas that abstract background is vital if only to build inner and sustainable appreciation of 'why we are where we are,' to speak like a political education instructor at a National Service camp during the first phase government. One can't say it is all irrelevant.

There is an expression saying 'if education is expensive, try ignorance,' as at the end of the day it will be seen to have been better to have invested in education, not let it fall by the wayside. There is a difference between a person as such and what people appreciate about him or her, and what such person can do on the job or in a business unit, in whatever role. Education has an irreplaceable role of building a person, knowledgeable enough to be committed to something and ethical enough to stay put in that observance.

Remember Prof Hernando de Soto? His answer about small traders still the best

AFTER the various city administrators countrywide, and especially in Dar es Salaam, were free to recline in their chairs for having sorted out the petty traders problem, it seems like the matter is creeping back fast. One reason is that there was no real effort at a viable solution and instead it was a virtual 'out of sight, out of mind' that so long they aren't clogging the city centre and key roads, it doesn't matter if they are trading or not. From an administrative point of view one can relax, but politically it is a powder keg.

That is why after that operation was supposed to have been completed, the whole issue of organising petty trading comes back as a funding item in the budget, but it is unclear how far local governments are ready to take up the matter in the spirit of interventions and admonitions from President Samia Suluhu Hassan. The city regional leadership is finished up with the problem simply by notices of where not to conduct petty business, whereas central government authorities wish to see a positive solution, not sweeping the matter under the carpet by making the group invisible. A rise in muggings, etc also signaled clear malaise.

Part of the problem is that the petty traders are being looked at chiefly from a space use situation, but there is little innovative design about the space involved, such that the matter boils down 'yes' or 'no' as to spreading wares on the ground.

The answer is fairly easy to project from an administrative point of view, but after this roadside crowding anomaly is sorted out, the problem comes back by the side door - that the youths aren't going back to villages, so how do they live sustainably in towns or in cities? For that reason another weak solution comes up, of helping them with loans, while they just need stability.

This what the late Peruvian economist Prof. Hernando de Soto sought to cultivate when he was invited during the third phase government to explain his concept of using title deeds to boost credit flows and build a country's economy. There was marginal incomprehension because Tanzanian economists are more tuned to discussing public policy than projecting private sector strategies, predominantly. So the visit led to a programme to formalise businesses of the poor, but mainly led to a spate of housing title deed and bank loans tied to such deed, while Prof De Soto targeted formalizing use of urban land spaces.

To use a cliché in economics, the 'pure model' of the Peruvian economist is to set up usable space in a street with assured flow of clients, not disturbing vehicle flows or pedestrians. Roadside space is freed from regulations not to trade over drainage covers or below street lamps. If petty traders have year-long titles to marked spaces, buy decked shelves and not spreading out goods, it will work.



SWIOFish project serves Zanzibar's Blue Economy agenda outstandingly

By Correspondent Ali Sultan, Zanzibar

ONE of the easily most remarkable achievements of the fisheries governance in Zanzibar is public understanding, awareness and affirmative actions taken by community members to conserve marine resources and its ecosystem, thus adding value to their products and boosting government revenues.

This is one of the milestones in the history of the six-year SWIOFish project, which is implemented with support from World Bank.

SWIOFish, which stands for Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Resources, is World Bank-funded project meant to step up efficiency and effectiveness in the management of selected priority fisheries at the regional, national and community levels.

The project is also meant to ensure sustainable marine ecosystems in, and boost the incomes of, the nine countries covered by the project. These are Tanzania (Zanzibar), the Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique and the Seychelles.

It is in particular geared at ensuring that sustainable marine fisheries extend enhanced economic, social and environmental benefits to coastal communities.

In Zanzibar, the project is primarily overseen by the Department of Fisheries Development and the various units and umbrella organisations operating under its wings.

According to Dr Aboud Suleiman Jumbe, Principal Secretary in Zanzibar's Blue Economy and Marine Resources ministry, SWIOFish is one of the projects implemented effectively with visible results extending cross-cutting benefits to both the government and the communities targeted.

"We appreciate the World Bank's support to this particular project as it has direct benefits to the government's plans and strategies on fisheries governance and community understanding. As a result, Zanzibar is focusing more and more on the blue economy as its national top economic agenda," the principal secretary said recently.

The project seeks to integrate the development of fisheries, other marine resources and aquaculture products in Zanzibar.

This is fully in implementation of the blue economy, which is an integral part of the Zanzibar government's

economic agenda and has trickled down to the larger society in the sense of conservation and other social and economic benefits.

It is noted in the SWIOFish project that there are six fishing areas worth prioritising: tuna and tuna-like species, small pelagic, octopuses and other cephalopods, crustacean fisheries (prawns/shrimps/lobster), reef fish and mariculture/aquaculture.

SWIOFish boasts visibility in village communities across Zanzibar, going by results following its well-designed implementation right from the take-off period.

It prioritises fisheries as one of the endeavours of the significant economic importance to community livelihoods and the national economy. In terms of management, the project focuses on key fish species while making strategic interventions to achieve intended changes.

Zanzibar is going about the blue economy agenda by placing a premium on ways to make maximum use of the ocean and its products so as to add value to the economy.

Additionally, the project focuses on the modalities of improving the management of fisheries and other marine resources including by crafting policies supportive of conservation, strengthening fisheries value chains and contributing to the attainment of the objectives cited in the Blue Economy Strategy.

Tanzania is one of the nine countries that border the waters of the Southwest Indian Ocean and which, as noted, are implementing the World Bank-funded SWIOFish project.

The countries and island nations bordering the Indian Ocean form the regional fisheries body known as Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC). These include Tanzania, the Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, the Seychelles and Somalia.

Most of the scores of people interviewed for this article have given evidence-based testimony of the benefits extended by SWIOFish.

They say the project focuses on improving the social economic lives of the people to be found along the coastlines of Zanzibar as well as maximising the exploitation and utilisation its massive potential in terms of marine resources.

"It's about the maximisation of the exploitation of the marine resources available and better positioning fishermen and multiple stakeholders

benefiting from those resources." Khalfan Amour Juma, Manager of Pemba Channel Conservation Area (PECCA), said in Pemba.

Conservation helps local communities come up with more fish or marine products, improve the marine ecosystem and environment.

He said that this, by extension, meant enhancing economic, social and environmental benefits to the government and people of Zanzibar from sustainable marine fisheries.

The PECCA manager added that conservation helps in arresting the degradation of the status of fish stocks alongside raising fisheries-related GDP in countries in question as well as increasing fisheries-related value-addition benefits to local households.

As one of the brainchild projects of SWIOFish, the 1,200-square-km PECCA is primarily meant to conserve the marine ecosystem - and hence the fact that it is one of the largest protected areas in the region.

PECCA is an economically strategic area located on Pemba Island - specifically positioned to the west of the island. It covers 42 nautical miles, stretching from the southern tip to the northern one of the island. A leading spot with 55 species of corals, it is understandably under strict conservation rules.

While the Zanzibar Government places a premium on the blue economy agenda inclusive of the SWIOFish objectives, the focus now is on the improvement of seaweed farming.

This employs at least 25,000 people, mostly women. Other activities worth a mention include sea cucumber farming and crab fattening.

Statistics from the Zanzibar government's fisheries department show that Zanzibar exports over 10,000 tonnes of small pelagic annually to neighbouring countries worth 11bn/- alongside 5,000 tonnes of dry anchovies.

These are small sardine-like shoaling fish of commercial importance as a food fish and as bait. They are strongly flavoured and are usually preserved in salt and oil or ground into "powder" for sale and use locally and in the export market.

Implementation of SWIOFish, a US\$36 million project, began in earnest in 2015.

Zanzibar is now fighting to heighten public awareness at community level, supporting small fishermen by providing them with fishing gear, hunting for a reliable market for

seaweed, sea cucumber and crab fattening farmers.

All this is concrete evidence that the fisheries sub-sector is playing an increasingly pivotal role in adding meaning to the livelihoods of Zanzibaris and other coastal populations.

Small-scale or subsistence fisheries are clearly of major social importance which one could afford to refer to as part of the economic backbone of the economies and very livelihoods of most members of rural coastal communities.

Furthermore, the fisheries sector is a major contributor to nutritional health and food security in Zanzibar.

This said, the coastal belt countries covered under SWIOFish have been contending with a whole range of challenges, just as applies to the likes of South Africa as well far-off Yemen, the Maldives and France.

These include resource depletion, economic and social underperformance, risks related to foreign-dominated industrial value-chains, and unsustainable artisanal fisheries.

As such, understandably, the overall SWIOFish programme development objective is 'to increase the sustainable economic benefits generated from SWIO marine fisheries and to retain the proportion of those benefits within the region'.

The project development objective for the first phase of the project is 'to improve the management and effectiveness of selected priority fisheries at the regional, national and community levels' alongside further improving the governance of fisheries in the region.

Human activities including overfishing, environmental pollution, the wanton clearing of mangroves, destructive fishing techniques and coral bleaching are increasingly threatening Tanzania's seascape and its bounding resources.

This is the case even as deep-seated poverty especially among residents of coastal areas remains a grave concern. This should serve as a harsh reminder to relevant stakeholders and the larger public as relate to the need to intervene with respect to the objectives, planned interventions, and expected outputs and results of SWIOFish and all other similarly concerned projects.

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Urgent global call to save 222 million dreams for children impacted by crises

NAIROBI

It is not enough that they were robbed of their childhoods and their shattered young lives defined by bombs, bloodshed and death. Now, crisis-impacted school-aged children are falling off the academic bridge that could lead them out of the carnage.

Not only has the number of crisis-impacted school-aged children requiring education support grown from an estimated 75 million in 2016 to 222 million today, but they are also furthest left behind proficiency standards, according to a new report by the UN global fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises, Education Cannot Wait (ECW).

"Around the world, 222 million children are having their education cruelly interrupted. Their dreams for the future are snatched away by conflicts, displacement and climate disasters, UN's Secretary-General António Guterres.

The study paints an alarming picture of the academic life of crisis-impacted children inside makeshift refugee settlements, damaged classroom walls and communities torn apart by war and disaster.

Of the 222 million crisis-affected children and adolescents in need of urgent education support, "an estimated 78.8 million are out of school. Close to 120 million are in school but not achieving minimum proficiency in math or reading. One in ten crisis-impacted children attending primary or secondary education is achieving proficiency standards.

The war in Ukraine is pushing even more children out of school, with recent estimates indicating the conflict has impacted 5.7 million school-aged children. Behind these numbers, millions of vulnerable girls and boys worldwide await a global collective action.

The ECW study shows the response to education in emergencies, and protracted crises remains chronically underfunded and that



Students attending class at the Souza Gare school in the Littoral region, Cameroon. The school hosts displaced children who have fled the violence in the North-West and South-West regions. Photo credits: ECW/Daniel Beloumou

the funding gap appears to have worsened since the COVID-19 pandemic started.

In response to the urgent global education crisis, ECW and strategic partners launched the #222MillionDreams resource mobilization campaign in Geneva on July 21, 2022.

"This is a global call to action: we

speak of the 222 million dreams representing each 222 million children and adolescents sustaining the extreme hardship of emergencies and protracted crises. Their dreams are profoundly driven by their experience of wars and forced displacement.

"This is our moment to empower them to turn their dreams into reality,"

said Yasmine Sherif, Director, ECW.

"While the world struggles with the devastating impacts of armed conflicts, COVID-19 and climate change, 222 million children and adolescents live through these horrific experiences. They dream to become their full potential rather than a victim. Do not let them down. It is our duty to empower them through quality education and to help make their dreams come true."

As such, the campaign calls on donors, the private sector, philanthropic foundations and high-net-worth individuals to urgently mobilize more resources to scale up ECW's investments, which are already delivering quality education to over 5 million children across more than 40 crisis-affected countries.

"In the face of these crises, the UN's fund for education in emergencies, ECW, is standing with children across 40 countries. We need governments, businesses, foundations and individuals to support the vital work of ECW," says Guterres.

"We need their ideas and innovations as we look ahead to September's Transforming Education Summit. Help us place education within reach of every child, everywhere. Help us keep 222 million dreams alive."

Gordon Brown, UN Special

Envoy for Global Education and Chair of the ECW High-Level Steering Group, says the financial resources to ensure every child and young person can receive a quality education is attainable.

"Now, we need to take responsible action for the 222 million children and youth in emergencies and protracted crises. Governments, the private sector, and foundations can and must unlock these resources. Only then can we empower them to reach their potentials and realize their dreams," he said.

The campaign stresses that it will be too late for children waiting for wars or climate crises to end to have the opportunity to learn and thrive. Acting now empowers crisis-impacted children with the tools they need to become positive change-makers through safe, inclusive, quality education.

"In times of crisis, children experience uncertainty with regard to their future and are faced with a total disruption of their routines. Going to school provides children with protection, a sense of normalcy and hope and is a means to provide longer-term perspectives," says Patricia Danzi, Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

"We know that after school disruption and clo-

sures, many children will not continue their education. Switzerland is committed to contribute to reducing the risk of lost generations through its support of education in emergencies. We are thus partnering with ECW."

Global leaders have committed to "ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all" through the 2030 Agenda for SDG 4. The new estimates indicate that COVID-19 and other factors have derailed two decades of education gains.

According to the UN, basic school infrastructure is lacking in many Least Developed Countries. Only 54% of schools have access to safe drinking water, 33% have reliable electricity, and 40% have hand washing facilities.

In light of these needs, Guterres is convening the "Transforming Education Summit" in September 2022. The Summit seeks to "mobilize political ambition, action, solutions and solidarity to transform education: to take stock of efforts to recover pandemic-related learning losses; to reimagine education systems for the world of today and tomorrow, and to revitalize national and global efforts to achieve SDG4."

With the urgent need to respond to the significant education needs of vulnerable boys and girls trapped in emergencies and protracted crises, the #222MillionDreams campaign encourages people everywhere to call on world leaders and world-leading businesses to act now.

ABUJA

Polio eradication will take funds and awareness

For forty days, Kunle Adeyanju - a Nigerian, Rotarian, polio eradication advocate and biker - rode for more than 12,500km from London to Lagos to raise funds for polio eradication.

Adeyanju documented his journey on Twitter, where his handle is appropriately named @lionheart1759. Indeed, it takes one with a lion's heart to embark on such a bold adventure. People like philanthropist Bill Gates, who works on polio eradication, and the CEO of Twitter, Parag Agrawal, tweeted out their support and admiration.

I also followed Adeyanju's journey on Twitter, and I applaud him too, including because I love to see individuals pursue their dreams, no matter how terrifying it seems. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Africa's first female President and former President of Liberia, aptly captures this sentiment. "The size of your dreams must always exceed your current capacity to achieve them. If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough."

I also support his cause. Polio is a serious infectious disease - it causes paralysis of muscles and also kills if the respiratory muscles are affected. In the past, polio victims who were unable to breathe on their own were placed in iron lung machines to enable them to breathe. Thanks to the efficacy of the polio vaccine, this is now history.

I am a proud alumnus of polio eradication. It was my first experience in global health. As a young monitoring, evaluation and surveillance officer at Nigeria's National Programme on Immunization, I was involved in the global polio reaction initiative supporting advocacy, training of health workers and supervising routine and polio vaccinations across Nigeria.

We've seen in recent years how the global community has come a long way in almost making polio the second infectious disease (after smallpox) to be eradicated. Without a doubt, Rotary International has been a major partner and funder on this journey. I am part of the Rotary International family and was the president of the Rotaract Club at the Nnamdi Azikiwe University College of Medicine, Nnewi,



A polio vaccinator administers the oral polio vaccine to a child in Pakistan. Credit: Ashfaq Yusufzai/IPS

southeast Nigeria. Rotary International launched a global polio vaccination campaign in 1985.

Three years later, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) was established. At that time, polio paralysed more than 1000 children globally daily. Since then, more than 2.5 billion children have been immunized against polio.

Consequently, global incidence of polio cases has decreased by 99%. Currently, wild poliovirus continues to circulate in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Nigeria interrupted polio transmission in 2019.

Even in the face of dwindling resources and competing demands, the push for the total eradication of polio must continue because as long as even a few people have polio, it could spread widely again. The final five-year push to eradicate polio would cost an estimated less than \$1 billion per year.

Like Adeyanju, Gates, and others, I want to see polio completely eradicated. These are four areas where those \$5 billion funds could make that possible.

First, polio vaccine is needed to vaccinate all eligible children. To be fully protected for life, children need four doses of polio vaccines. Polio vaccines come in two forms - oral and injectable. Based on UNICEF estimates, cost per fully vaccinated child is \$0.42 for oral polio vaccine. In contrast, it is \$2.78 for an injectable polio vaccine.

Second, polio surveillance is a continuous process necessary for prevention and detection of the virus. The polio virus is passed out in stool. That's why

polio transmission is faeco-oral.

This makes polio transmission common in communities with poor sanitation and widespread public stooling. Surveillance activities involve collecting and screening stools of children who have quick onset paralysis after episodes of fever. Further, environmental surveillance of polio involves collecting and testing sewage water for the polio virus.

Third, vaccine storage via modern cold chain equipment. Maintaining the right cold chain for vaccines requires constant electricity, which is lacking across communities in sub-Saharan Africa. For example, only 48% of sub-Saharan Africa has access to electricity, according to the World Bank.

Therefore, clean renewable energy such as solar is a sustainable way to provide the right cold chain for vaccines. Across African countries, some primary health centers already use solar freezers for vaccine storage. Solar freezers don't come cheap. A Solar Direct Drive Freezer sold on the African Union's "Africa Medical Supplies Platform" costs \$5,797.56.

Lastly, public health education is imperative to achieve equity in complete polio eradication and to continue to see successful vaccination campaigns in countries without polio. Indeed, the University of Global Health Equity, Rwanda captures this succinctly, "to achieve equity in healthcare, depends on equity in health education."

Polio education is delivered in communities using community health workers, community leaders and community based organisations. Other means include use of radio, TV, print media and electronic media. More polio education should be delivered via social media. Adeyanju has made polio topical among youths on social media by following his heart and pursuing his dream.

Adeyanju's bold ride from London to Lagos has put polio on the front burners of international discourse, especially in these times of covidization of everything.

Through his action, he has answered in the affirmative Rotary International's four-way test of what people say, think or do:

*Is it the truth? - Yes
Is it fair to all concerned? - Yes
Will it build good will and better friendships? - Yes*

Will it be beneficial to all concerned? - Yes

Thank you, Kunle Adeyanju. Your boldness will save lives and stop children from being paralysed. You are a hero.

Expensive energy from cheap sources hampers Brazil's economy

RIO DE JANEIRO

Brazil has abundant low-cost energy, but by the time it reaches the consumer it is one of the most expensive in the world. This contradiction hinders the country's human and economic development and the "solutions" found have actually aggravated the problem.

The rise of hydrocarbon prices on the international market, intensified by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, unleashed a battle by the government to curb energy prices, as the rising costs hurt the administration's hopes for reelection in the October elections. Lower taxes were the chosen formula.

"It is positive, it mitigates the problem, but it does not improve energy efficiency," said Paulo Pedrosa, president of the Association of Large Industrial Energy Consumers and Free Consumers (ABRACE), whose members are responsible for the consumption of 40 percent of the electricity and 42 percent of the natural gas used in Brazil.

Now that the debate on the subject has been sparked, the opportunity should be used to bring about structural changes, aimed at "removing from energy the costs of public policies, of many extra costs that should not be in the electricity bill," he argued.

Energy is expensive in Brazil due to numerous subsidies, charges, taxes and various contributions that drive up prices, especially the cost of electricity. They account for half of the total cost paid by the consumer, according to ABRACE.

This is what puts the cost of energy in Brazil among the two or three most expensive in the world, along with Germany and Colombia, according to the International Energy Agency, even though the country is an oil exporter and 60 percent of its electricity comes from an abundant, cheap source: water.

Industry suffers the consequences

This paradox reduces the competitiveness of the national economy, especially in energy-intensive industries, and hinders growth and human development, said Pedrosa.

As a result, the deindustrialization that Brazil has been suffering for at least three decades has accelerated.

The situation "has worsened in the last 10 years, when decision-making has been captured by particular interests in the industry's chain, politicians and local economies," he said in a telephone interview with IPS from Brasilia.

The Court of Accounts, responsible for public expenditure oversight, identified 16 types of subsidies included in the monthly bill that electricity distributors pass on to consumers.

All consumers are charged for the cost of fossil fuels to generate



President Jair Bolsonaro launched the sale of shares of Eletrobras, the largest company in the electricity sector in Brazil, which will be privatized through its capitalization. The state will remain as a minority partner, in a privatization process approved by Congress, conditional on the construction of gas thermolectric power plants in the interior of the country, far from gas fields and pipelines. CREDIT: Alan Santos/PR-Public Photos

electricity in remote areas of the Amazon, for the losses suffered by distribution companies due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and even for subsidies to give polluting coal-fired power plants a longer lifespan, until 2040.

"Irrigated agriculture receives the subsidy, it does not pay for part of its consumption under the pretext of producing food. But what is the point of subsidizing the production of soy, most of which is destined for export?" asked Roberto Kishinami, head of energy questions at the non-governmental Climate and Society Institute.

Social policy



The Itaipu binational hydroelectric power plant, shared with Paraguay, was the last large, low-cost plant to be located close to major consumer markets. Inaugurated in 1984 on the Paraná River, on the border with Paraguay and close to Argentina, its installed capacity is 14,000 megawatts. Brazil's hydroelectric potential since then has been limited to rivers in the Amazon rainforest, with more expensive construction costs and the need for long transmission lines to large consumers. CREDIT: Itaipu Binacional

Some subsidies could be justified because of their social purpose, but it shouldn't be energy that should be taxed, but the national budget, he argued. "An income transfer program like the Bolsa Familia would be better," he said.

Kishinami was referring to the program that since 2004 provides a subsidy of about 80 dollars a month to poor families, which was renamed Auxilio Brasil by the administration of far-right President Jair Bolsonaro.

"Lowering the price of energy is also a social policy," said Pedrosa. "Brazil has a vocation to produce cheap and clean energy, something that the world values more and

more every day, and wasting this advantage harms everyone, not only industry," he argued.

On Jun. 14, ABRACE released a study on "The impacts of electricity and natural gas prices on growth and economic development", commissioned from the economic consultancy Ex Ante.

If a "competitive price" for electricity were achieved, with a reduction of 23 to 34 percent for industries that vary in terms of energy consumption, Brazil could raise its annual economic growth from the expected 1.7 to 4.8 percent on average over the next 10 years, and generate 6.74 million additional jobs, according to the study.

The country could thus move up 10 positions in the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Human Development Index ranking, from 84th place in 2019 to just under Mexico, which ranked 74th.

The study is aimed at broadening and guiding the energy debate, which is in the interest of the whole country, not just the industry and politicians, Pedrosa said.

In this South American country of 214 million people, energy represents 17.1 percent of the total cost of living for families, and an even higher proportion among the poor. This includes direct spending on electricity, gas and other fuel.

It also takes into account the cost of energy embedded in the goods and services consumed by the family, or indirect energy consumption. Bread, for example, contains 27.2 percent of energy in its final price, milk and meat 33.3 percent and school notebooks 35.9 percent.

In a family's basic food basket, the study estimated the share of energy in the total cost at 23 percent.

In other words, rising energy prices cost everyone different amounts, depending on their consumption of goods and services. This is also the case for companies. The construction industry spends 14 times more on energy included in supplies and machinery than in the plant where it operates.

The timing is opportune for the debate on energy prices and their social and economic effects, because Brazil will elect its president, state governors and national and state legislators in October.

Another reason is that the rise in oil and gas prices provoked a

strong reaction from the government and pro-government parliamentary leaders. Bolsonaro has tried to blame the state-owned Petrobras oil giant for increasing its prices according to international prices, a rule adopted by the company with the endorsement of the government, its majority partner, since 2017.

The Itá Hydroelectric Power Plant, on the Uruguay River in southern Brazil, is also one of the last low-cost plants due to its proximity to the consumer market. It is a concrete face rock-fill embankment dam, a low operational cost structure, with the reservoir at the top of the mountain, which was favored by the topography. CREDIT: Mario Osava/IPS

Legislators of chaos

On Jun. 15, Congress approved a law that caps the maximum merchandise circulation tax charged by state governments on fuel, energy, mass transit and telecommunications, considered essential services, at 17 percent.

This tax varied greatly among the 26 Brazilian states and the Federal District, from 25 to 34 percent, for example, on gasoline, and from 12 to 25 percent on diesel, the most important fuel for the transportation of cargo.

The same legislators who are now seeking to curb energy prices, with the risk of generating serious fiscal problems for the states, with ineffective measures, according to analysts, passed several laws in recent years that incorporate undue costs in energy.

The privatization of Eletrobras, the largest company in the sector in Brazil, was approved conditional upon the construction of natural gas thermolectric power plants that would produce a total of eight gigawatts of power. The costs will be high because areas were chosen far from the natural gas fields and without gas pipelines for the plants.

Pedrosa and Kishinami believe the measures were taken with the elections in mind and do not correct the tangle of errors and expenses accumulated in Brazil's energy system. Both are betting on Bill 414, already approved in the Senate and pending in the Chamber of Deputies, which would reform the sector.

It will be the first step in separating infrastructure from electricity sales and establishing a system of competition, with the supply of different types of energy from a variety of sources,

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By Guardian Reporter

NIT urges companies in the country to provide volunteer opportunities for graduates

THE National Institute of Transport (NIT) has urged companies and various organisations in the country to provide volunteering opportunities to local graduates as the move to give them more expertise and experience in their areas of studies.

Speaking during the graduate exit programme held at the Institute's main campus in Dar es Salaam, NIT's Acting Deputy Rector (Academic, Research and Consultancy) Dr Omari K. Mashi said: "Fresh graduates need chances to get experience as the move to cope with employment challenges after graduation. With this, I urge companies and different organizations countrywide to help graduates get volunteering opportunities."

Eng Mashi has further said that the current job market is more competitive, saying the graduates fresh from college must be more creative and dedicated.

He also warned the graduates to be aware of the scammers who use fake employment opportunities to steal money from graduates and students for the reason of giving them well-paying jobs.

"You must be more careful with these scammers; they are pretending to be employers calling you for the well-paying jobs but at the end of the day, they asked



NIT's director of research publication and postgraduate studies Dr. Eva O. Luwavi speaks at a capacity-building event for graduates of various courses in Dar es Salaam.

come involved in shaping it," he said, adding: "Develop good deeds and be good citizens who will be respected and live like educated people with good values and consider that life goes on."

Speaking at the sideline of the event, NIT's Director of Research Publication and Postgraduate Studies Dr. Eva Luwavi has encouraged students to continue with the post-graduate studies, saying that the level of education they received is not sufficient.

"Never stop developing yourself academically after completing your education here, the level of education you have received is not sufficient at all," she said.

Some of the students who spoke to this paper pledge to use the knowledge they are receiving in building the nation and solving challenges that are facing communities.

However, over 1000 students are expecting to graduate from the National Institute of Transport.

Neema Vicent, a student who expects to complete her bachelor's degree, applauded the NIT's administration's decision of organizing such an event, saying that it gave them a glimpse into the life outside the college.

Japhet Makame, an upcoming graduate said that the education that they have received has prepared them to face life outside the college.

for money to give you the opportunity, when you hear the issue of giving money you must understand that it is a scam," he said

He also called for the good relations between the academic institutions and companies, saying the National Institute of Transport has shown a good reputation with firms, saying the NIT students are not suffering in the job market.

"NIT has a good reputation with companies, this situation has made the graduates from our Institute receive a fair challenge when seeking employment opportunities," he said.

NIT Dean of Students Meshack Kimaro has called the graduates to use the education that they obtained as an instrumental in fostering growth, reducing poverty and boosting shared prosperity as well as benefiting not just the individual, but the entire community.

"If you want to live in a better world, and I am sure you do, I urge you to be-

TPC makes people's life as operating digitally

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Posts Corporation (TPC) is one of the leading public organisations in the country and in Africa and the world at large which has successfully made its services digitally available.

Of late, TPC has embarked on significant changes to its infrastructures countrywide so that its operations are conducted digitally to satisfy the present society's needs.

The corporation has improved its infrastructure to make it go in tandem with modern times and become among the most modern in the country and Africa in general.

TPC Postmaster General, Macrice Mbodo (Pictured) cites some of the improvements as revamping of its buildings that provide postal services beginning with those at regional centres and later in districts. TPC has also created a technological system to simplify its operation and service provision, noting: "The Postal Management Information System (PMIS) was created and integrated into letters, EMS, track and trade and post office letter boxes."

He adds: "Other systems created include the strengthening of international postal services such as CDS, IPS, and IFS as well as the launching of e-office to simplify inter-office operations."

In regard to the security of customers' property, Mbodo says TPC has improved the security of customers' property while in its care by installing three Baggage Scanners at its Dar es Salaam Head Office and other inspection areas of packages as well as more than 330 CCTV in its various offices both in the Mainland and the Isles.

The corporation has increased working tools by purchasing 13 vehicles and 20 motorcycles for its various operations regarding postal delivery.

"We also purchased five vehicles for the transport of heavy goods for delivering heavy goods to various customers countrywide," he adds.

Mbodo also stresses that in order to go in tandem with online commerce (e-commerce) which is the new concept in postal operations worldwide, TPC has established and strengthened four shops, two online shops - (Postal e-shop and e-philately) that are in operation in which a customer "enters" the shop online using his mobile phone or computer connected to the



internet to select the goods he needs to purchase.

"He then pays for the goods online and the goods are conveyed by post to a point of his selection. So far over 810 entrepreneurs have been registered with the online postal shop," he says, adding that TPC has also established two inclusive service centres "Huduma Pamoja Centres" - in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma which are operating while two others in Mwanza and Mbeya are yet to start operating.

Services obtained at these centres include those in regard to NHIF, BRELA, NIDA, TRA, Immigration, PSSSF, NSSF, and RITA, and added that

PTC is considering adding 36 more centres countrywide.

According to him, TPC has strengthened professional, operational, and operational relationships by entering into agreements for commercial, operational, and operational partnerships with eleven institutions and twelve major clients (July-2021 to April 2022) of postal services in the country.

The state-run entity has strengthened relationships with the postal institutions in the world where Tanzania is a member of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the situation has led the country to get the credibility and finally elected majority vote to

be a member of the Governing Body (41members) and that of the Operation (48 members) of the International Postal Union.

Tanzania is the only representative from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries in these councils and is also the Co-Chair of the UPU Physical Services and e-commerce Committee.

The official says: "Tanzania has also continued to be a permanent member of the governing body of the African Post Office and is also a member of both the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) and East African Communications Organization (EACO) working

committees."

He says that the enhancement of digital technology has led many countries to become interested in applying for digital technology, whereby within this one year of the sixth phase government, the corporation has received visitors from Ivory Coast, Kenya, and Burundi, and some countries are preparing to come and learn how to operate digital postal services within the Tanzania Postal Corporation.

On human resources, Mbodo says: "Tanzania Posts Corporation has strengthened human resources-staff performance to increase productivity such as organizing training and semi-

nars as well as identifying risky indicators of goals, corruption, residential addresses as well, protocols, integrity, creativity in the workplace and leadership in the workplace and training in the proper use of modern technological operational systems that simplify the work."

The corporation has also taken various steps in the process of ensuring that its services are internationally recognized and certified by the International Standards Organization (ISO), training and preparation of key information have been done within this phase.

In collaboration with the Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Posts Corporation is in the final to ensure it gets the ISO certificate within this year, he says.

On future plans to create a positive image of the corporation, Mbodo says the goal is to ensure all services and projects we've launched are distributed nationwide to ensure every Tanzanian has access to our services wherever they are."

At the same time we want to ensure that our services are quality and sustainable to bring positive results to the corporation to increase revenue for the TPC and the nation as well," he explains.

Other initiatives include continuing to educate the public about postal services to ensure that every citizen has the opportunity to use the services of the Post Office.

Collaborate with various organizations to bring social services together with the aim of facilitating access to services for citizens, as citizens will not have to worry about seeking services but when they arrive at the Post Office and receive all the services they need.

"TPC continues to advertise more to raise public awareness about the services and businesses offered by the Organization in meeting their needs," he notes.

The other is to work with the community in solving various problems that affect the people in order to continue to maintain a positive image of the organization.

The corporation continues to support government development strategies by participating in various events/events organized by the government so that the organization can continue to bring productivity to the nation.

The sustainable use of wild species is important for everyone

BONN, GERMANY

You probably use wild species far more often than you realise. For many people, especially in more developed economies, the use of wild species sounds like something quite removed from their everyday lives – something

perhaps more relevant to other people, in other countries.

It is a fact, however, that the use of wild species is a vital part of almost every human community. If you eat fish, they are most likely wild species. When you take cough medication, it's likely to be derived, in part, from wild plants. Your wooden furniture may

once have been a wild tree. Even the joy and inspiration you get from nature, such as wildlife watching, is another use of wild species.

The 2019 Global Assessment Report by IPBES (Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services) alerted the world that direct exploitation is one of the main reasons



Salmon fishing. Credit: iStock

that 1 million species of plants and animals now face extinction – many within decades. This should have been a wake-up call. Our human behavior is harming wild species, some of which we have relied on for centuries to provide nutrition, clothing, shelter, and more.

In other words, we use wild species to meet a wide range of human needs. By damaging them, we are also harming ourselves – and the policies and decisions we make about the use of wild species have consequences for our health, food security, livelihoods and general wellbeing.

This doesn't mean that we have to stop eating fish entirely, give up on cough medication or find other materials for our homes – but what is needed, urgently, is better information and knowledge together with stronger institutions to ensure that our use of wild species is sustainable.

For this reason, four years ago, nearly 140 Governments tasked 85 leading experts, from every region of the world, with preparing a landmark new IP-

BES assessment report on the sustainable use of wild species – to help inform decisions about nature by governments, businesses, civil society, indigenous peoples and local communities – in fact by everyone whose choices and actions impact nature.

In the first week of July, this report – drawing on more than 6,200 sources, will be considered by the member States of IPBES. Once accepted, it will become the go-to resource to inform policy options and actions to promote the more sustainable use of wild species from the global to the national and even the very local scale.

One of the things that sets this report apart is the extent to which it draws on the expertise and experiences not only of the natural and social sciences – but also of indigenous peoples and local communities. For many local communities, the use of wild species is inextricably entwined with their culture and identity – with customs and practices evolved over millennia to ensure sustainable use.

The report will also have very immediate real-world relevance. Having been specifically requested by, among others, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), it will directly inform the decisions of the 19th World Wildlife Conference in Panama in November 2022.

Additionally, it will be taken up by the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in the negotiations later this year of the new global biodiversity framework for the next decade. The sustainable use of wild species is also closely related to our ability to meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals and to deal with other global challenges such as land use and climate change.

Among the most important aspects of this new IPBES report is just how vital the sustainable use of wild species is to everyone – everywhere, in the face of multiple global environmental crises. It will offer better information and options for solutions that work – for people and the rest of nature.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: FOR PROVISION OF DIGITAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT AND MEDIA MONITORING & REPORTING SERVICES REFERENCE NO. 0010007748.

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Limited (COMPANY), is mandated with the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabale in Hoima District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. It shall be 1,443 kilometres (km) long, of which 296 km will be in Uganda occupying a 30-metre-wide corridor.

The company plans digital media presence and to conduct media monitoring exercise to enhance its digital media communication as such it requires to contract an experienced specialised company to perform this role in both Uganda and Tanzania.

East African Crude Oil Pipeline Limited invites experienced and reputable service providers to express their interest in providing digital social media management a media intelligence service agency/ies.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:

EACOP is seeking, **digital media management** and a **media intelligence service agency/ies** to undertake the following services among others:

- Digital Media Strategy implementation and advice on improvement, Content Management, Target audience profiling, Media planning, Content development, Creative banners, Status updates, Audience engagement, Event promotions, social reputation management to increase visibility.
- Media Intelligence service that can provide in-depth media monitoring (mainstream and digital media) and reporting services which will be used to enhance the Projects understanding and external communications as well as relations.
- Generally, Media monitoring and reporting and advisory on how best these may help EACOP's Strategic Communication Framework for effective external communication with focus on the content management and communication related engagement.
- Real-time daily monitoring of media, including online, newspapers, radio, television and social media and any other relevant platforms in 5 languages, thus English, Swahili, French, Chinese and Maasai.

e) Providing the AI web listening and social network monitoring platform including:

- 24/7 Access to a password protected, online customizable and interactive platform (preferably with a mobile application) for users to access with unlimited search. Access to the Platform is not limited in terms of the number of people to access it.
- Ability to forward media coverage via the platform, email, SMS or what's app or any other digital communication application.

f) Engage and Influence

- Social Media publishing – Provide a social media management tool with platform for social media publications review, approval, and publishing scheduling as well as engagement management and monitoring.
- Ability to perform searches on the database based on keywords, concepts, or using Boolean search terms.

g) Distribute and Alert

- An editable and a multi-format sharable real time newsfeed.
- Daily email and App alerts and overview reporting of media mentions related to the Project.
- Daily email and App alerts and overview reporting of global and local current news.
- Ability to customize alerts per user.

h) Analyse and Report

- Create comprehensive daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, bi-annual and annual reports filled with AI-powered insights, providing real-time monitoring, analysis, and benchmark of media coverage through analytical tools, automated reporting and data extraction possibilities in different formats through queries. Integrate quantitative data with qualitative analysis.
- Ability to select through the platform time-period of analysis: per day, week, month, and selected dates.
- Built-in editable and shareable dashboards to inform key stakeholders.
- Unlimited search and Ability to create unlimited data tracking, statistical breakdown, and graphical analyses on any coverage on an ad-hoc basis.

i) Customer Service

- 24-hour emergency online support, during and off-business hours.
 - Training on how to self-manage, troubleshoot, adjust search/monitoring requirements and access/interpret data, and share data, newsfeeds and or reports.
- NB:** A service provider can apply for one or all services.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Proof of experience in providing relevant services.
- Proof of registration as a company or organization in Uganda and / or Tanzania including business licences.
- Proof of registration with the Uganda and/or Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Registration or approved application with the Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Petroleum Local Content Regulations in Tanzania and Uganda.

Interested organizations with the ability, capacity, and resources to provide any of the services listed above should express their interest by sending (together with the documents stated in the above section) and email to procurement.tz@eacop.com (max. email size 10Mb) on or before **30th June 2022** before **1700** hours East African Time (EAT). Email subject should be **0010007748**.

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

All Expressions of Interest should be submitted in the English Language.

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It is cheaper to borrow in foreign currency than shilling



BoT has insisted that interest rates will continue to be market-determined in order to sustain efficient price discovery and allocation of resources in the economy

TANZANIANS borrowing funds from commercial banks in foreign currency are paying lower interest rates when compared with borrowing in local currency, The Guardian has learnt.

According to bank of Tanzania monetary policy statement for June 2022, borrowers in local currency are paying costs of borrowing as twice as those borrowing in foreign currency.

This reflects existence of structural impediments to the economy and high-risk premium owing to, among others,

uncertainties in the global market.

But, BoT has insisted that interest rates will continue to be market-determined in order to sustain efficient price discovery and allocation of resources in the economy.

The monetary policy statement shows overall lending rate for local currency borrowers was 16.31 percent in April this year from 16.58 percent in April 2021, while the overall rate for borrowers in foreign currencies during similar month was only 8.19 percent from 8.10 percent.

However, negotiated lending rates for local

currency loans from commercial banks has also increased during the period of one year to 14.12 percent in April this year from 13.76 percent in April 2021, which indicates increased costs of borrowing.

Borrowers of short term loans of up to one year in local currency were paying 17.14 percent in April this year from 16.05 percent in 2021 against 8.66 percent charged on foreign currencies loans.

In April 2021, interest rate for short term loans of up to one year was 8.88 percent, which indicated a slight decrease of costs of borrowing in foreign

currencies.

The BoT statement shows borrowing rate for medium term loans from one year to three years in local currency ranged between 16.40 percent and 17.43 percent while borrowing in foreign currency attracts interest rates of between 7.07 percent and 8.82 percent respectively.

For long term of between three to five year and over five year, borrowers in foreign currency were charged interest rate of between 7.55 percent and 8.87 percent while those in local currency were paying interest rate of between 14.12 percent and 15.02 per-

cent.

This happened after commercial banks also lowered an overall time deposit rate to 6.81 percent in April this year from 6.95 percent in April last year while savings deposit rate went down to 1.14 percent from 2.16 percent respectively.

During 2022/2023, BoT says will continue to promote transparency and efficient operations in the financial markets, so as to enhance the transmission of monetary policy actions to the economy.

"In addition, the measures implemented by the governments to improve the business environment will assist in im-

proving the responsiveness of interest rates to changes 43 in the stance of monetary policy," it says.

Furthermore, the Bank of Tanzania has said will continue to carry out reforms in the financial sector, proceed with developing the yield curve to enhance price discovery in the financial markets, and improve guidance in the conduct of monetary and fiscal policy.

The BoT noted that will also continue to conduct general public awareness on financial matters and improve supportive market infrastructure for efficient functioning of financial markets.

Yetu Microfinance annual losses deep 20 folds in 2021

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) Yetu Microfinance losses increased 20 times last year, when compared with 2020.

The audited financial statement for the year ending December 2021 shows total comprehensive loss amounted 1.12bn/- last year from 54mn/- recorded in 2020, with impairment losses on loans growing to 1.15bn/- from 53m/- respectively.

Speaking with The Guardian in February this year, Yetu Microfinance managing director Altemius Milinga admitted that the global pandemic hit small banks, including his institution, because key customers who are small and medium enterprises were badly affected by the impact of Covid-19. He said the impact of Covid-19 affected the ability of customers' ability to both make savings and repay loans.

The statement shows the microfinance institution net operating income amounted 3.5bn/- last year lower than 3.8bn/- recorded during the previous year.

Net interest income slowed to 2.6bn/- from 3.1bn/- in 2020 due to massive increase of loan impairment, which ate increased

net interest income to 3.8bn/- from 3.2bn/- respectively.

The statement shows the financial institution increased its operating expenses during the reviewed period to 4.9bn/- from 4.1bn/- due to an increased administrative and operating expenses as well as employees benefits expenses.

Employees benefit expenses grew to 2.5bn/- from 2.2bn/- while administrative and operating expenses jumped to 2.1bn/- from 1.6bn/-.

The statement shows total assets shrunk to 17.4bn/- last year from 19.6bn/- in 2020 due to slow-down of loans and advances, cash and cash equivalent.

Loans and advances decreased to 13.6bn/- from 15.4bn/- respectively while cash and cash equivalent dropped to 315.8mn/- from 1.5bn/- respectively.

Total liabilities slowed to 10bn/- last year from 11.03bn/- in 2020 due to decrease of customer deposits to 3.6bn/- last year from 3.9bn/- in 2020 and borrowings to 6.1bn/- from 7bn/- respectively.

The DSE report shows the institution's share price closed at 510/- on Tuesday this week with the market capitalization of 6.18bn/-.



SoftBank Group new CEO leaves 5 months after appointment

TOKYO

IF SoftBank investors were already feeling shaken by the conglomerate's poor performance this year, a news release out of the company tonight isn't exactly going to assuage their concerns.

The big news? French businessman Michel Combes, who was appointed as CEO of SoftBank Group International in January after longtime SoftBank lieutenant Marcelo Claure left the company over a pay dispute, is now also leaving the company.

Combes has followed Claure's moves before. Claure was previously CEO of SoftBank-controlled Sprint from 2014 until 2018, after which Combes took over as CEO until the spring of 2020, when, to SoftBank's great relief, Sprint's merger with T-Mobile received regulatory approval.

(SoftBank had taken control of a flagging Sprint back in 2012 with the hopes of turning the company around. Meanwhile, Combes had earlier logged time as the CEO of Vodafone Europe, Alcatel-Lucent and Altioc, so was seemingly a good fit for the role.)

Whether or not it's deserved, Combes also takes some credit for WeWork's transition into a public company last fall, when WeWork merged with a blank-check company. (Claure famously stepped in as executive chairman of the shared office space company in the fall of 2019 when SoftBank, a major investor in the business, gave it a financial lifeline after plans for a traditional IPO collapsed.)

Indeed, in that SoftBank release about the management change-up, Combes seems to be preparing for his next role by ticking off his numerous accomplishments.

"It has been a pleasure to work with Masa and the talented teams across SoftBank," reads his statement. "I am departing SoftBank proud of having achieved what I set out to do here, including turning around Sprint and executing its merger with T-Mobile, repositioning WeWork and successfully taking it public, and, most recently, the integration of the SoftBank Latin America Funds into the Vision Fund, as well as overseeing SoftBank's strategic investments in French and European portfolio companies."

UAE banks score low on customer satisfaction: KPMG survey

Dubai

Banks in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have scored low on customer satisfaction, a new survey revealed yesterday.

Operational issues, lack of timely support by bank staff, long wait times and lack of feedback were the most common issues, it

added.

The UAE Banking Sentiment Index by KPMG and DataEQ is based on 172,588 retrieved public tweets from January 1 to December 31, 2021. Service disruption was also a major challenge across the industry as consumers were unable to use banks' mobile apps and complained of issues using

online banking services.

The study also found that a third of all online conversations about banks required a response. However, on average 69 per cent of priority tweets received a public response, leaving 31 per cent of tweets unanswered. On a positive note, the average time it took the banks to respond was 10 hours,

which was an improvement from the response time of 13 hours reported in the 2021 study.

In support of using online platforms for banking services, DataEQ's CEO Nic Ray said: "With customers increasingly preferring to use digital channels for engagement with their bank, there is an opportunity to mine this valuable unstructured feedback for real-time insight, and importantly, an obligation to deliver effective, fair and compliant customer service on these channels."

Debit cards, credit cards, and loan solutions had the highest negative net sentiment. In addition to complaints about fees related to these products, some consumers were frustrated by slow delivery of issued cards and delayed activations. There were also frequent complaints of the debit cards not working without a previous warning.

Despite these shortcomings, the UAE banking sector registered a promising year, with the top 10 UAE banks reporting a 5 per cent year-on-year increase in total assets to Dh2,989 billion in 2021, and a large increase of 42

per cent in their net profits.

Abbas Basrai, Partner and Head of Financial Services, KPMG Lower Gulf, said: "It isn't enough to invest in digitalisation. Banks must rely on a data-driven approach which will result in better accuracy, optimised operations, improved compliance and an enhanced customer experience. Banks must evaluate their responsiveness to priority conversations on social media and make it part of their wider customer care strategy - rather than relying on it as a marketing tool."

Consumers mostly inquired about the requirements and application process for loans, particularly for personal loans.

Business banking was also in high demand across the industry. Receiving the most interest in this regard was Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, followed by Emirates NBD, as consumers inquired about opening business accounts with both banks. From a churn perspective, the products most likely to drive cancellation threats were credit and debit cards, followed by loans and credit solutions.

Out of the seven banks analysed, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank had the largest share of voice on social media throughout the year, followed by Emirates NBD. The other banks in the survey include Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Commercial Bank of Dubai, Dubai Islamic Bank, First Abu Dhabi Bank, and Mashreq Bank UAE.

In addition to having the largest share of voice, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank topped the ranking in terms of net sentiment. While all banks scored negatively in overall net sentiment, the variation in negative scores was quite significant, with top performer ADIB achieving a score 23.9 percentage points higher than the worst performing bank. Despite missing out on the top spot in overall net sentiment, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank recorded the highest operational net sentiment throughout the year. After reaching the lowest point in the second quarter, the bank saw consistent improvement in net sentiment throughout the year. Consumers expressed they favoured ADCB over other banks, praising customer service and staff conduct.



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DCB Bank cuts impairment losses on loans and advances by 75 pct

By Guardian Reporter

The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed DCB Commercial Bank Plc has managed to reduce its impairment losses on loans and advances, signaling the bank's aggressive assets recoveries.

The bank's quarterly report shows impairment losses on loans and advances slowed to 103bn/- during the year ending March 2022, from 433bn/- recorded during period ended in March 2021.

According to the report, the bank has cumulative annual extended loans amounting 121.3bn/- by March 2022 from 117bn/- recorded during similar month last year, which was 81.2 percent to total deposits.

Customer deposits went down slightly to 124.1bn/- compared from 125.2bn/- while deposits from other banks and financial institutions gained to 30.8bn/- from 24.7bn/- respectively, which slowed net change in deposits from 11.6bn/- to 4.9bn/- in 2022.

However, the level of non-performing loans and advanced slightly increased to 9.4bn/- in 2022 from 8.9bn/- March 2021, while other non-performing as-



DCB Bank Plc managing director Godfrey Ndaluhwa

sets during the reviewed period remained flat at 209mn/-.

The report shows NPLs rate slightly increased to 7.5 percent during the year ending March this year from 7.3 percent in March 2021, which is higher than regulatory benchmark of 5 percent and lower than industrial rate of 8 percent.

The statement shows basic earnings per share improved to 24.77/- during the year ending March this year from 21.82/- recorded in March 2021.

Net income after income tax also went up to 604.63mn/- from 503.78mn/- as operating income closed at 649.63mn/- from 503.78mn/-.

According to the statement, the bank total assets increased to 199.5bn/- from 194.6bn/- respectively due to increase in lending, invest-

ment in government securities, which offset the slowed balance with other banks and financial institutions, balance with Bank of Tanzania (BoT) and cash.

The bank ended the first quarter of this year in March with cash amounting 3.7bn/- against 4.1bn/- recorded in March last year while balance with banks and other financial institutions fell dramatically to 784.4mn/- from 2.2bn/- respectively.

Investment in government securities increased to 34.1bn/- from 28.6bn/- while balance with BoT slowed to 12.7bn/- from 15.8bn/-.

During the period equity investment remained flat at 2.04bn/-.

According to the DSE market report, the bank share closed at 190/- on Tuesday this week, similar to the closing price of Decem-

ber last year, with market capitalization of 18.55bn/-.

In December 2020, the bank's share price was 265/-.

In Commemorating 20 years of its operations, the bank reported last week that has disbursed a total of 1trn/- loans during the past two decades of its existence.

According to chairperson of the bank's board of directors, Ms Zawadia Nanyaro the money went to 400,000 customers including business people, small and medium enterprises and many other clients.

The DCB CEO, Godfrey Ndaluhwa said for two decades, the bank has witnessed growth registering 200,000 customers from the initial 6,530 customers.

He said this has enabled the bank to increase customer deposits year-on-year by Sh125 billion in December last year, with a target of Sh162 billion by the end of this year.

"We have successfully designed and imported a wide range of high-tech products including digital banking services with the aim of moving DCB better services closer to customers while being integrated into the payment system, government (GePG)," he said.

DCB Commercial Bank Plc was registered as a Limited Company on September 6, 2001 but in April 2002, it started business as a regional microfinance institution.

On June 12, 2003 it was issued with a licence to carry out banking business as Dar es Salaam Community Bank Limited and managed to break even in 2005 after only three years of its operation.

In 2008, DCB became the first bank in Tanzania to be listed to Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) and in 2012, it changed its name to DCB Commercial Bank Plc, after receiving a licence to carry out banking business country wide as a fully-fledged Commercial Bank.

European banking facing moderate assets deterioration

LONDON

MOST large European banks should have sufficient rating headroom to withstand the effects of high inflation and deteriorating economic prospects in 2022-2023, Fitch Ratings says in a new report.

"We expect moderate deterioration in asset quality and earnings, but high capital buffers should continue to support the banks' ratings," says Fitch.

However, an economic recession, which is not our base case, would lead to greater asset quality deterioration, particularly for consumer and SME lending.

"Most of the 20 large banks covered in our latest quarterly credit tracker had sound asset quality and capital at end-March 2022, and the credit losses arising from the fallout from the war in Ukraine have, so far, been largely within our expectations," Fitch noted.

According to the rating agency banks' median impaired loans ratio was 2.4% at end-March 2022, reflecting sound asset quality, and it is expected only a moderate increase by end-2022.

However, the banks still face material risks to asset quality and loan growth due to macroeconomic pressures from rising commodity prices, supply-chain disruptions and coronavirus-related restrictions in China.

High inflation, regulatory expenses, bank levies and IT expenditure are pushing up costs, but rising interest rates should boost their revenue as lending rates will increase more than funding costs, although the timing and extent of the benefit will depend on the banks' ability to reprice assets and liabilities.

Capitalisation remains strong despite a material decline in the median common equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio to 14% at end-March 2022 from 15% at end-2021, driven by regulation, credit and market risk-weighted assets inflation, negative fair-value changes and shareholder payouts.

The median CET1 buffer over minimum regulatory requirements was 420bp at end-March 2022, which is comfortable.

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HOW TO DELIVER BANKING SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

People with disabilities provide a large and valuable market that is currently underserved by the banking industry. According to Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT), 4.2 million Tanzanians are living with a disability and with an ageing population that number is set to increase. Because of the illiteracy rate of 48% and limited financial knowledge among Tanzanians with a disability, the relationship between them and the banks is an unstable one. Hence the financial needs of people with disabilities are not fully served by the banking system which is an opportunity for banks to create and offer banking products that meet the needs of this huge segment of the population.

Creating sustainable and long-term relationships with this largely untapped market is an opportunity the banks can no longer afford to ignore. Just like others, people with disabilities need access to the services provided by the banks to better their lives but sadly most banks are not very effective when dealing with them.

To support disabled people is not just the right thing to do but also can be beneficial for banks as well; so, for this reason, in this article, I will talk about how the banks could improve their services and introduce new products to accommodate them:

- Talking Automated Teller Machine (ATM) - A talking ATM is a type that provides audible instructions. Banks should invest in talking ATMs whereby what appears on the screen is read aloud. The talking ATMs will help people with sight impairment conduct banking transactions easily. In addition, the banks could provide free earphones to be used in those talkative ATMs so they can conduct their transactions privately. Currently, no bank in Tanzania has the talking ATMs that could so the bank that would invest in them will differentiate themselves from the competitors.

- Text Relay Services - Text relay service is a service by which the customer can call the banks using the text relay

and the bank's customer service agent will help to communicate the request of the customer (received in written form) to the bank in oral form. This service is a crucial service for deaf people who feel discriminated against and left out by the banks because of a lack of targeted products and poorly trained bank's staff to help them when they need help. Additionally, banks can have an efficient note writer at the counter to facilitate communication for customers who can't communicate orally. Furthermore, banks can hire sign language specialists to be present all time to help communicate the deaf customer's needs effectively.

- Digital accessibility - Digital services should be accessible to all customers but sadly the visually disabled customers encounter problems accessing the services. The banks could install computer voice recognition software that can be used by people with visual impairments to conduct online transactions. Moreover, banks

can change the formats by increasing the text size in their websites to make them easier to read.

In summary, with only 3.1% receiving income from paid employment, you can see why the banking industry has been ignoring disability people for ages but, with 13.2% of Tanzanian homes having at least one member with a disability according to CCBRT, it's a group that the banks can't ignore anymore. So, for the good sake of our society, the banks must act to ensure people with disabilities can access their services without hindrance. Disabled people require patience and excellent customer care so implementing the above recommendations I have mentioned earlier will not only promote the financial inclusions among the disabled people but will also provide a competitive edge to the banks that will provide those products and services.

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AfDB chief announces set up of youth investment banks



KIGALI

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) is setting up youth entrepreneurship investment banks that will help grow youth-based wealth for Africa's young population, the bank's president Akinwumi Adesina (pictured) has announced.

The banks, to be rolled out by the end of this month, will act as new financial institutions that create ecosystems of support around businesses of young people, by financing their businesses in a life-cycle model from technical assistance, to debt and equity financing, Adesina said, while speaking at the 2022 Commonwealth Business Forum in Rwanda's capital city Kigali.

"For Africa and all Commonwealth countries, the real issue is we have to create youth-based wealth. To be able to support young people, we have to prior-

itize them in our financing. We are creating Youth Entrepreneurship Investment Banks that will support the business of young people," said Adesina.

"I don't believe that the future of African youth lies in Europe... We must create quality, decent jobs for young people. The common future must be the future of the youth so we have to make sure we build the Commonwealth for the youth," he added.

He stressed the need for youth access to quality education and skills training for jobs of the future. Adesina also advised young people to embrace agriculture.

The Commonwealth Business Forum drew about 1,500 delegates from Commonwealth member states governments.

The three-day forum is to address the CHOGM theme - 'Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming', with a focus on "A Global Re-

set," dealing with the impact of the pandemic and the Commonwealth's role in rebuilding and reinvigorating the global economy.

The forum is one of a series of events taking place on the second day of the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) which runs from June 20 to 25.

Africa's underinvested youth are in need of urgent attention and youth entrepreneurship investment banks must become the focus of global support.

With lack of access to finance a serious bottleneck, the proposed youth entrepreneurship investment banks would coordinate financial and non-financial actors and partners to more effectively support youth entrepreneurs.

Ashish J. Thakkar, chair of the African Development Bank's Presidential Youth Committee believes the youth investment banks would need to be scalable

and self-sustaining.

He said it was very important to create the right incentive structures for governments to encourage the private sector to play a key role.

Research suggests that Africa needs to create 18 to 30 million jobs annually through 2030, and Ladi Balogun, CEO of First City Monument Bank Group, reiterated the urgency of this challenge.

He said time was of the essence in terms of mounting a response as well as accelerating decision-making processes for the extension of financing to entrepreneurs. He also advised working through local money managers to achieve scale.

The African Development Bank says has demonstrated its strong commitment to the youth of Africa through its Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy to help create 25 million direct and indirect jobs, and empower 50 million youth by 2025.

Islamic financial market develops new standards on liquidity

MANAMA

THE Board of Directors of the International Islamic Financial Market (IIFM) held its forty-sixth (46th) meeting (virtually) to discuss the Islamic finance standard-setting body's new standardization and industry development initiatives.

The meeting was opened on Tuesday by Mr. Ijlal Ahmed Alvi (Chief Executive Officer and Secretary to the Board of IIFM) by welcoming all the participating Board members.

The Board of Directors welcomed Mr. Arief Hartawan, Head of Islamic Economics and Finance Department at Bank Indonesia as the new Director representing Bank Indonesia on IIFM Board.

The Board of Directors also welcomed BNP Paribas to the IIFM Board represented by Mr. Rami Falah, Head of Islamic Banking, Middle East & Africa.

At the meeting, the Directors deliberated on IIFM priority initiatives namely standardization of Islamic syndication documentation and additional Islamic liquidity management instrument.

According to the Cambridge Institute of Islamic Finance, the assets under management of Islamic banking and financial institutions around the world in 2021 were more than US\$2.7 trillion – small compared to estimated global financial services assets of US\$500 trillion but still



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substantial.

The average annual growth rate of the industry over the last 10 years is 11.7%, according to the Cambridge Institute, as the industry remained bank-centric with three-quarters of global Islamic financial assets held by banks.

According to Refinitiv, 2021 was a strong year for sukuk (bonds) with more than US\$185

billion worth of issuance. There was also growth in sustainability and green-themed sukuk with that marketplace reaching US\$15 billion.

IIFM has formed a Syndication Standardization Core Working Group consisting of leading institutions from key jurisdictions to finalize the consultation paper which will be deliberated upon at the IIFM

industry consultation meeting planned to take place during Q3 2022.

Based on the meeting recommendations, IIFM may commence the standardization initiative.

The Board assessed the growing need for developing an additional Islamic liquidity management tool and approved the formation of a global working

group and to organize an industry consultation meeting in 2022 so that actual development work may commence based on the recommendations from the market.

The board members stressed on the importance of key stakeholders' participation in IIFM standardization working groups from most of the jurisdictions where Islamic finance is prac-

ticed and emerging.

The board members agreed with IIFM management's suggestion to initiate consultation-based review of certain widely used IIFM-ISDA Islamic hedging Standards.

IIFM will explore organizing a joint market consultation exercise with its partner the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) to assess additional requirements as well as possible inclusion of limited enhancements based on market feedback and regulatory developments.

The board also assessed IIFM's ongoing work in the area of mandatory global climate-change and ESG related requirements. I

IIFM organized a virtual awareness session earlier this year in collaboration with Oman Banks Association (OBA) with the support of the Central Bank of Oman (CBO) and will be working with other global stakeholders to organize more such sessions on this important development which pose

challenges for the financial sector.

Mr. Nik Mohamed Din Bin Nik Musa, Vice Chairman of IIFM said, "these initiatives are the attestation of IIFM to provide the best solutions for the advancement of Islamic Financial Market".

"IIFM develops standards with a view to meet the globalization requirements of Islamic finance and also to maintain the development of the industry on a unified and harmonized basis", said Mr. Ijlal Ahmed Alvi, Chief Executive of IIFM.

Earlier this year, IIFM and the Participation Banks Association of Türkiye (TKBB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on areas of common interests for the development of the participation banking sector in Türkiye and globally.

IIFM says will continue to initiate such collaborative efforts with other organizations in major Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) jurisdictions.

Financial inclusion key to Nigeria's economic growth – 9PSB CEO says

LAGOS

FOR SMEs to effectively grow and contribute to the economy, access to finance is key to drive growth and expansion.

And to provide this much needed access, there must be a concerted effort to provide them with the means of creating the income they need to be financially included.

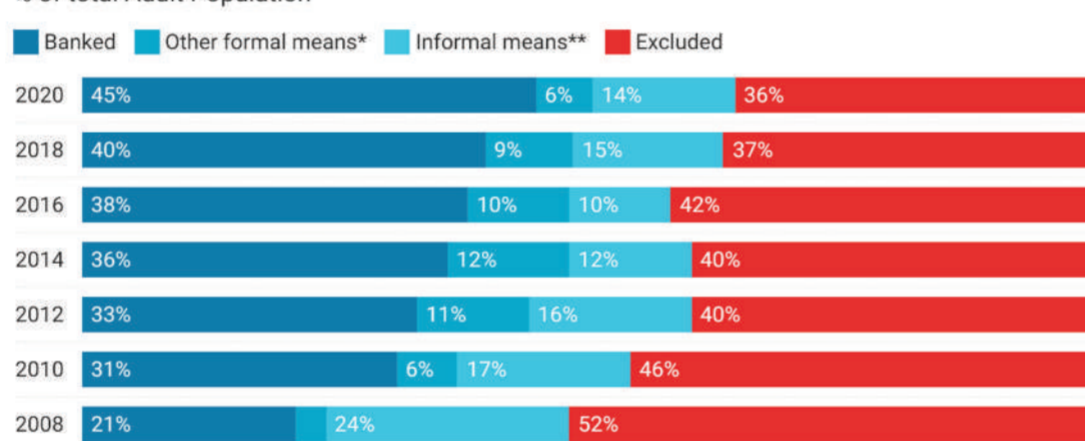
Branka Mracajac, the Chief Executive Officer, 9 Payment Service Bank (9PSB), made this known while addressing delegates and participants at the opening of the 22nd edition of the Digital PayExpo Conference and Exhibition, themed: DeFi Africa: Beyond Hype, Understanding Use Cases for the Continent.

Speaking on the topic, "Financial Inclusion and The Prospect for Banking the Unbanked," Mracajac noted that the foundation for economic growth of countries and for the prosperity of the citizens of any nation is to achieve an inclusive society when it comes to access to financial services and products, and this can be achieved through digitization.

She said, "Statistics show that Nigeria - with 63% - has the largest informal sector in Africa and micro, small, medium enterprises account for the majority of this. While 80% of Nigeria's employment comes from this informal sector; still about 36% (or 38m) of Nigerian adults remain financially excluded. Much as this shows some improvements from the figures of 2018, it still leaves much to be covered to achieve the National Financial Inclusion Strategy targets."

Nigeria's financial inclusion progress remains weak

% of total Adult Population



*other formal means include mobile money, agents, microfinance | ** Informal include co-operative societies, thrifts, village associations

Chart: Busola Jeje • Source: EFINA Survey, Tellimer research • Created with Datawrapper

L-r: Akinwale Goodluck, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, AfricaNenda; Branka Mracajac, Managing Director/CEO, 9 Payment Service Bank (9PSB); Jamelino Akogbeto, West Africa Regional Director, AfricaNenda; Dr. (Mrs) Markie Idowu, Managing Director/CEO, Xpress Payments Solutions Limited, and Adeyinka Adeyemi, Managing Director/CEO, Intermerc, Consulting, at the Digital PayExpo, 2022, held at Eko Hotel and Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria.

Citing financial literacy and industry collaboration as fundamental factors to driving economic values and closing the inclusion gap, the 9PSB CEO noted that across the world, the most challenging countries to drive financial inclusion are countries where there is motivation to be included in the ecosystem.

She said, "What that means is that the people are not thinking about joining the financial or formal economic segment as they have no need to either apply for a mortgage or for a loan to buy a car. We need to change the game for the needle to move in the drive to include every Nigerian financially."

According to the 9PSB CEO, strategic collaboration among stakeholders is pivotal to delivering the Central Bank of Nigeria's vision for inclusion and moving the Nigerian economy from cash-based to cashless, stating: "As much as we are a bank focusing on our social objective to close financial exclusion gap in Nige-

ria, driven by simple and accessible technology, we are also creating innovative solutions in order to offer banking to Fintechs and other players in the market who need the services to provide seamless customer experience." Commending the contribution of the various industry stakeholders in driving value and impact in the payment service sector, Mr. Adeyinka Adeyemi, the Chief Executive Officer, Intermerc Consulting and convener of the Digital PayExpo, noted that the conference is an opportunity to assess the successes made so far by stakeholders in accelerating financial inclusion and project the future of the industry.

"We are seeing the impacts that the banks, PSBs, Fintechs are making in driving traction to bring onboard into the financial ecosystem, people at the bottom of the pyramid who lack access to finance. However, because the market is ever-changing and technology is dynamic, there is a need to prospect what is next and how we can change the current narrative," he remarked.

India extends deadline for compliance rules on banks and card issuers

NEW DELHI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the extension of certain compliance deadlines for banks and card issuing companies providing credit and debit cards by three more months.

The Master Direction on "Credit Card and Debit Card" Issuance and Conduct Directions, 2022" was to go into effect on July 1 for banks and non-banking financial institutions (NBFCs).

However, as per RBI's notification issued on June 21, 2022, these timeline to implement these three aspects has been extended to October 1, 2022.

Through the new rules, if a card holder hasn't activated a credit card for more than 30 days after the date of issuance, card-issuers must request for One Time Password (OTP)-based consent before doing so.

Card-issuers must terminate the credit card account without charging the consumer within seven working days after asking for their approval to activate the card if no consent is granted.

Also, rules requires card-issuers to make sure that the credit limit that has been approved and notified to the cardholder is never increased without the cardholder's explicit consent.

No charges, taxes, or levies are capitalised for the purpose of charging or compounding of interest.

According to the RBI notification, only above-mentioned dates have been extended to October 1, 2022.

While, the deadline to implement the others such as credit card billing rules, card closure rules and among others remain unchanged, at July 1, 2022.

According to the RBI, through new rules banks must honour credit card cancellation requests by immediately contacting the customer by email, SMS, or other means.

Customers must also be provided with numerous channels to close their cards, such as a helpline, a dedicated email address, Interactive Voice Response (IVR), a clearly visible link on the website, internet banking, a mobile app, or any other form, and cannot insist on any route.

Deutsche Bank, Citi see 50pct recession chance

BERLIN

DEUTSCHE Bank AG's chief executive officer warned the global economy may be headed for a recession as central banks step up efforts to curb inflation, joining a growing chorus of executives and policy makers who are painting a pessimistic picture.

Christian Sewing, speaking at the Future of Finance summit in Frankfurt Wednesday, said the global economy is buckling under multiple strains, from supply-chain issues in China to rising food prices, particularly in the poorest countries. While the bank had predicted for some time that interest rates would rise to curb price increases, the pace at which central banks are now expected to tighten surprised him, he said.

"At least I would say we have 50% likelihood of a recession globally,"

the Deutsche Bank CEO said in an interview. In the US and Europe, "the likelihood of a recession coming in the second half of 2023, while at the same time the interest rates go up, is obviously up versus the forecasts we had before the war broke out" in Ukraine.

His comments came on the same day that analysts at Citigroup Inc. made a similar prediction, citing supply shocks and higher interest rates. Sewing said despite the impact on economic growth, he supported the actions by central banks including the US Federal Reserve because they're needed to bring down inflation, which he called a risk to democracy, to a more sustainable level.

Earlier this week, delegates at the second annual Qatar Economic Forum, from Tesla Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk and Nouriel

Roubini to Atlas Merchant Capital's Bob Diamond and StanChart's Bill Winters, warned the United States was heading toward a recession. And Jamie Dimon, who runs JP-Morgan Chase & Co., told investors in early June to prepare for an economic "hurricane" as the economy struggles against an unprecedented combination of challenges.

"The experience of history indicates that disinflation often carries meaningful costs for growth and we see the aggregate probability of recession as now approaching 50%," the Citigroup economists wrote. "Central banks may yet engineer the soft - or "softish" - landings embodied in their forecasts (and in ours), but this will require supply shocks to ebb and demand to remain resilient."

Citigroup now sees the world economy growing 3% this year



and 2.8% in 2023. Its economists said if a recession did occur it was likely to be a "garden variety" one in which unemployment rises several percentage points and output experiences a couple of weak quarters.

"We see this as a reasonable expectation, but the wildcard -- as we have emphasized -- is how stubborn inflationary dynamics ultimately prove to be," they said.

Deutsche Bank's Sewing said his bank

warned already a year ago that inflation wasn't transient. He has urged central bankers repeatedly to raise interest rates and had been critical of ultra-loose monetary policies, particularly in Europe, where years of negative rates eroded banks' income from lending.

The rate increases expected now are still a "net positive" for lenders, as long as they were prudent in assessing risks when handing out loans, Sewing said.

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Hip Hop artist, Joseph Mbilinyi, popularly known as Sugu.

Dar artist eyes a return to Parliament in 2025

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

PROMINENT Tanzanian Hip Hop artist Joseph Mbilinyi has said he has not yet given up on politics, insisting he is planning to run for the Member of Parliament post for the Mbeya Urban constituency in the 2025 general election.

Mbilinyi, alias 'Sugu', is a member of the Chama cha Demokrasia na Maendeleo (CHADEMA). He was defeated by CCM candidate, Tulia Ackson, in the 2020 general election.

Sugu added he still intends to continue to serve the people of Mbeya Urban through Legislative Assembly.

The artist, who recently launched his song titled 'Taita', said he still wants to continue serving in politics as well as the music that enabled him to win the post in the Parliament.

The artist pointed out: "For a long time my fans have asked me to release songs. I have heard their request and released 'Taita'."

"It is also my desire to serve the people through Parliament, I will return to the fold in the 2025 general election," Sugu added.

He said his silence in the music industry was due to political activities that kept him from getting a chance to compose songs.

According to Sugu, this time there is much time for the artist, he will compose more songs as he prepares for the 2025 elections.

"I plan to compose a song in which I will collaborate with my friend, the rapper 'Nay Wa Mitego', as the artist sings activist songs the way I do," he said.

Sugu is one of the artists that introduced the new genre of music in the country and gained great popularity.

His fame helped him smoothly get into politics and succeed in winning the parliamentary post.

Meanwhile, renowned Tanzanian dance music singer, Khalid Chuma, has said he feels there is no need for the presence of many dance music bands, claiming that the situation creates difficulty in the music business.

Chuma, alias 'Khalid Chokoraa', also the genre's rapper, currently works for the popular troupe, African Stars music band, alias 'Twanga Pepeta'.

'Khalid Chokoraa' revealed he was forced to part ways with Mapacha Watatu Original band and made his way back to Twanga Pepeta because of the situation.

The artist had previously worked for Twanga Pepeta since 2020.

"I had decided to work for Mapacha Watatu Original to increase employment for musicians, but I noticed that the presence of many bands creates conflict in the music business as we are fighting for the fans' attention," Khalid Chokoraa said.

He said given the circumstances, he decided to return to Twanga Pepeta in 2020, the group had helped the artist win fame.

The musician had claimed that he had done so after assessing the situation.

"It does not matter how many times I left and returned to Twanga Pepeta, the fact is that I do not see the need for the presence of more dance music bands at the moment, it brings about the difficulty in the music business," he said.

The singer did not disclose whether he plans to revive Mapacha Watatu Original in the future if the dance music market continues to grow, instead, he claimed that he is a Twanga Pepeta band musician.

Simba SC's top official has four tasks for 2022/23 season

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

ON September 29 last year, Salim Abdallah, alias 'Try Again', was appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Directors at Simba SC after the club's honorable president Mohamed Dewji had announced his resignation from the post.

Abdallah has already completed nine months in the post from the time he was appointed by Dewji while failing to achieve some of the successes achieved by the leader who left the position.

Since coming to power, Abdallah has tasted the only joy of seeing Simba SC lift the 2022 Mapinduzi Cup showdown.

The outfit has, under his leadership, failed to defend the Premier League and Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC) titles.

Simba SC has already relinquished the ASFC trophy after conceding a 1-0 defeat to age-old rival, Yanga, in the semi-final with a goal scored by midfielder Feisal Salum from out of 18 yards propelling the latter to the final.

In 2021/22 NBC Premier League, Simba SC has two matches left, with Yanga having already clinched the showdown's top honour.

The Guardian brings forth four benchmarks for Abdal-



Simba SC Board of Directors Chairman, Salim Abdallah.

lah towards the 2022/23 season to ensure he helps the Msimbazi Street side regain its edge.

This season's NBC Premier League is inching closer to climax, with Simba SC and other outfits starting to cast an eye on the footballers that have done well and seeking to sign them to reinforce their respective squads.

Currently, Simba SC under Abdallah's leadership needs a big budget to make sure it brings in footballers based on demand so that they can help the side reclaim trophies it has failed to defend this season.

The footballers will moreover be tasked with

helping the squad excel in CAF Champions League after making it to the quarter-final stage on three occasions in continental showpieces in five years.

Simba SC further has a challenging test to make sure the club keeps footballers whose contracts with the club expire at the end of this season.

The players are Aishi Manula, Joash Onyango, John Bocco, Chris Mugalu, Hassan Dillunga, and others, the side moreover needs to sign other players to improve.

Simba SC which has been advancing to the quarterfinals of the CAF club competitions for four

consecutive seasons has been asked to make significant signings to make it to either of the events' semi-finals and eventually the final.

Dewji took charge of the outfit which won four consecutive Mainland Premier League titles and two ASFC titles.

It is a feat Abdallah has failed to achieve after the official's stint this season. He needs to invest more to do well.

If he does well in ensuring Simba makes big signings at the start of the season, he will bring competition to Yanga that has proved to be the best this season.

The Jangwani Street side has managed to reach the ASFC final stage after witnessing the rival lift the competition's title on previous occasions.

With Simba having garnered success in continental competitions in three consecutive seasons, it needs more effort to advance to either of the showpieces' semi-finals as making it to the last eight has turned out to be normal.

Msimbazi Street club's leadership has also acknowledged that it needs more success than it already has.

The official noted they look forward to making their squad stamp its authority in next season's Champions League due to the four places Tanzania has got in the team representation in African competitions.

This season's dream of reaching the semi-finals of the Confederation Cup vanished after Simba crashed out of the last eight via a loss to South Africa's Orlando Pirates.

Simba will in the 2022/23 season battle it out in the Champions League, it ought to mature and if Abdallah wants to build more respect for the players, his leadership needs to form a team that will move beyond the quarterfinals.

This season Simba has won the Mapinduzi Cup and will also be tasked with retaining the tournament's silverware next season to continue to build its good record.

Simba will be vying for their fifth title in the tournament that takes place in Zanzibar after winning four trophies, with the 2022 Mapinduzi Cup being one of them.

Msimbazi Street squad had earlier won the showdown's trophy in 2008, 2011, and 2015.



DStv Tanzania Marketing Head, Baraka Shelukindo (front row, 3rd L), poses for a photo with producers, presenters, and promoters of the popular programs found on the Maisha Magic Poa channel during the programs' new season launch in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

DStv now launches new season for Maisha Magic Poa channel programs

By Guardian Correspondent

THE popular Maisha Magic Poa channel on DStv is getting better whereby it has officially begun a new season for its programs namely 'Watubaki', 'Original Comedy', 'Ya Walimwengu', 'Salama Na', and 'Maskani Poa'.

DStv official stated this new season has been further enhanced with the 'Maskani Poa' program featuring new presenters Zuena Mohamed, alias 'Shilole', and veteran presenter Clayton Chipando 'Baba Levo' who are introducing a new trend.

Speaking at the launch of the new season for the shows in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday, DStv Tanzania Marketing Head, Baraka Shelukindo, said the second season is focused on viewers' views on the

shows and the firm is optimistic the audience would enjoy them.

"We always pay close attention to the views issued by our viewers, which is why in this new season you will see several changes in these episodes and we are opting for the move to ensure that our viewers get what they like," Shelukindo pointed out.

Shelukindo stated that one of the changes deployed is having new presenters for the 'Maskani Poa' program, namely Shilole and Baba Levo.

The official disclosed comedy lovers should be well prepared as they will have a lot to enjoy in the new season of 'Original Comedy' and 'Watubaki' comedy.

Popular domestic comedians Emmanuel Mgaya 'Masanja Mkan-damizaji', Mujuni Sylivery 'Mpoki',

and Isaya Mwakilasa 'Wakuvanga' in the 'Original Comedy' have promised to thrill the show's viewers.

The 'Original Comedy' is aired every Sunday at 2 pm on the Maisha Magic Poa- DStv 144 available in the DStv Poa package for 9,900/-.

According to Shelukindo, famous comedians making the group dubbed 'Watubaki' have said they will equally entertain the viewers.

The group, which has comedians namely Deo, Mzee Shayo, and Kipotoshi, has become the talk of the town with a slew of humorous comedy episodes in the 'Watubaki' program.

The program is in Maisha Magic Poa- DStv 144 in a DStv Poa package for 9,900/-.

Shelukindo said that apart from the new season of the series, DStv

Poa customers will continue to enjoy various shows including the popular 'Kapuni na Haba' drama as well as other films, music, and entertainment programs.

The official pointed out: "When we say DStv Poa we mean cheap price but the contents are quite entertaining and that's why we say 'Usichukulie Poa Vitu vya Poa'."

He urged DStv customers to continue to enjoy its programs and to issue their views so that they can be addressed.

He asked all people who have not joined DStv to make the most of the special offer currently available on the market, which sees a customer get a full set of DStv for 59,000/-.

Shelukindo revealed this is a special offer so it is better people have it so that they will not miss the entertainment found in DStv.

Chelsea changes include Boehly as interim sporting director

LONDON

TODD Boehly, who fronted the recent world-record purchase of Chelsea, will assume the roles of chairman and interim sporting director following leadership changes at the Premier League club.

The changes announced Wednesday include the departure of Marina Granovskaia, who was previously a director and played a key role in buying and selling players for Chelsea in the transfer market, but not until the end of the current transfer window.

Chelsea said Granovskaia "will remain available to Boehly and the club for the duration of the current transfer window, to the extent required to support the transition."

The west London club was sold last month for 2.5 billion pounds (\$3.1 billion) – the highest price paid for a sports team – to a consortium fronted by Boehly, part-owner of Los Angeles Dodgers. That price tag is expected to be eclipsed by the impending sale of the NFL's Denver Broncos.

The Chelsea sale marked the end of the trophy-filled, 19-year tenure of Roman Abramovich, the Russian oligarch who was forced to put the club on the market in March after being sanctioned by the British government for what it called his enabling of Russian President Vladimir Putin's "brutal and barbaric invasion" of Ukraine.

Bruce Buck, who served as chairman under Abramovich, is stepping down at the end of June.

Granovskaia was another trusted and increasingly key member of the board under Abramovich.

In announcing the make-up of the club's new board, Boehly said it marks the start of "executing our long-term vision and plan for the club, creating an outstanding experience for its passionate, loyal fans, and continuing to challenge for top honors in line with Chelsea's decorated history."

AP

FIFA extends Ukrainian club contract rules for next season

GENEVA

SEEKING to protect Ukrainian soccer clubs during the Russian military invasion, FIFA on Tuesday extended emergency contract rules for foreign players and coaches through next season.

FIFA's move aims to give clarity and security for clubs with some staff likely to opt for leaving on loan deals while the direction of the war is unclear.

Interim rules first applied by FIFA in March let soccer employees from abroad get out of their contracts in Ukraine and Russia for the rest of the season that just ended.

Ukrainian clubs had stopped playing during the war and in Russia some coaches and players declined to continue with clubs there.

With the European offseason transfer period now starting, Ukraine's top club Shakhtar Donetsk warned this month that some agents were trying "to take our players for free" and exploit the uncertainty.

FIFA said Ukrainian and Russian clubs have until June 30 to reach agreements with overseas players and coaches, who would then "have the right to suspend their employment contracts" for one year.

"These provisions give players and coaches the opportunity to train, play and receive a salary, while protecting Ukrainian clubs and facilitating the departure of foreign players and coaches from Russia," FIFA said in a statement.

The chief executive of Russian champion Zenit St. Petersburg said the updated rule amounted to "robbery" and was "categorically the wrong decision."

"Clubs have paid out serious amounts for transfers," Zenit's Alexander Medvedev said in comments reported by state news agency RIA Novosti. "I haven't heard about any compensation for expenses from FIFA, UEFA or these players' new clubs."

The global group of soccer players' unions, known as FIFPRO, said it had pushed for the right to terminate contracts in Ukraine and Russia.

"Today's decision will suit some players but will result in more uncertainty and lost earning for others; it therefore leaves open issues that still need to be addressed," the Netherlands-based union said in a statement to The Associated Press.

The Ukrainian Premier League aims to start a new season in August, and Dynamo Kyiv is due to start in Champions League qualifying rounds on July 19 or 20. Dynamo has been drawn to face Fenerbahce.

Shakhtar has a direct entry into the Champions League group stage in September, in part because UEFA expelled Russian clubs including Zenit from its competitions.

Sporting director Darijo Srna told The Associated Press this month the Shakhtar lineup would be mostly young Ukrainian players. The club has typically had a core of Brazilian players in the past 15 years.

FIFA also amended its rules protecting young players from international trafficking, and will allow "minors fleeing Ukraine to other countries with their parents" to sign with a club in a different country before their 18th birthday.

Civil jury finds Bill Cosby sexually abused teenager in 1975

SANTA MONICA, Calif.

JURORS at a civil trial found Tuesday that Bill Cosby sexually abused a 16-year-old girl at the Playboy Mansion in 1975.

The Los Angeles County jury delivered the verdict in favor of Judy Huth, who is now 64, and awarded her \$500,000. She said the fact that jurors believed her story meant more than the sum of money or the fact that she didn't win punitive damages.

"It's been torture," Huth said of the seven-year legal fight. "To be ripped apart, you know, thrown under the bus and backed over. This, to me, is such a big victory."

Jurors found that Cosby intentionally caused harmful sexual contact with Huth, that he reasonably believed she was under 18, and that his conduct was driven by unnatural or abnormal sexual interest in a minor.

The jurors' decision is a major legal defeat for the 84-year-old entertainer once hailed as America's dad. It comes nearly a year after his Pennsylvania criminal conviction for sexual assault was thrown out and he was freed from prison. Huth's lawsuit was one of the last remaining legal claims against him



Bill Cosby arrives for his sexual assault trial in Norristown, Pa. on April 20, 2018, left, and Judy Huth appears at a news conference outside the Los Angeles Police Department's Wilshire Division station in Los Angeles on Dec. 5, 2014. Jurors at a civil trial found Tuesday, June 21, 2022, that Cosby sexually abused Huth when she was 16, at the Playboy Mansion in 1975. (AP Photo/File)

after his insurer settled many others against his will.

Cosby did not attend the trial or testify in person, but short clips from 2015 video deposition were played for jurors, in which he denied any sexual contact with Huth. He continues to deny the allegation through his attorney and publicist.

Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt said they would appeal the verdict and he claimed the defense won because Huth didn't win punitive damages.

Jurors had already reached conclusions on

nearly every question on their verdict form, including whether Cosby abused Huth and whether she deserved damages, after two days of deliberations on Friday. But the jury foreperson could not serve further because of a personal commitment, and the panel had to start deliberating from scratch with an alternate juror on Monday.

Cosby's attorneys agreed that Cosby met Huth and her high school friend on a Southern California film set in April of 1975, then took them to the Playboy Mansion a few days later.

Huth's friend Donna

Samuelson, a key witness, took photos at the mansion of Huth and Cosby, which loomed large at the trial.

Huth testified that in a bedroom adjacent to a game room where the three had been hanging out, Cosby attempted to put his hand down her pants, then exposed himself and forced her to perform a sex act.

Huth filed her lawsuit in 2014, saying that her son turning 15 – the age she initially remembered being when she went to the mansion – and a wave of other women accusing Cosby of similar acts brought fresh

trauma over what she had been through as a teenager.

Huth's attorney Nathan Goldberg told the jury of nine women and three men during closing arguments Wednesday that "my client deserves to have Mr. Cosby held accountable for what he did."

"Each of you knows in your heart that Mr. Cosby sexually assaulted Miss Huth," Goldberg said.

At least nine of the 12 jurors agreed, giving Huth a victory in a suit that took nearly eight years and overcame many hurdles just to get to trial.

During their testimony, Cosby attorney Jennifer Bonjean consistently challenged Huth and Samuelson over errors in detail in their stories, and a similarity in the accounts that the lawyer said represented coordination between the two women.

This included the women saying in pre-trial depositions and police interviews that Samuelson had played Donkey Kong that day, a game not released until six years later.

Bonjean made much of this, in what both sides came to call the "Donkey Kong defense."

Goldberg asked jurors to look past the small errors in detail that he said were inevitable in stories that were 45 years old, and focus on the major issues

behind the allegations. He pointed out to jurors that Samuelson said "games like Donkey Kong" when she first mentioned it in her deposition.

The Cosby lawyer began her closing arguments by saying, "It's on like Donkey Kong," and finished by declaring, "game over."

Huth's attorney reacted with outrage during his rebuttal.

"This is about justice!" he shouted, pounding on the podium. "We don't need game over! We need justice!"

The Associated Press does not normally name people who say they have been sexually abused, unless they come forward publicly, as Huth has.

Outside court, a group of four women who said they represented dozens of Cosby's sexual abuse victims celebrated the verdict.

Chelan Lasha, who testified against Cosby in the Pennsylvania case, was in tears. She said he had drugged and assaulted her in the Elvis Presley suite of the Las Vegas Hilton when she was 17 years old.

"He's a boogey man, he's a sexual predator, he's a deviant," Lasha said. "He's horrible. It's one more victory. I came here to stand with Judy. I'm proud of Judy. I'm glad for the outcome."

AP

English Premier League's top stars face exhausting start to 2022-23 season

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

ARE you missing football already? It's been less than a week since the final whistle blew on the 2021-22 European season with the last of the UEFA Nations League fixtures, but the new campaign is coming around quicker than you think.

Some Premier League clubs are already preparing to return to preseason training at the beginning of next week, while Arsenal are due to make an early start to the programme of summer friendlies by playing Nurnberg on July 8. Manchester United and Liverpool will then kickstart their own schedule for the new season by facing off in Bangkok four days later.

There will, of course, be extended summer breaks for those players who finally downed tools following international duty last week, but it won't be long enough to truly recharge tired minds and bodies.

The Premier League, Bundesliga and Ligue 1 all get their season underway on the first weekend of August, with LaLiga and Serie A starting a week later, so the biggest stars know they will have to be back on the training ground before mid-July to have any realistic hope of being fully fit and ready for the new campaign.

But for anyone who is struggling from withdrawal symptoms due to the absence of top-level football right now, it may be worth taking advantage of the brief shutdown. Enjoy the silence while it lasts because the 2022-23 season is going to feel like a sprint and a marathon combined because of the 2022 World Cup being staged in Qatar



Top players across Europe, and especially the Premier League, faced a crammed domestic schedule and just eight days to rest before the start of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar in November. (Agencies)

between Nov. 21 and Dec. 18.

And as usual, it is those players performing in the Premier League who will have to cope with the toughest and most demanding schedule in the months ahead.

Manchester City and Liverpool, whose squads are stacked with players who will be in Qatar later this year, are both facing up to a hectic run of games in the opening months of the season.

When champions City – who start their summer friendlies against Club America in Houston on July 20 – and FA Cup winners Liverpool meet in the Community Shield at Leicester's King Power Stadium on July 30, it will be the start of a run of 24 games for Pep Guardiola's team through to the Premier League clash with Brentford on Nov. 12, just nine days before the World Cup begins.

Liverpool are also scheduled to play 24 games in

the same period, with both clubs needing to cram in all six Champions League group stage fixtures, and a Carabao Cup tie, before the start of Qatar 2022.

Matchday 1 in the Champions League is scheduled for Sept. 6-7, with Matchday 6 planned for Nov. 1-2. There is also an international break in the diary for

late September.

And just to turn the screw even tighter on the Premier League teams in European competition, they will enter the Carabao Cup at the third round stage on Nov. 9. With all the focus understandably falling on the World Cup, it may have gone unnoticed by many that the fourth round of the Carabao Cup

is pencilled in for Dec. 21 – three days after the World Cup final.

The likely strain on the City and Liverpool squads is obvious with each facing a run of 24 games in 105 days – a competitive fixture every 4.37 days. For Liverpool, that workload comes on the back of a season in which they played every fixture available to them having reached the finals of both domestic cups and the Champions League.

With such a tight turnaround from the end of one season to the start of another, time will tell as to how much of an impact the absence of a sufficient summer break will have on those players likely to be involved at the World Cup.

England manager Gareth Southgate may live to regret using captain Harry Kane in all four Nations League games – 295 minutes from a possible 360 – and not telling the Tottenham forward to start his summer break early, as he did for Liverpool defender Trent Alexander-Arnold.

Kane played 61 games for club and country last season – 11 more than Alexander-Arnold – but he

remained in the England camp after the Anfield full-back was released following the second Nations League game against Germany.

On the flipside, Manchester United forwards Marcus Rashford and Jadon Sancho might benefit from the extended break they have had this summer thanks to being left out of the England squad.

When Rashford and Sancho return to training at United next week, they should be refreshed from their longest summer holiday in recent memory and able to capitalise by breaking back into the international set-up in September.

Rashford and Sancho are likely to be exceptions, however. The majority of football's biggest stars are already playing catch-up with their physical and mental recovery, and time may already be against them.

The new season will arrive too soon for some, and the fixture congestion will give them no time to catch a breath.

But if you're missing it all, you won't have long to wait for the fun to return.

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'Lack of qualification hinders Dar football coaches' progress'

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

TANZANIA has 19 football coaches with the Confederation of African Football's minimum 'A' Diploma required for international assignments, it has been revealed.

Deputy Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports, Pauline Gekul told the Parliament yesterday that the lack of qualification among Tanzania's coaches is a hindrance to their opportunities on the international stage.

She was responding to a question raised by the Malinyi MP, Antipas Mgunusi (CCM) who wanted to know why Tanzania's coaches have failed to work outside the country, East Africa, and SADC countries among others.

"These referees also fail to get international jobs due to education backgrounds and qualifications," she said.

The deputy minister noted that the ministry in collaboration with the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has embarked on plans to improve the situation.

Pauline said the two institutions are collaboratively coordinating plans to improve training for higher learning institutions' students and sports academies like Malya and Butimba.

She explained that the effort is aimed at having coaches with the right education levels in addition to attaining the international football governing bodies' qualifications.

Last year, the TFF hosted the Refereeing Educational & Learning Platform, a project adopted by CAF Refereeing Department.

Tanzania became the first country to install this initiative. Fifteen participants from the TFF took part in the workshop held from May 3-7, 2021, and was moderated by Lim Kee Chong, member of the CAF refereeing panel of experts, and Ramy Gamal, CAF refereeing technology coordinator.

At the opening ceremony, TFF vice-president Athuman Nyamlani stressed the commitment of the executive committee members to improve the quantity and quality of referees.

"I do not doubt this new tool, the referees' development will go faster," he added.

Meanwhile, the government yesterday reiterated the commitment to resolve differences between TFF and Zanzibar Football Federation (ZFF).

Pauline told the Parliament that the government is aware of the existing differences between the two football federations and normally engages them in discussions.

The deputy minister made the explanation in response to a question asked by the Konde MP Mohamed Said Issa who had wanted to know how the government helps Zanzibar, through TFF, to get benefits that the latter gets since Zanzibar has not attained FIFA membership.

"The government is aware of the challenges and differences between TFF and ZFF in governing football in the country and to solve them both relevant ministries from both parts of the union have scheduled a meeting to discuss them," she said.

She moreover explained that TFF has always ensured that Zanzibar gets a share of the financial support from FIFA.

She said so far several soccer development projects including organizing local leagues, cooperation, and training for sports stakeholders have been undertaken.

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TFF confirms transfer window dates for 2022/23 season



Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) Secretary-General, Wilfred Kidao.

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

WITH one season coming to a close, another one is on the horizon as football fans all over Tanzania are already excited for the 2022/23 campaign.

The Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) has confirmed a two-month transfer window ahead, with clubs across the Mainland Premier League, Championship, First League, and Women's Premier League able to sign players from July 1, 2022, and close on August 31, 2022.

The TFF said in a statement: "The registration window for NBC Premier League, Championship, First League, and Serengeti Lite Women's Premier League for the 2022/23 season will open on July 1, 2022, and close on August 31, 2022."

The statement read: "During that period clubs are required to complete international registration and transfer."

"All clubs should adhere to the same registration period, there will be no extra time after the window closes."

"Anyone who faces a challenge should contact the TFF Competition Department."

"In addition, the mini-transfer window will open on December 16, 2022, and close on January 15, 2023."

The transfer windows are the periods in which teams can officially register any new players who were previously under contract with other clubs and for which an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) is required.

While deals may be agreed upon outside these windows, the transfer and receipt of an ITC are required to officially add a player to a roster, thus allowing him to be eligible for official competitions.

All in-season trades between clubs must take place within these transfer windows.

The transfer market allows clubs to sign new players and to sell those members of the squad they deem to be surplus to requirements based on the previous campaign.

Fans eagerly anticipate the business their beloved outfits will complete, while senior figures at clubs spend their

time poring over the finances related to either a purchase or sale.

With only two rounds remaining for the 2021/22 campaign, plans are already in place for the new season.

Simba SC and Young Africans, alias 'Yanga', have already confirmed a couple of signings and contract renewals.

Yanga has signed Zambian attacker Lazarous Kambole as a free agent from South African side Kaizer Chiefs while Simba SC has confirmed Moses Phiri from Zambia as the side's first signing.

The newly-promoted side, Singida Big Stars, has also announced the signing of striker Habib Kyombo from Mbeya Kwanza FC.

One developing transfer to keep an eye on is Yanga and Simba SC's pursuit of Ivory Coast's ASEC Mimosas star midfielder Stephane Aziz Ki.

The Burkina Faso international impressed in the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup and attracted the attention of both Simba SC and Yanga.

France's Embassy in Tanzania to host Hip Hop Asili festival

By Guardian Reporter

THE Embassy of France in Tanzania in collaboration with the WePresent institution has announced the second edition of the Hip Hop Asili festival, designed to celebrate Hip Hop Culture in East Africa.

The event, which is also aimed at celebrating the art of breakdancing, emceeing, graffiti, and deejaying, will be held at the Alliance Française hall in Dar es Salaam from June 23-25.

This festival is a continuation of the actions carried out by 30 African and French Hip Hop artists last October during the New Africa-France Summit (NSAF), which led to the development of a Hip Hop cooperation strategy for the African continent for the period 2022/24.

"The festival is the unique event where we celebrate the history of Hip Hop in the region, it is also a joyous moment to unite artists from different countries," France's Ambassador to Tanzania Nabil Hajlaoui noted.

Artists from Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, Ghana, Mayotte, France, and the United States of America will join other 36 upcoming artists who were selected during the Hip Hop Asili regional competitions from six regions of Tanzania, Mwanza, Arusha, Mbeya, Dodoma, Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar.

Hip Hop Asili Festival co-



France's Ambassador to Tanzania, Nabil Hajlaoui (L), speaks to journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday about the embassy organizing the 'Hip Hop Asili' festival in collaboration with an institution, WePresent Tanzania, to be held at the Alliance Française hall in the city later this month. Sitting (R) is the Alliance Française's Board Chairman, Mkuu Bugoya. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

ordinators will, on June 24, host an East Africa Break Dance Competition to get a Tanzania champion who will go to the 'Battle of the Year 2022' in Tokyo, Japan.

The festival will on June 25 be decorated by the live performances of Octopizzo (Kenya), Tina Mweni (Kenya/Denmark), Rise Up Band (Tanzania/France), Jay Moe (Tanzania), The Mc 255 (Tanza-

nia), Mic Crenshaw (US), Lord Eyes (Tanzania) and many others.

The festival also includes a three-day workshop to be held from June 20-22, 2022. The workshops will contain content such as the history of Tanzanian Hip Hop, the art of Emcee, Breakdance, Beat Box, etc.

The facilitators will be Bboy Lilou from France, a breakdance

world champion, DeeJay PH from France, Mejah Mbuya from Tanzania, Mama C (Tanzania/US), and others.

The festival attaches great importance to the genre aspect. There will be a performance of a group of female rappers established by the 'Her Hip Hop' project through the Franco-German Fund financed by the Institut Français

in collaboration with Goethe Institut.

There will be two types of tickets, a full festival pass ticket, and a day festival ticket.

A full festival pass ticket costs 20,000/-, and a day festival ticket is sold at 10,000/-, with more than 1,500 people expected to attend the festival.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

