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## Postal delegates map out how to go digital

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE government is committed to collaborating with postal organisations like the Pan African Postal Union (PAPU) and the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in pursuing Africa's postal sub-sector modernisation.

Nape Nnauye (pictured), the Information, Communication and Information Technology minister, made this affirmation in remarks here yesterday when inaugurating the 2023 PAPU postal business forum.

It brought together over 530 delegates representing postal operators, regulatory bodies and partners from across Africa and well beyond.

PAPU worked in conjunction with UPU to organise the forum, to provide a platform for postal agencies and regulatory bodies to share views on the future of postal services, its transformative journey in the digital epoch, he said.

The forum envisions the postal service as a catalyst for economic prosperity, setting the stage for spirited dialogue with partners regarding potential synergies in service provision, he stated.



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Participants are seeking inventive solutions for diverse postal niches, including e-commerce, e-government, e-health and other service delivery concerns, he said, stressing the need to align postal services with the accelerating digital revolution.

"Our postal realm must facilitate express postal delivery services in consonance with the ongoing digital transformations," he asserted, noting that delegates at the forum must remain tuned to the shifting global paradigm.

Dr Jabiri Bakari, the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) director general, echoed the need for African postal entities to surmount their structural limitations by strategic utilisation of postal services.

"We assemble here in the backdrop of inadequate investments in postal endeavours throughout Africa, resulting in suboptimal intra-African postal exchange and global market participation," he declared.

"To surmount this structural chasm, we must harness the potential of postal services within our purview and take up digital technologies transformation as a solution," he specified.

Africa's postal sector must harness digital

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# Samia winds up Kizimkazi bonanza, stresses traditions



President Samia Suluhu Hassan has a word with Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa at Paje in Zanzibar yesterday during a march by CCM youths at the climax of the Kizimkazi Festival. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has said that protecting children morally is in the interest of the nation and if they are not protected, the nation will lack sustainability.

Wrapping up the seventh Kizimkazi festival in Unguja South Region before clerics, political leaders, government officials and the general public, she stressed the need to maintain national culture, customs and traditions.

"We must ensure that these cultures and traditions are inherited by children," she stated, underlining that children must be raised in good values for a disciplined and responsible nation. The foundation of any nation is built on its children, she declared.

In that pursuit, festival organisers considered several things that must be passed down to our children, including the Kiswahili language and traditional foods as some of those foods have started to disappear, she stated.

Natural food which was universally popular in South Unguja District has nowadays started to disappear, she said, telling participants that if an elderly lady cooks traditional food, you will hear the grandchildren, ignorant of that food, say that grandma has cooked bad cassava today. But it is a special food for us in the south (of Unguja island)," she said



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Children must inherit economic activities where the festival has shown several such activities carried out in the zone so that children can inherit these activities, she said, also pointing at dances and other traditions that children must inherit. These include traditional dances, she said, in the aftermath of inaugurating various projects and laying foundation stones in education, health and tourism sectors.

She expressed gratitude to all stakeholders and development partners in strengthening the specific sectors, while Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa said that the festival has started to show an elevated image of the country.

This is in strengthening development with collaborators from outside Tanzania, "so it is important for the Mainland and Zanzibar to work on schedules to increase the number of tourists."

This will spur greater currency circulation, he said, while Zanzibar First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman said that leadership is not a pillar or a weapon, but the respect and love of the people, "so the people believe in President Samia in the way she runs the country."

The VP said the Unguja South Region is the largest region in Zanzibar and has many tourist attractions, pointing at the Jozani Forest Reserve, as an internationally recognised biodiversity sphere.

The festival shows the people of Zanzibar how to use available resources and get rid of hunger "because the doors of investment and economy have been opened."

Abdulrahman Kinana, the CCM vice chairman (Mainland), said all political parties congratulate President Samia on the way she is leading the nation, "including the way she brought about reconciliation and strengthened national unity."

## Govt seeks \$6m in lakes Jipe, Chala conservation

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government is mobilising funds to facilitate a \$6m project to conserve Lake Jipe, a key agro-sector resource in Kilimanjaro Region, being destroyed by rampaging weeds.

Dr Selemani Jafo, the Union and Environment minister in the Vice President's Office, made this affirmation in the National Assembly yesterday when responding to a question by Joseph Tadayo



**...The government is putting in all the effort it can muster to address the problem**

(Mwanga).

The MP had demanded a time frame for removing weeds at the Kenya-Tanzania borderline lake, on the southward outreaches of Mount Kilimanjaro.

In response the minister said the government was aware of the environmental damage caused by weeds taking over the lake.

The National Environment Management Council (NEMC) has

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## PSSSF to sign up 40,000 members

By Francis Kajubi

THE Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF) expects to register over 40,000 new members in the current fiscal year in view of the ongoing civil servants recruitment drive.

Dr Hosea Kashimba (pictured), the PSSSF director general, made this observation in Dar es Salaam yesterday at an engagement meeting with senior media officials that the fund intends to reduce the benefits payment waiting period for pensioners to less than 30 days from the current 60 days.

He was speaking of achievements realised so far since the merging of public service security funds in 2018, noting that during



the past five years the fund succeeded in cutting down the delivery of benefits from three years to less than 60 days.

PSSSF active members scaled up to 731,183 during the period, of whom 434,667 are men and 296,516 are women, he said, noting that 9.6trn/- has been collected from employers, with 2.17trn/- being arrears of the former Public Service Pensions Fund (PSPF).

During the first two years of PSSSF operations it managed to pay 1.03trn/- to 10,273 pensioners, then it paid another 8.88trn/- to 262,095 beneficiaries in the past three years, he stated.

The fund's outstanding value has grown from 5.83trn/- to 8.07trn/-, boosting the value of investment from 6.40trn/- to 7.92trn/- at a four percent annual growth, where 4.7trn/- is in treasury bonds.

Upwards of 500.46bn/- is invested in commercial banks, with various industrial projects taking up an estimated 165bn/-, while 67bn/- is slated for paying pensioners each month, up from 34bn/- in

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conducted an evaluation of the situation and has prepared a project paper to mobilise funds for removing the weeds, he said.

The government wants to ensure the restoration of the lake's ecology to benefit people in the area, as part of wider efforts to help in conserving water sources.

"The government assures this House that when the money will be ready the project will begin immediately for the people to benefit from the water source," he said.

The funds will involve lakes Jipe and Chala, where, upon securing funds the government will see how to implement it in way that offers opportunities to people in the

surrounding area, he said.

In an additional question, Musoma Rural MP Vedasto Manyinyi asked what the government was doing to avoid a repetition of an incident where Lake Victoria water was last year found to be unsafe due to vast contaminated from animal wastes.

Responding, the minister said the government was working on addressing various environmental challenges besieging key water sources, and had witnessed such a situation over Lake Babati and others.

"We have seen this challenge in various areas," he stated, underlining that the problem is that weeds grow too rapidly. The government is putting in all the effort it can muster to address the problem, he added.

## Govt allocates 60bn/- for 3 Lake Victoria ports upgrade

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

FERDINAND Nyathi, Lake Victoria ports manager, has said the government has allocated 60bn/- for refurbishing three ports, Mwanza north, Kemondo and Bukoba.

Nyathi disclosed this here Tuesday as he addressed reporters from Shinyanga Region who visited Mwanza Port to learn about investment in the country's ports.

He said as for now the government has been making major refurbishments at its ports to enhance performance as well as to handle more ships and big volumes of cargo in order to enhance income and spur economic growth.

"At this North Mwanza Port and the other two the government has set aside 60bn/- for the upgrade of their infrastructures and contractors are already at site," he said.

He said after the upgrades, government revenues will increase threefold compared to present as more neighbouring countries will also use the ports.

He named the countries as

including Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Kenya, and added that the entire work will take 18 months.

For his part, Dry Ports Officer, Isaka Abel named the countries using the dry ports for passage of their cargo as including Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, South Sudan and DR Congo.

Greyson Kakuru, Chairman of Shinyanga Region Press Club said during the visit reporters have learnt a lot of things regarding port investment and how ports operate for the country's economic growth.



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technology transformations in altering operational methods, to ensure seamless integration with the digital economy agenda, he said.

"The multifaceted agenda for this momentous forum encompassed key discussions on the prospects of Africa's postal sector in the future with strategies to augment postal revenues through innovative diversification," he said.

He also insisted on ensuring business continuity in the industry,

optimising the postal network for e-commerce and digital services, owing to the postal sector's integral role in fostering socioeconomic inclusion, navigating challenges and embracing opportunities in the COVID-19 era.

"As one of the delegates emphasized, the PAFU Postal Business Forum 2023 has been a remarkable platform for the exchange of ideas and strategies, contributing to the advancement of postal services across Africa," he added.

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2018. PSSSF has similarly paid 4.63trn/- in retirement benefits, 3.31trn/- in annual pension benefits, 461.72bn/- as death gratuity, 350.99bn/- for voluntary retirement and 5.56bn/- in education benefits.

It also paid out 57.76bn/- in maternity benefits, 7.97bn/- for covering treatment for patients, 5.80bn/- in unemployment benefits and 92.24bn/- in contributions benefits, he stated.

The fund has also secured 500bn/- for 731.4bn/- loans extended to central government projects, he said, highlighting that the fund is transitioning to digital technology in its daily operations, to be completed by June next year.

Operational costs had been cut

to enable a sharp decrease from 140bn/- to about 80bn/- of earnings, with the benefits waiting period down to two months.

The fund has registered 140,162 new pension scheme members, mostly from the health and education sectors, apart from public entities and commercial firms where government equity is upwards of 30 percent of its shares or value, he said.

During the past five years the fund paid over 35bn/- to 13,000 members axed from the civil service in 2017 over contested certificates.

PSSSF started operations on a three-year strategic plan that ended last June, within a five-year strategic plan stretching 2022/23 to 2025/26, he added.

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A student of Msangamkuu Secondary School in Mtwara Region in joyful mood recently after receiving sanitary pads presented by Wentworth Africa Foundation under its 'Keep a Girl in School' programme. The offer went to a total of 250 girls at the school. Over 10,000 girls in 27 secondary schools have benefited from the programme since its inception in 2021. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'Don't hide women with fistula, as the disease is curable'

By Correspondent Joseph

Mwendapole

COMPREHENSIVE Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) Hospital has asked Tanzanians not to hide women suffering from fistula as the disease is curable.

Dr Cyprian Ntomoka, CCBRT Hospital Chief Medical Officer, made the call said on Wednesday when speaking to media personnel who visited the health facility to see the various activities.

Dr Ntomoka said that annually the hospital has been performing surgery on average between 400 and 600 fistula patients who have been recovering from the disease and continue their normal life including having birth.

"Unfortunately, these patients are hidden in rural areas, they are executed by their husbands and brothers when they get this disease, but let me tell you that it is completely curable," he said.

"We have our nationwide network that gathers people of that type, so if anyone knows

a woman with a problem with uncontrollable urination, contact our people and bring her," he said.

Dr Ntomoka said that when a woman sees symptoms of failure to prevent urination or defecation after giving birth, it is good to see a health professional and undergo an examination to confirm if she has a reproductive fistula.

He mentioned that one of the symptoms of reproductive fistula is the inability to control urine after giving birth and added that reproductive fistula is not caused by witchcraft, curses or having

love affairs with various men during pregnancy as is speculated on the street.

He said the expectant mother should attend the clinic regularly to measure the progress of her pregnancy and get advice which can help to a large extent so that she does not have these problems when she gives birth.

He said apart from CCBRT other hospitals that treat reproductive fistula are Maternity Africa Hospital in Kivulini Arusha, Bugando Mwanza and Nkinga Tabora.



Doto Biteko, Minerals minister until his appointment on Wednesday as Deputy Prime Minister and Energy minister, receives a gift at Indian Independence Day celebrations held in Arusha city recently. To his left is India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikanta Pradhan. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Telecom firms team up to boost internet penetration

By Guardian Reporter

TIGO Tanzania has partnered with Samsung Electronics to accelerate internet penetration in the east African nation.

Imelda Edward, Tigo's Device Manager said this on Wednesday in Dar es Salaam when speaking during the launch of the mobile devices in the Tanzanian markets.

She said that the partnership is part of the operator's strategy to drive the usage of the 5G network

in the in the east African nation.

According to her, the partnership is expected to add more fuel to the company's plan to transform the Tanzanian digital space with high-end smartphones, which will make the customer's internet experience more joyful.

"This is an illustration of the confidence that our partners have in our gigantic network modernization, upgrade and optimization project," she said, adding:

"It's important to note that we were able to strategically launch our 5G internet technology in Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar and Dodoma in February 2023, thereby effectively providing 5G download speed of up to 1 Gigabits per second (1Gbps) to customers in those areas, making it the fastest in the country."

"Our primary goal is to promote a digital lifestyle in Tanzania. This ultra-fast communication technology coupled with these

high-end smartphones serves as a clear indication of commitment to being a major player in Tanzania's digital economy. We have modernized the entire Tigo network and service platforms with state-of-the-art hardware to be able to deliver superior voice quality, high-speed mobile internet up to 5G speeds," she noted.

According to her, customers will enjoy the best digital experience via our 5G network which is the fastest in Tanzania.

Manish Jangra, Samsung Country Manager said: "The goal is to provide the latest and greatest smartphones, thus providing such high-speed network access to the consumers."





Sarah Munema (L), Yara fertiliser marketing manager for Tanzania and Rwanda, briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the firm's sponsorship for this year's edition of the Rotary Goat Races - a charity conducted by the Rotary Club of Dar es Salaam Oysterbay. The event is slated for September 9 and is expected to raise 320m/- to support students in institutions of higher education. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 216bn/- leave passage arrears paid to 126,924 civil servants

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE government has paid 216bn/- in arrears for 126,924 civil servants who went on holiday without allowances, stipends and transport.

Ridhiwani Kikwete, Deputy Minister in the President's Office (Public Service Management and Good Governance), said this in parliament when responding to a question by special seats MP Mariam Kisangi.

Mariam said according to the public service law, holiday was a servant's right which is embedded by several other benefits such as transport saying what was happening to teachers to an extent of going for holiday without transport.

In response, Kikwete said the government has been receiving complaints on arrears and the government has started paying the money where up to now it has paid 216bn/-.

The deputy minister called upon public servants who the government owes them money in holiday stipends and allowances to communicate with the District Directors and the president's office for payments.

Adding on the same question was special seats Mp Janejelly Ntate asked when will the government review public service laws which are outdated especially during this era of technology.

Deputy Minister Kikwete said

the government enacted the e-government Act of 2019 to facilitate a proper environment for use of technology where 860 computerized systems were built.

"The government recognizes the availability of technology advancement which have been key in strengthening public services and service delivery in government," he said.

Another legislator for Bunda Boniface Getere wanted to know the challenges facing the Tanzania Social Action Fund and its progress.

Kikwete said there have been challenges with the fund adding that the government has conducted an evaluation and that the challenges will soon come to an end.

## Health ministry approves 19 traditional drugs to be given at referral hospitals

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

THE Health ministry has approved 19 types of traditional herbs that are undergoing research to be used for treatment of patients at seven hospitals in the country.

According to researchers, 60 percent of Tanzanians use traditional medicine and alternative medicines found in traditional medicines pharmacies but a few months from now these drugs will also be obtained at Referral Hospitals in the country.

The ministry, in collaboration with the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) on Wednesday held the Second Science Forum on traditional cure and alternative medicines that brought together traditional medicines stakeholders from various parts of the country.

Prof Pascal Ruggajo, Health Ministry's Director of Cure Services said this is the time for traditional cure to be given an opportunity to be used in government hospitals.

"After training, doctors, nurses and pharmacists have received more than 19 kinds of traditional medicines to be used as a cure for patients.

"The patient will go to a doctor, examine using modern ways and will be given a choice to be cured by modern or traditional medicines," said Prof Ruggajo.

The cure expert said patients with stomach ulcers and asthma will be among beneficiaries of the traditional herbs.

He named the regional Referral Hospitals that will provide traditional care including Sekou Toure-Mwanza, Mount Meru-Arusha, Tememe, Morogoro, Mbeya, Dodoma and Bombo-Tanga.

Prof Ruggajo advised herbalists in the country to abide by the laws, guidelines and regulations of

the Health ministry in providing traditional medicine to the community.

For his part, NIMR Director, Dr Said Aboud called on traditional herbalists to collaborate with NIMR by submitting the drugs they have discovered for research, to find out whether they are safe and are of the required standards.

Dr Luggilye Vumilia, Acting Assistant Director for cure services in the Health ministry said apart from India and China that are well developed with big hospitals that provide traditional cure, Tanzania will become the first country in Africa to initiate the provision of traditional cure at referral hospitals.

"Among diseases that will be treated at these hospitals include Amoeba, genital warts, stomach and skin diseases and some non-communicable Diseases including leg muscles, Urinary Tract Infections (UTI) especially for men pain during menstruation period for women," he explained.

For his part, Foods and Drugs manager from the Government Chemist Office, Dr Shimo Peter said traditional medicines are examined by the Government Chief Chemist and certified in regard to their safety to users and are have satisfied WHO standards.



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## Health fund services to be operational in all hospitals in Zanzibar by October

By Guardian Correspondent,

Zanzibar

ALL hospitals in Zanzibar will start providing Health Services Fund (ZHSF) services to the people in October, this year, a senior official has said.

Zanzibar Minister for Health, Nassor Ahmed Mazrui unveiled this here yesterday when wrapping up a two-day training seminar for health fund officials and development partners.

Mazrui said through the service the ministry will make sure the services provided to the people are of high standard and reduce their treatment costs.

He explained that the government will collaborate with development partners in attaining better health services through the fund.

Mazrui also said that the Phase VIII government under President Hussein Ali Mwinyi will get better health services disregarding their financial statuses.

He added that Zanzibar has picked the Universal Health Insurance (UHI) Scheme as a procedure of UHC that will be financed from tax, members' contributions and assistance from development partners.

According to him, the health ministry, in collaboration with the Finance and Planning Ministry will provide assistance as and when required to make sure UHI attains achievements in the country.

However, he called on the community to emerge in big numbers to join the Health Services Fund to reduce inconveniences they experience in case they experience health problems.

Mbarouk Omari Mohamed, ZHSF chairman said the fund is a new one hence there can emerge various challenges, hence it is essential to collaborate with other stakeholders to get their views and plan for the better running of the Fund.

He also explained that the government expects to get money from stakeholders, donors and Zanzibaris themselves who will join as members in order for the fund to be sustainable.

Yusuf Ibrahim Yusuf, Commissioner for Foreign Currency Department said they are well mobilised to make sure the money expected to be spent by the Fund are available and in time.

The seminar that aims to strengthen the ZHSF, was organised by the Health fund under sponsorship from German and Swiss stakeholders.

## Small tea growers in appeal for modern tea picking equipment

By Guardian Correspondent, Rungwe

SMALL-scale tea growers in Rungwe District, Mbeya Region say they experience difficulties in picking their crop owing to lack of modern equipment including machines and modern scissors.

They aired the complaints early this week after completing the one-year training on modern tea cultivation sponsored by the EU that involved AMCOS.

The training was provided by IDH, a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) that brought together 797 tea farmers through demonstration farms professionally prepared.

Mariam Mwakanyamale, one of the farmers said many tea farmers have been picking tea leaves by hand that hinders performance especially in large farms.

She said lack of proper tea picking equipment sometimes forces them to fail attending their farms properly hence she called on sponsors to help them with the equipment.

She added that as for now the tea market is available and they are not compelled to transport their crop in faraway places, but their only snag is in picking the tea.

"We believe that the government recognizes our plight but sometimes it may not be able to quickly solve the problem, hence we also appeal to various stakeholders to help us," Mariam added.

For his part, Rungwe District Acting Executive Director, Ally Said told the farmers that the government will work on the matter.

He said they will submit a

special request to the Ministry of Agriculture to look into how they can help the tea farmers, stressing that Rungwe District is among major tea growing areas in the country.

He added that farming is the major source for the Council's revenue hence he stressed that tea farming needs to be boosted.

Michael Joseph, IDH Senior official said the training project aims to reach 10,000 farmers in the first phase and that 787 farmers have graduated in Busokelo and Rungwe districts.

Issa Mwanyumba, Chairman of Rungwe District Small Tea Growers Association aid through the project there has been a remarkable increase of raw tea leaves production attaining 23 million kgs per year.

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## Legislators consent to SADC protocol on trade in services

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE parliament has ratified the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) protocol on Trade in Services, 2012 which provides a framework for liberalizing trade in the services sectors through market access and national treatment in the region.

The document among other things aims at progressively liberalizing intra-regional trade in services on the basis of equity among member States.

It also aims at promoting sustainable economic growth and development hence raising the standard and quality of life of the people of SADC by supporting the socially disadvantaged, alleviating poverty through regional integration in the services sector.

Speaking when tabling the protocol, Industry and Trade minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji said the protocol aims at enhancing economic development, diversification, local, regional and foreign investment in service economies of the region.

"There were five countries in the region which did not nod the protocol, with the ratification by Tanzania they have remained four which are Angola, the Democratic

Republic of Congo (DRC), Madagascar and Comoro.

She said the protocol will also ensure consistency between liberalization of trade in services and the various protocols in services sectors.

"The protocol also facilitates pursuing services trade liberation while fully preserving the right to regulate and to introduce new regulations and enhance the capacity and competitiveness of the service sectors in Member States," she said.

The Minister said the protocol provides the framework for a preferential trade agreement covering all commercial and tradable services in any services sector.

She said it also aims to encourage increased intra-regional trade in services through the gradual removal of unnecessary or overburden some regulation affecting the cross-border supply of services within the SADC region, a process known as progressive liberalisation.

The Protocol offsets the general and specific obligations binding the ratifying acceding Member States to grant each other preferential market access and non-discriminatory treatment for SADC service suppliers.



Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority director general Hamza Johari (C) follows proceedings at Kizimkazi Festival held at Kizimkazi in Zanzibar yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) has stressed the need for people in special groups - youth, elders, women and people with disabilities

## Registering with e-procurement system vital, special groups told

to register themselves in the new new

National e-Procurement system of Tanzania (NeST) in order to benefit from tender floating opportunities by being accorded priority.

Speaking at Power Breakfast radio programme aired by Clouds FM, PPRA Chief Executive Officer, Eliakim Maswi said the NeST system recognizes tenderers in the special groups.

Maswi further said that in regard to the Tanzania National e-Procurement system (TANePS), the registration by the special group was not big, hence he called on those qualifying to be in the special groups and want to participate in the government tendering should register themselves in the NeST system.

"Our government embraces all people, every Tanzanian who qualify to participate in government tendering and to economically enhance themselves to register to the system," he added.

He stressed that there are many work projects which according to the laws have been set aside for special groups and that the NeST system will to a great extent enhance participation of tenderers as the system enhances transparency, competition and remove unnecessary bureaucracy.

He said allocation of tender opportunities for special groups is governed by the Public Procurement Act (Cap 410) that requires all public institutions in the country to allocate 30 per cent of their budgets for the groups.

In addition, according to Guidelines on Special groups issued by PPRA, special groups have been allocated 10 per cent for the youth, 10 per cent for people with disabilities, five per cent for women and five per cent for elders.

Maswi said PPRA continues in the provision of training in the use of the NeST system to tenderers and public procurement institutions countrywide.

## Put an end to harmful traditional practices, MP urges government

By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

SPECIAL Seats legislator Mary Azan Mwinyi yesterday called for a government strategy to end harmful traditional practices with negative impacts on people in Manyara and Arusha regions.

Speaking during a question-and-answer session in the National Assembly, the MP said marrying a pre-born baby without her consent was Gender Based Violence (GBV) asking the government when it will bring the national guidelines to end bad practices.

"Why should this not be included in the law," the MP queried.

In responding to the question, Minister for Community Development, Gender, Women and special groups Dr Dorothy Gwajima said the government was aware that there are some traditional practices which have a negative impact on people's lives including investing in a pre-born baby.

"This practice is bad, it denies the baby a choice to choose her partner when her age reaches because she was chosen before birth," she said.

She said in addressing the challenge, the government has started holding symposiums to discuss the matter because cultural and traditional issues are sensitive.

"The ministry has prepared guidelines to facilitate discussions on traditional and cultural practices which have a negative impact on the public," she said.

She said the discussions will be partisan involving religious leaders, traditional leaders and local leaders who will take a leading role in the exercise," she said.

She said the government intends to use community radios in Manyara and Arusha so that the message goes to a large public but also in a language that they understand.

On laws, the minister said there has been an analysis by the government on laws that are not friendly adding that they will be taken for review should the time arise.

In a supplementary question special seats MP Fatuma Toufik queried why the government was not lining up the bad practices so that they are reviewed.



### SWISSPORT TANZANIA PLC UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### Commentary

The Board of Directors of Swissport Tanzania Plc hereby publishes unaudited financial results for the six-month period ended 30 June 2023. Total revenue during the period increased by 6% from TShs 17,763 million to TShs 18,910 million while operating costs increased by 9%, from TShs 15,202 million to TShs 16,502 million. As a result, net profit decreased by 9% from TShs 1,507 million to TShs 1,379 million. The decrease in profit is attributed to increase in operating expenses due to increased flight volumes and general rise in price levels.

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No interim dividend shall be paid for the period ended 30 June 2023.

#### STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS

For the Period Ended 30 June	2023 TShs M	2022 TShs M	% Change
Revenue	18,620	17,551	6%
Other operating income	290	212	37%
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>18,910</b>	<b>17,763</b>	<b>6%</b>
Total operating expenses	(16,502)	(15,202)	9%
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>2,408</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>(6%)</b>
Finance costs	(327)	(409)	(20%)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>(3%)</b>
Income tax expense	(702)	(645)	
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>(9%)</b>
<b>Earnings per share</b>	<b>38.30</b>	<b>41.90</b>	<b>(9%)</b>

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As At 30 June

As At 30 June	2023 TShs M	2022 TShs M	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Intangible asset	10,578	12,272	(14%)
Property and equipment	14,223	13,926	2%
Right of use of assets	2,612	3,098	(16%)
Deferred tax assets	-	1,405	(100%)
Staff receivables	162	264	(39%)
<b>27,575</b>	<b>30,965</b>	<b>(11%)</b>	
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	686	440	56%
Trade and other receivables	6,510	3,688	77%
Income tax recoverable	576	1,983	(71%)
Cash and cash equivalents	6,603	8,799	(25%)
<b>14,375</b>	<b>14,910</b>	<b>(4%)</b>	
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>41,950</b>	<b>45,875</b>	<b>(9%)</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	360	360	-
Retained earnings	31,932	32,444	(2%)
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>32,292</b>	<b>32,804</b>	<b>(2%)</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Lease liabilities (IFRS 16)	2,195	3,026	(27%)
Deferred tax Liability	567	-	NA
Retirement benefit obligations	2,041	1,719	19%
<b>4,803</b>	<b>4,745</b>	<b>1%</b>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Related party loan	-	1,374	(100%)
Trade and other payables	4,317	6,147	(30%)
Lease liabilities	538	805	(33%)
<b>4,855</b>	<b>8,326</b>	<b>(42%)</b>	
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>41,950</b>	<b>45,875</b>	<b>(9%)</b>

#### Outlook

The ground handling performance has shown positive growth, and we expect a consistent performance for the remainder of the year. The cargo performance was slightly below our expectations in the first half of the year. However, we have recently observed a positive trend in the tonnage handled, and hence, we anticipate a rebound in the second half. We therefore foresee improved financial performance in the second half of the year compared to the first six months. Investments in human resources, ground support equipment, warehouse facilities, processes, training, and technology, along with strict cost reduction and control measures, are expected to positively impact our operational and financial performance by the end of 2023.

#### Appreciation

The Board extends its heartfelt gratitude to all customers, authorities, and other stakeholders for their unwavering support as well as to the employees for their relentless hard work and commitment during the period.

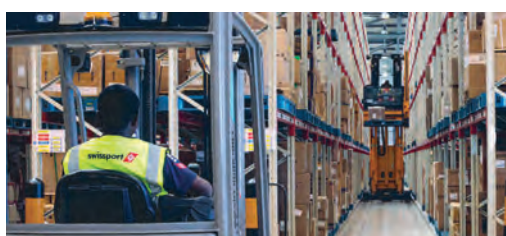
Dirk Goovaerts  
Board Chairman

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Period Ended 30 June	2023 TShs M	2022 TShs M
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>2,152</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Profit before income tax	2,081	2,152
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	1,713	1,370
Amortization of intangible assets	1,444	1,155
Depreciation of right of use assets	486	375
Provision for retirement benefit obligations	399	155
Interest expense on lease liabilities	89	113
Interest expense on loan	128	141
Adjustments for:		
Inventories	(246)	57
Trade and other receivables	280	2,917
Trade and other payables	(2,106)	(3,475)
<b>Cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>4,960</b>
Retirement benefits paid	(76)	(74)
Interest paid on lease liability	(89)	(113)
Interest paid on loan	(128)	(211)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>3,975</b>	<b>4,562</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Acquisition of property and equipment and intangible asset	(1,760)	(442)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,760)</b>	<b>(442)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Repayment of Loan	(1,375)	(1,166)
Dividends paid to the Company's shareholders	(2,584)	(1,909)
Payment of lease liabilities	(452)	(364)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(4,411)</b>	<b>(3,439)</b>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(2,196)</b>	<b>681</b>
<b>Movement in cash and cash equivalent</b>		
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(2,196)	681
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July	8,799	8,118
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June</b>	<b>6,603</b>	<b>8,799</b>



From landing to take-off: we care!



Dirk Goovaerts  
Board Chairman

Mrisho Yassin  
Chief Executive Officer

Joshua Jonas  
Chief Financial Officer



By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

## NEMC in campaign to boost hygiene in buses

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC), has embarked on a month-long public education campaign starting from this month for bus owners to improve hygiene and sanitation on their vessels.

Dr. Samuel Gwamaka, NEMC director general said this yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking to journalists about the campaign.

He said NEMC has 17 zones across the country that will be used to provide education to bus owners in collaboration with various district councils and organisations involved in passengers' transportation.

"Buses all over the country are polluting the environment, so first we want to provide education because if we start charging them fines, they will say why didn't you tell us, so the whole September will only be for providing education to them," said Dr Gwamaka

He said about throwing garbage outside the buses, the education will be given to long-distance buses and urban buses and the places where they will provide education

are all the bus stands.

He said that after one month they will start taking action against those who will stop the buses for their passengers to attend shot call adding that people who will volunteer to take pictures of the buses will get motivation.

"If a people see a bus has stopped, people are attending shot calls, take pictures of bus numbers and evidence of passengers we will deal with bus owners first by giving him a fine of not less than five million and it may involve revoke his license to do that business," he said.

"Starting on October 2, we do not expect to see a bus stop for that purpose because we will have given enough education and those who will do so will only be defiant on purpose and I assure you that we will deal with those who dare to do so," he said.

He said that in October NEMC will announce a generous lump sum that will be given to a people who will volunteer to take a picture

of a bus that is stopped and its passengers attend shot calls.

Dr Gwamaka said that bus dealers who buy new up country buses should buy buses with toilets to reduce problems for passengers when they want to go to relieve themselves.

He congratulated the owners of some of the buses that make their trips to Dodoma, Arusha and Mbeya regions whose buses are equipped with toilets so they do not contribute to the environmental pollutions like those without toilets inside.

"If the bus has a toilet inside, the passengers are very comfortable and they drink water because they are sure to go to the toilet and having a toilet inside is not a strange thing which is not possible, it is only because we had not focused on it and take it seriously," he said.

He said petrol station owners can help by building more toilets so that bus owners can stop and their passengers go to relieve themselves instead of going to the forest.



Hosea Kashimba, Director General of the Public Service Social Security Fund (PSSSF), pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday making a presentation at a consultative meeting with editors jointly organised by the fund and Treasury Registrar's Office. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

## It's a milestone for Tanzania in execution of second VNR

TANZANIA has made major strides in implementing its second Voluntary National Review (VNR) as part of the formal inter-governmental follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Tanzania VNR report of 2023 underscores the successes, challenges and lessons learned for the period covering July 2019 to June 2023.

Joseph Malekia, Senior Economist President's Office Planning Commission revealed this recently in Dar es Salaam during a breakfast Debate that was organized by Policy Forum in collaboration with United Nations Association of Tanzania (UNA Tanzania).

Policy Forum's debate focused on "Towards sustainable development: Reflecting the 2023 Tanzania Voluntary Review Report."

During the reporting period, the implementation of Agenda 2030 experienced unprecedented global socio-economic shocks, including

the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ukraine-Russia war, the impacts of climate change and Global financial shocks.

These global shocks slowed the progress made in previous years toward attaining both the envisaged national development agenda and the SDGs.

Stephen Chacha, Co-convenor Tanzania sustainable development platforms, explained the status of implementing the SDGs as a country "We are only on track by 12 percent; still lagging behind by 50 percent; and we are totally washed out by 38 percent."

He mentioned areas we are not doing well, include: Elimination of poverty, food and nutrition security, education, health, environment and peace and security.

Chacha mentioned some of the major contributing factors that have caused Tanzania to lag behind in implementing the SDGs as: The

emergence of COVID-19 pandemic, the Ukraine-Russia war, the impacts of climate change and global financial shocks.

According to Chacha, globally there are no enough funds to implement the SDGs. For example, he said in order to implement the SDGs efficiently, countries need between USD 5 trillion and USD7 trillion every year. But as of now the deficit is around USD 4.5 trillion globally. "There are no dedicated finances set aside across the globe to implement the SDGs. Our finance needs are bigger than the sources of funds," he noted.

Hussein Temu from Tanzania young behavioural change organization (TAYOBECO) has suggested that in order to address the problem of lagging behind in the implementation of the SDGs, the government needs to empower the youth so as to enable them implement the SDGs.

By Correspondent Wilhelm Mulinda, Mwanza

## WMA in Mwanza to phase out illegal measures in the market

WEIGHTS and Measures Agency (WMA) in Mwanza Region is set to eliminate unauthorized use in measures of various commodities in the market starting this September.

Hilolimus Mahundi, WMA acting manager in Mwanza Region said in interview yesterday that the plan is meant to protect people so that traders cannot exploit them at the time of selling or buying commodities at the open markets in the region all the time.

He said that in implementing the plan, staff will be passing at the markets and educating people on the negative effects of using unauthorized measures.

Mahundi noted that after the

education, WMA will seriously start to reinforce the existing Weights and Measures Act, Cap.340 and its regulations which are being violated at the markets with a view to impound defaulters.

He said that currently most traders estimate weights and measures at the time of selling or buying commodities from people by using unauthorized units, a thing that is wrong according to the law.

"For instance if someone buys a kilogramme of sugar the weight should exactly be correct by using WMA verified weighing scale and not just estimating it with eyes or using unauthorized measures", he

said. He said that the act of traders using unauthorized weighing scales is likely to exploit customers, although sometime can also exploit the traders themselves owing to estimation. Sometimes traders use tins or plastic buckets to measure weights or volume of commodities and therefore make the contents to be less or more than expected, he underscored.

He pointed out that it is the responsibility of the agency to ensure that traders sell or buy commodities from people by using authorized weights and measures for value of money.



### INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PREQUALIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE 3D -SEISMIC DATA RE-PROCESSING AND INTERPRETATION UPDATE USING ADVANCED TECHNIQUES SUCH AS RE-VIS, TOP-ROCK, SEISOMICS AND FAULT-MOD WITHIN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT, GEITA GOLD MINE.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying Service providers for the 3D -Seismic data re-processing and interpretation update using advanced techniques such as RE-VIS, TOP-ROCK, SEISOMICS and FAULT-MOD within the Central District and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expression of Interest for the provision of this service as detailed below.

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

#### Scope of Service:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01760	3D -SEISMIC DATA RE-PROCESSING AND INTERPRETATION UPDATE USING ADVANCED TECHNIQUES SUCH AS RE-VIS, TOP-ROCK, SEISOMICS AND FAULT-MOD WITHIN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

#### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	20%
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	
Company Profile	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license	2%
Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	2%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of company memorandum and article of association	2%
Current NSSF Compliance clearance certificate	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years, this will confirm Supplier's experience in the business, and assist in comparability and business trend analysis.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Supplier's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Workers' compensation fund certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labour	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Programme	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1.7%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1.7%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	1.7%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01760)</b>	
Must demonstrate possession of advanced analytical infrastructure (artificial intelligence and machine learning) that can support application of RE-VIS, TOP-ROCK, SEISOMICS and FAULT-MOD techniques in generating high resolution 3D-models for intrusive bodies, BIF and shear/fault zones using 3D-seismic data sets	15%
Be able to perform pre-stack depth migration on hard rock 3D - seismic data which maximises the resolution of mineralised geology	10%
Perform quantitative inversion on the 3D reflection data that delivers a solid 3D-geological model honouring the available drillholes	10%
Must demonstrate a sound record of conducting similar type of studies in gold deposits or mineral exploration projects hosted in complex geological environments	10%
Must provide a proof of having a group of technical staffs who are registered in relevant Professional institutions.	5%
Must provide a proof of having technical staffs with a sound experience of conducting similar tasks elsewhere	5%
Must provide a proof of project completion certificates for the Projects completed within set deadlines.	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

III. Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **SERVICE DESCRIPTION "3D -SEISMIC DATA RE-PROCESSING AND INTERPRETATION UPDATE USING ADVANCED TECHNIQUES SUCH AS RE-VIS, TOP-ROCK, SEISOMICS AND FAULT-MOD WITHIN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT AND REFERENCE NUMBER (GGME01760) ON THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL** together with supporting information to **GGML**, which states the full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline a statement of firm capability to provide the relevant Services, including similar contracts undertaken over the past three years.

IV. All LOIs and support documentation (in PDF format) must be received by the **GGML** Office via e-mail at **geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com** without copying any individual from GGML. Submission should not be later than **8.30AM 15TH September 2023**, (the "LOI" Submission Deadline). EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL CABLES TO GEITA GOLD MINE LIMITED, TANZANIA.

### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying bidders for Electrical cables and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible candidates to submit Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the supply of these items as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST ON THIS PREQUALIFICATION. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

#### Scope of Supply:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01685	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL CABLES

### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>20%</b>
Company Profile	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license	2%
Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	2%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of company memorandum and article of association	2%
Current NSSF Compliance clearance certificate	2%
List of directors and Company shareholding information	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years, this will confirm Supplier's experience in the business, and assist in comparability and business trend analysis.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Supplier's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Workers' compensation fund certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01685)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Proof of supplying same electrical cables to other companies and providing after sale services support	10%
Storage facilities (warehouse) for electrical cables	10%
Quality test report for previous cable supplies	10%
Quality management policy and procedure	15%
Proof for dealership agreement with Major Manufactures for Electrical cables	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

III. Interested bidders must submit their expression Letters of Interest ("LOI") by quoting **GGME01685 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL CABLES on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL.** Interested bidders must also provide full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why the company is of interest to work with, what the prospective bidder has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the company.

IV. All LOIs and support documentation (in PDF format) must be submitted to the Company's Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) without copying any individual from the company. Submission should not be later than **8.30AM 11 SEPTEMBER 2023. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF COMPANIES FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MT4400 (MTU ENGINES) MIDLIFE PARTS TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA

### I. INTRODUCTION

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying bidders for the Supply and delivery of MT4400 (MTU ENGINES) Midlife Parts and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible applicants to submit Expression of Interest for the supply of these engines as detailed below.

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

#### Scope of work:

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01752	SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MT4400 (MTU ENGINES) MIDLIFE PARTS

### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>20%</b>
Company Profile	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license	2%
Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	2%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of company memorandum and article of association	2%
List of Directors and Company Shareholding Structure	2%
Current NSSF Compliance clearance certificate	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Applicants audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years, this will confirm applicants experience in the business, and assist in comparability and business trend analysis.	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the applicant's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Workers' compensation fund certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental policy	1%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01752)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Evidence of previous supply history of MT4400AC or any other genuine MTU/DDC Diesel engines parts.	10%
Evidence of previous technical support on MT4400AC powered by MTU/DDC-Series 4000 16V Engine.	10%
Evidence of proven MTU/DDC Engines dealership.	15%
Evidence of ability to carry warranties of supplied genuine parts.	5%
Proven Experience in using MTU Engine diagnostic tool (DDR) Diagnostic Data Reader and be able to commission supplied parts/components	5%
Ability to supply parts within reasonable lead times.	5%
Ability to provide material data sheets when required to do so.	5%
Ability to provide technical inputs on alternative part numbers if exist.	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

III. Interested bidders must submit their expressions Letter of Interest ("LOI") by quoting the **GGME01752 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF MT4400 (MTU ENGINES) MIDLIFE PARTS on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL.** Interested bidders must also provide full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why the company is of interest to work with, what the prospective bidder has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the company.

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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS  
FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE  
TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED, TANZANIA.**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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

The Company is in the process of prequalifying suppliers for Hydrogen Peroxide and is, therefore, inviting interested eligible suppliers to submit Expressions of Interest for the supply as detailed below.

**NB: THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE SUBMITTED WHEN EXPRESSING INTEREST IN THIS SUPPLY. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THE ANGLO GOLD ASHANTI VETTING PROCESS.**

**Scope of Supply:**

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01753	SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE

**II. INFORMATION REQUIRED**

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS (MANDATORY)	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	20%
Company Profile	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license	2%
Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return.	2%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate, and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of company memorandum and article of association	2%
List of Directors and Company Shareholding Structure	2%
Current NSSF Compliance clearance certificate	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan.	3%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years, this will confirm Supplier's experience in the business, and assist in comparability and business trend analysis.)	2%
At least 1 reference from the applicant's bankers regarding the supplier's credit position. If any.	1%
All bank statements of the Supplier's active bank accounts for the past 6 months to date	1%
A guarantee from a reputable financial institution to support any declared alternative source of funds.	1%
<b>SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<b>5%</b>
OSHA Compliance Certificate	1.5%
Environmental compliance certificate	1.5%
Workers' compensation fund certificate	1%
Safety and Environmental Policy	1%
<b>OTHER POLICIES</b>	<b>5%</b>
Gifts / Hospitality / Sponsorship Policy / Procedure	1%
Policies / Procedures Dealing with Forced and Child Labor	1%
Policies / Procedures dealing with Abuse, Discrimination, and Harassment	1%
Grievance Procedure	1%
Human Rights Policy / Procedure / Program	1%
<b>PAST EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>5%</b>
At least 3 names of the applicant's clients, value and duration of the contracts entered with the clients in the past two years (must be listed)	1%
Signed contracts/LPOs (proof of the above)	1%
Acceptance certificates /completion certificates (Prove of a. above where applicable)	1%
Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01753)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Submission of Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) document with all relevant information.	30%
Proof of registration with the Government Chemist Laboratory Authority (GCLA) for specific chemical distribution.	10%
Details of transportation logistics for Hydrogen Peroxide to Geita Gold Mine	10%
Details of supply capability (i.e., nearby storage facility, stock availability, etc)	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

III. Interested bidders must submit their expressions Letter of Interest ("LOI") by quoting **GGME01753 - SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE on THE SUBJECT OF THE EMAIL.** Interested bidders must also provide full name, address, telephone and e-mail address of the bidder, name of the principal contact, and signed by an authorized representative. The LOI must outline why the company is of interest to work with, what the prospective bidder has to offer and how the skills and experience are valuable to the company.

IV. All LOIs and support documentation (in PDF format) must be submitted to the Company's Office via e-mail at [geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com](mailto:geita.eoi@anglogoldashanti.com) without copying any individual from the Company. Submission should not be later than **8.30AM 11 SEPTEMBER 2023. (the "LOI" Submission Deadline)**. EOI submissions should not exceed 10MB per email. In case the size of the email exceeds 10MB, please split the submissions into more than one email.

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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS  
FOR PROVISION OF HOTELS & LODGING SERVICES FOR GGML VISITORS IN GEITA  
TO GEITA GOLD MINING LIMITED (GGML), TANZANIA**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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

The Company is in the process of procuring hotels & lodging services for visitors in Geita and is, therefore, inviting interested service providers to submit Expressions of Interest for the provision of the service as detailed below.

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

**Scope of Work:**

REFERENCE NUMBER	SERVICE DESCRIPTION
GGME01771	PROVISION OF HOTELS & LODGING SERVICES FOR GGML VISITORS IN GEITA

**II. INFORMATION REQUIRED**

PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MANDATORY	
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	20%
Company Profile	2%
Company Code of Conduct and Ethics	2%
Copy of Current Business Permit and Trade license	2%
Copy of Incorporation Certificate, the most recent BRELA search, and the latest BRELA application of annual return	2%
Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC), TIN Certificate and VRN certificate	3%
Copy of company memorandum and article of association	2%
List of Directors and Company Shareholding Structure	2%
Current NSSF Compliance clearance certificate	2%
Compliance with Mining Act-Approved Local Content Plan	3%
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION &amp; TERMS OF TRADE</b>	<b>5%</b>
Supplier's audited financial statements for the past three consecutive years, this will confirm Supplier's experience in the business, and assist in comparability and business trend analysis	2%
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Provide at least 3 recommendation letters from different clients	2%
<b>TECHNICAL CRITERIA (GGME01771)</b>	<b>60%</b>
Quality of the accommodation facilities (minimum 3 Star hotel standard)	9%
Be adequately staffed with qualified & competent personnel in related fields for smooth and efficient performance of the required tasks. i.e experienced Manager, staff with hospitality experience or qualifications	8%
Hotel operations to meet high level of quality for cleanliness, maintenance, hospitality, and service delivery	8%
Rooms to have air conditioning, hot shower, tea/coffee making facilities & mini bar, complimentary Wi-Fi and TV	9%
Location of hotel and variety of services offered by the hotel – restaurant, bar, meeting room size, gym, other facilities	8%
Security & Safety aspects of the hotel premises – Guards, CCTV, Safes, access control.	10%
Be compliant with food and safety management requirements as per Government requirement (TFDA)	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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Let's further modernise agriculture;  
it'll doubtless thank us for doing so

It will always pay revamping, modernising, diversifying and otherwise improving our agriculture by deploying higher levels of mechanisation, making greater use of better seeds and other inputs as well as lending a keener ear to extension staff.

Indeed, that is part of the thrust of the much-touted national agricultural initiative popularly known as 'Kilimo Kwanza', literally suggesting that we are earnestly committed to treating the development of agriculture as our Number One national priority.

This is much in the same spirit as we, as a nation, once decided to promote the sector into "the backbone of the country's social and economic development" and "a matter of life and death" for our people.

However, the overwhelming optimism resulting from the backing political and other pronouncements promised agriculture notwithstanding, most players in the sector are still engaged in subsistence farming, small-time fishing, livestock keeping with few benefits, etc.

It is no exaggeration that the activities of most members of our farming, fishing and livestock keeping communities have as little to show now in terms of science and technology as has previously obtained.

We clearly ought to address this situation as a matter of urgency, this time around while we are at an advantage in that the country now boasts bigger armies of experts in all the respective sub-sectors than at any other point in time in our history.

We should also meanwhile seek to reap the benefits of diversification instead of continuing to depend heavily on traditional cash and food crops even as changes in the weather have long dictated that we change tack.

Tanzania is no stranger to diversification in agriculture. At one time, Zanzibar discovered that it would head for economic disaster if it continued to rely almost solely on clove farming - when world prices had proved horrendously erratic and competition with producers in other parts of the world had become especially cut-throat.

In their wisdom, the Clove Islands' political and other leaders decided to preach the "gospel" of diversification in earnest, vigorously touting the farming of "minor" crops such as pepper, paprika and various other greens as well as such other spices as cardamom and cinnamon.

Whatever the degree to which the intervention made an impact in terms of economic gains and improvement in the lives of Zanzibar farmers and their dependants, it was lots better than doing nothing about the precarious circumstances then facing the people.

That was decades ago, but the need for us to disabuse ourselves of the mistaken belief that our agriculture of old will help us weather the economic and other storms we are bound to encounter from time to time remains as valid and relevant today as it ever was.

This is reason enough to heed the expert advice of the likes of International Institute of Tropical Agriculture on the importance of such little-valued crops as cowpeas, soybeans, yams and tubers, all of which commonly boost food security in countries stalked - or actually already hit - by famine.

Fortunately, the government is on record as having once declared that the weather in many parts of Tanzania is generally as conducive for horticulture as is the case in globally recognised horticulture giants in Africa like Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, South Africa and Tunisia.

With all this, why shouldn't the diversification of our agriculture work miracles for us?

Single export licence for crop  
exporting will cut bureaucracy

AS agro-sector exports become firmly implanted in our country's routine business activities, the wish to treat the exporting of crops in a special manner is coming up for some questioning by a range of stakeholders.

Reports from Moshi say that exporters of a number of agro-sector products want to see the relevant authorities come up with one export licence for any crops that traders take across the border.

It is the same thing as licensing a grain wholesale or retail trader, that he or she isn't licensed for a particular crop or specific tonnage.

The views were given as a training session for traders organised by the Business Registration and Licensing Agency (BRELA), with participants saying that a single export licence will help plug loopholes fuelling corruption in issuing specialised permits as is now the case.

Being licensed first for a crop and then for specific quantities or tonnage for export adds to systematic inconveniences right from the purchasing and all the way to the trading level, if exports are involved. Participants said that contributes to the rotting of their crops.

They appealed for involvement in any processes to set up a single licence or unified permit for crop exports, as the case may be, so that their views are considered when the format for issuing the licence is decided.

One said that the involvement of exporters in reaching that decision would help to preserve the

country's market openings outside. This position alters the affirmations the government was recently issuing - to the effect that the crop trade was chaotic and needs to be regulated.

A directive was issued that traders should purchase crops from the National Food Reserve Agency rather than from farmers. That effectively meant that the competition in pricing was removed, and this is what traders were now saying - that farmers will suffer and cut back on produce later.

They made a particularly salient point in pointing out that when the government miscalculates (that is, when it institutes undue restrictions), it harms traders and farmers alike, hence appealing for a spirit of collaboration at every step.

Reality might just be creeping in as to what the recent measures imply and have in scope the breadth of policy difficulties being faced - or changes needed.

Critics of the recent moves to cut out free trade in crops argue that price rises with respect to certain staples will be temporary as production catches up each year in view of greater market needs.

But restrictions on crop exports will diminish appetite for investments as people wish to predict market demand and price levels.

Chances that a crop exports cartel is formed and takes a substantial chunk in proceeds of grain exports can't be discounted. Thus, a single export licence looks easily the best way and BRELA was significantly positive to the idea.



## Experts want rethink on control of epidemics

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EXPERTS including researchers from around the world have joined a call for a new approach to

increase the ability of all countries to more rapidly research, develop and manufacture diagnostics, vaccines and treatments for epidemic control.

Their appeal comes with the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body working on a pandemic accord set to meet again and as G20 Health ministers recently agreed on the importance of R&D (research and development) networks to produce vaccines, treatments and diagnostics, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

In a new paper in the latest issue of The Lancet Global Health, researchers say that a focus on stopping epidemics before they become pandemics - with a new emphasis on the sharing of technologies and know-how - is the key to pandemic preparedness and response.

"Time and again, developing countries are left waiting for tools like vaccines developed by others, while wealthier countries produce and access them first," said former New Zealand prime minister Helen Clark, former Co-Chair of The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response.

She added: "The deadly lessons from Covid-19 demand transformative change, starting with action to ensure that all regions have the technology and capacities required to develop products that stop outbreaks before they spread worldwide. That's not only equitable; it's strategic."

In the paper, entitled 'From private incentives to public health: rethinking research and development for pandemic preparedness', the authors, including many scientists from the Global South, say that there is too much focus on building new vaccine manufacturing facilities in developing regions and not enough on supporting regional R&D leadership for health, which would strengthen regional resilience.

"In the 21st century, given available technologies and in the wake of a pandemic that has led to some 24 million excess deaths, there should be no question that we need a new model - one that fully empowers all regions to be self-reliant," said Dr Amadou Sall, the Director of the Institut Pasteur de Dakar, Senegal, one of the few African vaccine research and production sites.

"Many of these technologies have been available for decades now, and others have been developed with public funds. It's time to make them available in Africa and on other continents," said Dr Sall.

During their latest meeting

this August 18 and 19, the G20 Health ministers recognised the need for "sustainable global and regional research and development networks to facilitate better access to VTDs (vaccines, treatments and diagnostics) globally, especially in developing countries".

The authors of the new paper have concrete proposals on how to make this happen. A main element is support for regional and sub-regional R&D hubs led by local scientists, equipped to adapt established technologies without intellectual property restrictions and produce vaccines, treatment and diagnostics for new or re-emerging pathogens. The authors call this 'last-mile innovation'.

"In outbreak control, speed and versatility are of essence, so having the ability to rapidly adapt the most suitable existing technology to local needs is critical," said Dr Els Torreele, the lead author, adding: "The opportunity for 'last-mile innovation' will let researchers develop and produce products people can use, where they live, for the outbreaks in their regions."

Prof Petro Terblanche, CEO of Afrigen Biologics at South Africa's Centre of the WHO/MPP mRNA technology development and transfer programme, meanwhile noted: "If, for example, the mRNA technology platform is a shared source of knowledge and technology and made accessible through networks of collaboration, researchers can innovate and develop vaccines that address local or regional health needs and are suited to optimal delivery into local and regional health care systems."

In addition to medical products for diseases that are outside the interest of the global pharmaceutical industry, examples of the types of innovations needed include products that do not require ultra-cold chains; those with simpler routes of administration - oral drugs or intranasal vaccines, for example - as opposed to injectables; and those that require as few doses as possible with a broad window of effectiveness.

A treatment that only works if administered within a few days of disease onset is of little use in areas where rapid diagnostics are not readily available.

The authors also make a strong case for a common goods approach to R&D, in which the ownership and control over technologies that are critical for public health are governed collectively and in the public interest.

They cite examples such as the CERN research facility in Europe, which is jointly funded and shared by a group of 23 countries.

in, for instance, the US, the UK and the EU, while mechanisms that have a global scope such as the Pandemic Fund remain dramatically underfunded.

"The public sector is already investing billions in research, which is then often sold or handed out to the private sector who decide whether or not to develop products based on profit potential," said Dr Joanne Liu, a Canadian paediatrician.

A former International President of MSF (Médecins Sans Frontières or 'Doctors Without Borders') and a member of The Independent Panel, she says: "What we're saying is that tools to protect lives and stop outbreaks from crossing borders must be common goods - and must and can be funded with that mindset."

The paper argues that The Pandemic Fund, for example, and many of the development banks, could finance R&D for the common good rather than just vaccine manufacture and distribution through a market approach.

The authors' call comes as the Intergovernmental Negotiating Body working on a pandemic accord is set to meet in Geneva next week to continue negotiations.

Issues of equitable access to pandemic countermeasures are being negotiated in specific articles on R&D and on technology sharing and co-development, and are considered some of the most difficult areas to solve. The G20 is also set to finalise its leadership declaration during the September 9-10 Summit.

The authors say real solutions for developing countries must include a new approach: "As we have seen again during Covid-19, a system that largely relies on market dynamics to drive the research, manufacture and marketing, results in highly inequitable access and preventable deaths, particularly in developing countries," said Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Chairperson of MSSRF (M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation) is a nonprofit NGO trust based in Chennai, India. It develops and promotes strategies for economic growth that directly target increased employment of poor women in rural areas.

Carolina Gómez: "Given a proliferation of investments now in research and development and manufacturing, collaborative

efforts rather than competition are needed to build strong regional research hubs, clinical trials, and pharmacovigilance networks."

Michel Kazatchkine: "The paper brings concrete proposals that directly relate to aspirations expressed by many delegates negotiating a new pandemic accord in Geneva, as well as the G20 Health ministers, and describes how an equitable, decentralised R&D and manufacturing system for pandemic medical countermeasures could actually operate."

Gary Kobinger: "The future of vaccination must start with vaccine equity for ethical and public health reasons."

Piero Olliaro: "We need an independent clinical research infrastructure that is led by local researchers and focused on their priority health needs and research questions. This would be a significant step forward from the current approach aiming to obtain marketing authorisation of commercial products in wealthy country markets."

Claudia Vaca-González notes that the 'last-mile innovation' approach requires simplifying the regulatory requirements in order to facilitate both the clinical regional research networks' work and to accelerate marketing authorization and availability of medical products.

"All of the efforts to remove the intellectual property barriers and transfer technology might be lost without an access-sensitive regulatory environment."

This paper represents a continued refining of ideas intended to ensure an end-to-end ecosystem for pandemic countermeasures. Such an ecosystem was proposed by The Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response in its landmark report "Covid-19: Make it the Last Pandemic."

Its former co-chairs, former Liberian president Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Helen Clark, several members of The Independent Panel, together with Dr Els Torreele and researchers and scholars from all over the world have continued to further define the essential components of an end-to-end ecosystem that centres around equity and resilience.

Their work has been captured in two Lancet Comments in 2023: 'Stopping epidemics when and where they occur' and 'It is time for ambitious, transformational change to the epidemic countermeasures ecosystem'.

It also appears in other recent publications including: 'The future of epidemic and pandemic vaccines to serve global public health needs' and 'Breakthrough treatments for Ebola virus disease, but no access - what went wrong, and how can we do better?'



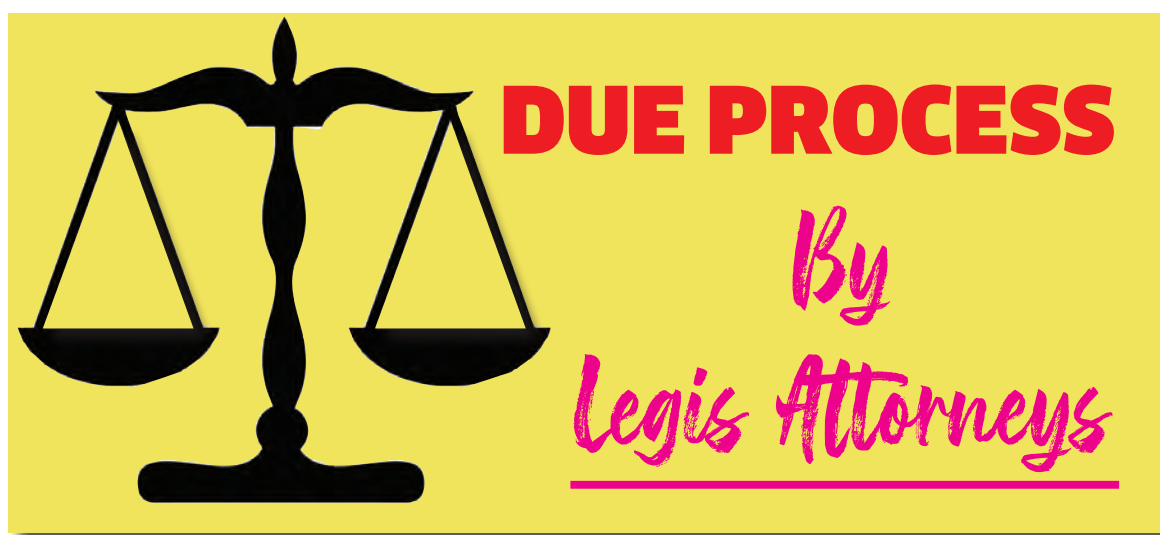
# Protection of personal data and remedies for the aggrieved

FOR decades, there was no specific law dealing with protection of personal data in Tanzania. This led to various breaches in collection and handling of data and sometimes there has been divulge of personal information without consent of the owner.

After such breaches and disclosure, the injured people were left without any clue of how they could seek legal redress, something which had the effect of encouraging offenders. It should be noted that although there was no specific law dealing with issues of personal data protection, there were sectorial laws which had restrictions on divulging such information, unless, it was mandatorily required by law.

Examples of such laws are the Bank of Tanzania (Financial Consumer Protection) Regulations of 2019, the Bank of Tanzania (Credit Reference Bureau) Regulations of 2012, the Tourism (Accommodation facility) regulations of 2015 and the Police General Orders of 2006.

After the Personal Data Protection Act No.II of 2022 became operational in May 2023, one of the major questions which has been lingering on many people's minds both citizens and lawyers alike, is on the enforceability of this act in ensuring that collection and handling of personal data is well



protected as guaranteed by Article 16 of the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania of 1977 and the forums established under this law to enforce the same.

This law has set the parameters to be observed by data collectors and processors and the mode of operation which needs to be observed while undertaking such tasks. This article focuses on how to safeguard the collection, use, disclosure and retention of personal data and the remedies available for the aggrieved people in cases of misuse of their personal data.

We deem it fit to shed some light on what amounts to personal data as defined by the Personal Data Protection Act and this act under interpretation section has categorized them in two categories namely personal data and sensitive personal data.

Personal data means data identifying a person and recorded in any form including the race, name, nationality or ethnic origin, religion, age marital status, education, medical, criminal or employment history, any

identifying number, symbol or other particulars assigned to an individual such as the address, fingerprints or blood type.

Sensitive personal data includes genetic data, data related to children, data related to offences, financial transactions, security matters or biometric data, if they are processed for what they reveal, personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs and affiliations, trade union membership, gender and data concerning health or sex life and any personal data otherwise considered as presenting a major risk to the rights and interests of the data subject.

The list of what amounts to personal data and sensitive personal data is very exhaustive and this sets a clear warning to all organizations, institutions or individuals who engage in collection of personal data to ensure that compliance while collecting and processing data is very crucial.

Collection, use, disclosure and retention of personal data

The guidance for collection, disclosure and retention of personal data is provided under part IV of the act which comprises of Section 22 to 30. This serves as a benchmark for both personal data collectors and data subject in a sense that both are forewarned of how the collection, use disclosure and retention of personal data should be handled as noncompliance or misuse of personal data has bad repercussions.

**Applicability**  
The law is applicable for any collection and processing of personal data performed wholly or partly by manual or automated means by a controller domiciled in the United Republic of Tanzania or out of Tanzania but where the laws of Tanzania are applicable.

This law is also applicable for personal data collectors who are not domiciled in Tanzania when such data collection and processing is not for the purposes of mere transit of personal data through Tanzania to another territory. One can safely say that any collection of personal data from the United Republic of Tanzania

is subjected to this law except when such collection is for transit of such data to another territory.

**Conditions for collection**

Section 22 of the Act puts the duty to data collectors to ensure that data collected is for a lawful purpose related to a function of data controller or where such data collection is necessary or incidental or directly related to the lawful purpose.

The data controller is prohibited from collecting personal data by unlawful means. Section 23 provides further that data controller is required to collect personal data directly from the data subject concerned, ensure that the data subject is aware of the purpose for which such data is collected, that it is for authorized purposes and any intended recipients of such personal data.

The Act requires personal data collected to be accurate and in line with the purpose for which they were collected. The data controller is supposed to ensure the accuracy of such data and is prohibited to use the collected data without taking reasonable steps to ensure that the data is complete, accurate, relevant and not misleading.

One major restriction and for which we foresee a lot of suits is provided under section 25 of the Act which requires personal data to be used for intended purposes. Al-

though the same section has put some exceptions for the personal data to be used for other purposes, such use has to be authorized by the data subject directly and related to the purpose for which it was collected.

There is exception when such data is used in a form that the data subject is not identified or for statistical or research purposes as long as its publication cannot reasonably be expected to identify the data subject. Apart from the stipulated exceptions on section 25, the data controller is not allowed to disclose personal data in any other way.

This law has also put the duty of ensuring security of personal data on the data controller to ensure that personal data is protected against negligent loss or unauthorized destruction, alteration, access or processing.

Security measures taken shall ensure appropriate level of technology considering the state of technological advancement, nature of the personal data to be protected and potential risks to the data subject. The data controller and data processor are required to appoint a data protection officer who shall ensure that the control and security measures to protect personal data.

Further, this law has put measures for retention and disposal of personal data. One needs also to

take note of the prohibition of processing sensitive personal data without obtaining prior written consent of the data subject.

This law has put in place a lot of measures which need to be complied with when data controllers collect personal data and in case of breach, this law has established personal data protection commission which is a body corporate vested with the general duty of monitoring compliance by data controllers and data processors, their registration and investigation of complaints and ensure better implementation of the provisions of this law. Since this law is new, we are not sure whether the said commission is in place or not.

Note: the material and information contained in this article are for general information purposes only. They only provide either elementary or basic legal knowledge on the above subject. Anyone considering legal action should consult an experienced lawyer to understand current laws and how they may affect a case in question.

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By Rina Mukherji

IN a bid to tackle the complexities of urban poverty, the Government of Bihar's Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS) has launched Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana Shahari (SJY Urban). The program will include a time-bound series of multifaceted interventions addressing food security, social inclusion, and sustainable economic livelihoods to enable participating households to achieve a better standard of living.

As part of this program, BRLPS has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with BRAC International, which will serve as a thought partner to the Government of Bihar for the project development and also is building a consortium of partners to support the government in its implementation. Project Concern International (PCI), for example, is taking on management responsibilities and will also host thematic workshops across departments and with civil society experts to support inclusive learning and dialogue.

Mobile Creches will create a community cadre of childcare providers who will support maternal and child health. They have a 50-year-old history of providing childcare support, maternal and nutritional health, and WASH training to urban women in the slums of Delhi, Mumbai, and Pune. Quicksand will support the learning process to consolidate the design through ethnographic methods, prototyping, and other design elements. These learnings will help inform the project about the fabric of each respective urban community and provide a feedback loop once the rollout starts.

SJY Urban was inspired by the existing rural programme, Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana (SJY), locally known as JEEVIKA, the largest government-led Graduation programme in the world, which has reached over 150,000 households as of early 2023 and is still expanding. SJY Urban is modelled on the rural programme's six basic modules: 1) Building up the aspirations and confidence of households; 2) Financial Inclusion; 3) Improvement of Health, Nutrition, and Sanitation; 4) Social Development; 5) Livelihood generation; and 6) Government Convergence.

While taking inspiration from JEEVIKA, the Urban Programme will be adapted to respond to the unique challenges people in poverty face within the urban context.

## Alleviating urban poverty through livelihood generation



**BRAC International recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Bihar Government's Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society to launch Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana Shahari, the first government-led urban Graduation programme in Asia. Credit: BRAC**

"Urban poverty is complex and inadequately addressed," said Shweta S Banerjee, Country Lead - India, BRAC International. "SJY Shahari is a unique project in the many challenges it has accepted, including supporting project participants during extreme heat waves. BRAC is excited and committed to serving as a thought partner to the Government of Bihar as we take the time to test, learn, relearn, and deploy the project design."

**Applying learnings from the rural programme to the urban**

The 36-month SJY Urban Programme will be launched in five wards in Patna and five wards in Gaya for now and will be scaled up in a year's time. Given the unique challenges in urban settings, where research and solutions are more limited in comparison to rural settings, the programme will incorporate learnings from the SJY programme.

"In keeping with the requirements in an urban setting, we intend to provide improved skill sets in carpentry, plumbing, welding, and the like that can help workers access better employment opportunities both within and outside Bihar. For instance, there are around 50,000 to 100,000 Bihar workers in the Tiruppur hosiery industry. We intend to provide them with the

necessary skill certification through the National Skill Development Council," Jeevika CEO Rahul Kumar told IPS.

Designed with a focus on women's empowerment, SJY has made a pronounced difference for people living in extreme poverty in Bihar, particularly through inclusive livelihood development and access to financial security through self-help groups (SHGs). The urban programme will also utilise SHGs to improve financial opportunities along with sustainable livelihood options.

While the livelihood options are different, there is still a great opportunity for skill development for people living in urban poverty. JEEVIKA plans to pursue livelihoods for participants through conventional entrepreneurship, building up specific skills for trades, and partnerships with public utilities. The existing bank sakhi programme, a program that has trained rural women to assist customers in opening accounts and other administrative bank-related services, as part of JEEVIKA, saw 2,500 bank sakhis leverage Rs 10,000 crore in business for various banks.

According to Rahul Kumar, the bank sakhi programme could be introduced in across Bihar and offer additional financial products such as insurance

and mutual funds.

There are also climate-responsive livelihoods that have been utilised in the rural programme that can work for an urban setting as well, such as waste management, recycling of waste, and the use of e-rickshaws. With climate change contributing to rapid urbanisation across Asia and driving millions more into poverty, affecting those furthest behind first, sustainable, resilient livelihood development will be a critical component of SJY Urban. The programme will work to further enhance resilience among participants by providing them with resources and training to develop food security and social inclusion.

**Creating a stronger ecosystem through convergence**

Similar to the rural programme, SJY Urban will bring together different existing government schemes and agencies to best serve those living in extreme poverty. The programme will also leverage the existing enterprises within the rural programme and promote them in the urban programme as well, such as market poultry and dairy products.

There are existing livelihood initiatives that rural participants are driving forward, such as running nurseries

across the state, which have provided saplings to the Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Department for planting. These saplings can be used by urban plantations and gardens that are also under the department. Similarly, there are kiosk carts that sell Neera or palm nectar that are processed and made by JEEVIKA participants. There is an opportunity to expand this enterprise to the urban setting as well.

JEEVIKA will also engage other government agencies to support the design and implementation of the urban programme. Most recently, JEEVIKA and BRAC convened an inaugural workshop in preparation for launching the Urban Poor Graduation Project, in collaboration with the Departments of Urban Development and Housing, Labour Resources, Social Welfare, Women and Child Development Corporation. The workshop brought together government representatives and experts with diverse sectoral expertise to reflect on existing solutions for urban poverty and share key insights that could help inform the design and delivery of the Urban Poor Graduation Project. The workshop also brought together practitioners and leveraged knowledge from Graduation-based programmes outside Bihar and India.

The shared expertise and convergence in existing government schemes and partnerships will allow the programme to address unique challenges facing the urban environment and enhance coordination, which will ultimately improve overall impact.

**Challenges and learning opportunities in an urban environment**

This will be one of the first urban Graduation programmes at scale that combine skills development and livelihood support to alleviate urban poverty.

The unique constraints presented by the urban environment in Bihar, such as limited land availability, the migratory nature of the population in urban poor neighbourhoods, and heatwaves impacting the ability to work, present an opportunity to learn and adapt programming further to test what works.

"The kind of social cohesion prevalent in rural areas is lacking in urban centres. This makes social mobilisation, on which the programme rests, a difficult task," Kumar said.



By Busani Bafana

# Climate justice delayed is justice denied

THE failure to tackle the climate change crisis is an injustice to the millions who have lost lives and livelihoods through floods, extreme weather, and wildfires, pointing to the urgency of adaptation and mitigation finance, experts say.

It is a race against time to slash carbon emissions to keep global temperature below 1.5 degrees Celsius threshold, which gives the world some leeway to adapt to extreme events and prevent the planet from plunging further into crisis.

A global body of scientists assessing the science of climate change, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), has warned that "reaching 1.5°C in the near term would cause unavoidable increases in multiple climate hazards and present multiple risks to ecosystems and humans" and advised that limiting limit global warming to close to 1.5°C would substantially

reduce projected losses and damages related to climate change in human systems and ecosystems.

Climate Richard Munang, an environment expert and Deputy Regional Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Africa office says there are interrelated overarching priorities for climate action towards combating climate change.

"The first is to narrow down the global emissions gap to keep global temperature rise within the safe 1.5°C warming goal, and the second is to achieve a quantum leap in climate justice that addresses the needs of the communities, peoples, and countries on the frontlines of the climate crisis," Munang told IPS.

"These are interrelated because the temperature goal of keeping warming to within 1.5°C is the best insurance against an escalation of climate change impacts and their associated costs that lead to the

deprivation of many."

Climate Change an Existential Threat, That's Why We Need Climate Justice?

Yamide Dagnet, director for Climate Justice at Open Society Foundations, says climate justice is needed more than ever because of the urgency of the impact of global emissions.

From heat waves and wildfires across Europe and Canada to droughts in China, the East, and the Horn of Africa to floods in India and the Himalayas, the impact of climate change-induced weather patterns is unrelenting. Through global temperature analysis, NASA found June 2023 to be the hottest on record.

"At a time when the world is boiling, and there are wide impacts of climate change not only in small developing countries but in developed countries too, which means that there is no justice for any of the vulnerable people anywhere," Dagnet

tells IPS in an interview.

"Communities in all countries are simply struggling to face the future with dignity. Climate justice is not just about subsistence and coping; it's ensuring communities can thrive in a world transformed by climate impacts that are undeniable everywhere," Dagnet says. "We need processes to build trust and ensure that those who make commitments fulfill them ...The problem is that some of the commitments made years ago to support that transition have not been met, especially by developed countries when it comes to climate finance."

The 'missing' climate money

As vulnerable countries battle climate change impacts, the provision of finance remains a nagging question ahead of the COP28. According to the IPCC, climate finance for developing countries needs to be increased by up to eight times by 2030.

"Promises made on international climate finance must be kept," United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said, noting, "Developed countries must honor their commitments to provide \$100 billion a year to developing countries for climate support and fully replenish the Green Climate Fund."

Only two of the G7 countries – Canada and Germany – have contributed to the Green Climate Fund. Without delay and excuses, Guterres has called on countries to operationalize the loss and damage fund at COP28 this year.

G20 countries need to take more drastic steps to reduce emissions and to invest in ways to adapt to climate change and face the limits to adaptation by supporting their most vulnerable communities and the most vulnerable countries, says Dagnet.

"This is why it is important to operationalize the Loss and Dam-

age Fund in COP28 in Dubai. This already took too long – three decades – (to when it was) established at COP27," she says.

Joab Okanda, Pan Africa Senior Advocacy Advisor, Christian Aid, told IPS that the least responsible for climate emissions are the most vulnerable. Speaking about Africa, he noted the impact is exacerbated "because we have the least resources to build the resilience we need. We are calling on those responsible for the climate crisis to take responsibility, pay for it, and deliver on the much-needed finance, which is delivering climate justice.

"There is a need to deal with the global financial architecture which is not delivering for the people of Africa. It is denying Africa the resources that governments require to invest in health care, education, and social protection and has also put Africa in unsustainable debt," Okanda says.

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## POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

### RESEARCH TECHNICIAN – TWO POSITIONS

IITA-TZ-2023-NRS-014-NRS-DSM

The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) is a not-for-profit institution that generates agricultural innovations to meet Africa's most pressing challenges of hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and natural resource degradation. Working with various partners across sub-Saharan Africa, we improve livelihoods, enhance food and nutrition security, increase employment, and preserve natural resource integrity. IITA is a member of CGIAR, a global agriculture research partnership for a food secure future.

IITA is looking for a suitably qualified person to fill the positions of Research Technician to support the IITA banana project based at the IITA Office at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NMAIST) in Kijenge, Arusha.

#### Responsibilities:

- Collection of data from field, greenhouse and lab experiments.
- Uploading of data using digital platforms.
- Assisting with other breeding operations in the field, greenhouses, and lab as directed by the supervisor.
- Routine maintenance of screen-house and on station experimental sites.
- Provides assistance to student projects.
- Supervision and coordination of screen house and field casual labour.
- Assist the data collection manager in germplasm management.
- Assisting in report preparation upon request.

#### Required Qualifications / Experience

- BSc in Agricultural studies with at least 2 years' experience.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision, but also participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties.
- Experience in scientific data collection.
- Possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills in English.
- The ability to work independently.

The initial contract for the position is for one year: renewable subject to performance and availability of funds. The duty station for the position will be IITA in Arusha. This is a nationally recruited position and IITA offers a competitive remuneration package.

**Applications:** Applications including curriculum vitae, copies of certificates, telephone number, email address, and names and addresses of two referees should be sent to the Country Representative, IITA-Tanzania, Plot No. 25, Mwenge – Coca-Cola Road, Mikocheni Industrial Area P.O. Box 34441, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania or by email to [IITA-Tanzania@cgiar.org](mailto:IITA-Tanzania@cgiar.org)

Applicants are requested to please indicate the reference number for the position as indicated on the heading of the announcement in your application as well as on the subject of your email if sending by email. If sending by post or hand delivery, please indicate the reference number on your application as well as on the left-hand side of your envelope.

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## POSITIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

### DATA COLLECTION MANAGER

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IITA is looking for a suitably qualified person to fill the position of Data Collection Manager to support the IITA banana project based at the IITA Office, at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NMAIST) in Kijenge, Arusha.

#### Responsibilities:

- Plans experiments and ensures quality and accurate data is collected and uploaded into the databases.
- Interfaces with other disciplines to ensure that all breeding related data is uploaded onto the database following appropriate protocols.
- Supervises data collection staff.
- Assumes responsibilities of post-doc breeder when breeder is absent from station.
- Keeps good custody and maintenance of data collection gadgets and apps (including charges)
- Identifies and reports on needs for updating, upgrading, or replacing the data collection equipment.
- Assist with initial statistical analysis and report writing.
- Serves as first contact with those responsible for database and related programs.

#### Required Qualifications / Experience

- MSc in breeding, statistics or related fields preferred more than 3 years' experience.
- Experience in experimental design and statistical analysis and has profession in using modern analytical tools.
- Possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills in English.
- Demonstrated ability to write quality technical reports.
- Programming skills preferred.
- Experience in banana research is an added advantage.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision, but also participate as a team member in accomplishment of duties.

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## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Health Commodity Financing Analyst Global Health Supply Chain Technical Assistance – Tanzania Program

#### Job Description

Dar es salaam, United Republic of Tanzania

Job Identification : 100715

Job Category : Business Services

Locations : Abt Associates, Dar es Salaam, TZ

Posting Date : 01/09/2023

Apply Before : 09/30/2023

Job Schedule : Full time

#### The Opportunity

The Global Health Supply Chain (GHSC) Technical Assistance – Tanzania program is designed to strengthen country supply systems for priority health areas in coordination with the Government of Tanzania (GoT) and other development partners. GHSC assists the GoT through four key project objectives: strategic planning and implementation, in-country logistics, stakeholder engagement, and strengthening of the enabling environment for supply chains. As a member of Abt's technical team working under the supervision of the Guidehouse management team, as the Health Commodity Financing Analyst, you will be responsible for the implementation of technical assistance activities focusing on strengthening the financing of priority health commodities. The Health Commodity Financing Analyst will report to the project Strategic Planning Advisor.

#### Core Responsibilities:

- Serve as the project lead for all activities relating to the financing for health commodities, including needs identification, resource mobilization and allocation, and routine monitoring of commodity supply chain financing interventions.
- Provide technical assistance to government partners in Tanzania mainland in the implementation of health commodities revolving funds, and the mentoring of public health care facility staff in its use.
- Provide technical assistance to government partners in Tanzania mainland in the use of a new updated formula for allocating funds for health commodities.
- Analyze Ministry of Health (MoH) annual budgets in Tanzania mainland to determine trends in the allocation of funds to health commodities procurement and supply chain management activities.
- Lead the digitalization of updated formulas used to allocate funds to health commodity procurement in mainland Tanzania.
- Document the impact of health financing initiatives on supply chain of health commodities key and lessons learned through project interventions.
- Participate in project planning, timely submission of technical reports and deliverables.
- Serve as technical point person with government and other stakeholders in communications and project activities related to health commodity and supply chain financing.
- Work with Abt home office staff to identify and recruit consultants to support health financing activities.
- Manage in-country consultants recruited by Abt and provide technical review of deliverables produced by consultants.

#### Minimum qualifications

- Bachelor's degree + 9 years, or master's degree + 6 years, or Ph.D. + 4 years of relevant experience
- Advanced degree in public health, business administration, pharmaceutical or other relevant field – Master preferred.
- At least 6 years of relevant professional experience, preferably in a government or donor-supported project environment.
- Experience in providing direct technical assistance to government staff at national and district levels.
- Familiarity with health financing and/or commodity financing in a development context
- Ability to independently plan and execute complex tasks, and work in close collaboration with other project team members.
- Advanced written/oral skills in English and Kiswahili.
- Computer literacy (MS Office)

#### Preferred qualifications

- Knowledge of commodities supply chain management in the Tanzania context
- Experience in using/applying costing models/tools

#### Interested candidates may send a CV to

<https://egpy.fa.us2.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/JoinAbt/job/104089>

#### What We Offer

We foster an environment where you can Thrive Your Way. Our innovative total rewards programs are designed to help balance your work and personal life. The approach toward your wellbeing centers around comprehensive benefits and professional development.

Abt Associates is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer committed to fostering a diverse workforce. Abt Associates provides market-competitive salaries and comprehensive employee benefits. Local candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

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## SUPPLIER PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR 2023-2025

Following the recent merger between Letshego Bank (T) Limited and Letshego Tanzania Limited T/A Faidika the bank changed its name to Letshego Faidika Bank Limited. Letshego Faidika Bank Limited is a subsidiary of ("LHL" | "the Group" | "Letshego"), incorporated in 1998 and headquartered in Gaborone, Botswana has been publicly listed on the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE) since 2002. Letshego is an inclusive finance Group with microfinance banking and consumer lending subsidiaries across eleven countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

- Letshego Faidika Bank Limited is currently inviting applications from all eligible, competent and experienced suppliers to apply for pre-qualification for supply of goods, works and services of different categories as tabulated in item 4 of this advertise.
- Applications will be conducted according to Letshego Faidika Bank Limited Procurement Policies and Procedures. Only shortlisted suppliers will be eligible for invitation to quote under competitive procedures.
- Overview of selection criteria shall be as follows: -

#### A. Legal Compliance

- Submission of all registration certificates from want relevant authority
- Submission of valid business, Certificate of Incorporation or extract from the registrar
- Submission of TIN & VAT (for registered)
- Submission of current Tax clearance certificate
- Submission of at least three reference letters
- Submission of relevant bodies valid registration certificates
- Current physical location with valid lease rent agreement or title deed
- Submission of certified litigation history certificate
- Submission of all other required information and attachments required during the application

#### B. Company capabilities, competence and eligibility

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

#### C. Sanction

- Submission of correct information of Directors and Shareholders and their scanned copies of Identity Cards (ID) e.g., Driving license, Voter ID, Traveling Passport, National ID
- And submission of all other required information and attachments required during application.
- Only eligible and qualified suppliers with demonstrative experience, compliance with the above application criteria and excellent track record in similar assignments will be considered for this pre-qualification. All existing suppliers and service providers currently operating with Letshego Faidika Bank Limited are also required to apply.

- The list of pre-qualification services is here under, you may apply for single applications or more. Evaluations of supplier pre-qualification will be on an application basis.

DESCRIPTION OF TENDER ITEM	
<b>A: SUPPLY OF GOODS</b>	52 Provision of Digital/Online Newspapers
1 Supply of Furniture, Fittings, Curtains and Vertical blinds	53 Provision of Clearing and forwarding services
2 Supply of ICT consumables, Tonners and Cartridges	54 Provision of Marketing and advertising agency services
3 Supply of Security safe and strong room doors	55 Provision of Tax advisory services
4 Supply of Branded T-shirts	56 Provision of PR services
5 Supply of Motor Vehicles spare parts & Batteries	57 Provision of Internet & Data Services
6 Supply of tires, tubes and Batteries for motor vehicles and motorcycles preferably importers, dealers and distributors.	58 Provision of Event Management Services
7 Supply and installation of Generators and Generators Monitoring tools & spare parts	59 Provision of Courier and Transport services
8 Supply of office equipment	60 Provision of Auctioning and Debt collection services
9 Supply of ICT equipment, software and enterprises solution	61 Provision of Servicing and Maintenances of Air conditioners
10 Supply of Mobile Phones and Electronic equipment	62 Provision of Outsourced Drivers
11 Supply of ICT Equipment (Desktops, Laptops, Printers, Sorters, Counting Machines, etc.	63 Provision of Services and Maintenance of Motor Vehicles
12 Supply of Computers accessories (Mouse, Power cables, HDD, RAM etc)	64 Provision of Trade Marketing Agency Services
13 Supply of Air conditioners	65 Provision of Insurance Services
14 Supply of drinking water for the dispensers	66 Provision of Digital and Social Media Services
15 Supply and installation of CCTV Cameras and Alarm & Supression system	67 Provision of Media Services (Radio and TV).
16 Supply of Cheque Leaf's and Cheque Personalization	68 Provision of Servicing and Maintenances of data cabling services
17 Supply of various customized gift hampers.	69 Provision of Branding and Signage activities
18 Supply of general office stationeries	70 Provision of Hotel accommodation and conference services
19 Supply various Promotional Materials	71 Provision of Recruitment and HR services
20 Supply and installation of water pumps and spare parts	72 Provision of Legal Services
21 Supply of Households and Kitchen appliances	73 Provision of Catering Services
22 Supply of Fresh Tropical flowers	74 Provision of Air, Marine tickets and other Travelling services
23 Supply of Motor Vehicles	75 Provision of Ride hailing services
24 Supply of News Papers	76 Provision of Media Monitoring, Photography and Video production.
25 Supply of Sports items & Kits	77 Provision of Servicing and Maintenances of ICT Equipments
26 Supply of Safety Materials & First Aid Kits	78 Provision of Road Billboards/Signage Hiring
27 Supply of Power Inverters	79 Provision of Quality assurance services
28 Supply of ATMs & ATMs spare parts	80 Provision of Music & DJ services
29 Supply of Staff Uniforms	81 Provision of Creatives, Innovation & Animation Services
30 Supply of Rubber stamp	82 Provision of Caller Tunes advertising
31 Supply of Food Items	83 Provision of website content re-writing
32 Supply of Fire Extinguishers and Fire System equipment	84 Provision of Marketing Research & Insight
33 Supply of Motorbikes, Bicycles & Bajaj	85 Provision of exhibition designing services
34 Supply of Branded Notebooks, Diaries and Calendars	86 Provision of Bulk SMS and USSD services
35 Supply and refill of Generator fuels	87 Provision of Service and Maintance of Network equipment
36 Provision of Document Archiving and Retrieval Services	88 Support and Maintenance of datacenter storage infrastructure
37 Provision of Radio, Jingle and IVR Production	89 Vendors for Provision of Service and Maintenance of vehicles
38 Provision of Interior Designing and Decoration Services	90 Provision of Radio, Jingle and IVR Production
39 Supply of Teller Cash Boxes, cash in transit boxes	91 Provision of Interior Designing and Decoration Services
40 Supply of Home & Office Appliances (TV, Microwaves, Fridges, etc.)	92 Provision of Merchant Management System
41 Supply of Customized branded Trophies and Plaques	
42 Supply of steel Containers (20ft & 40ft)	
43 Supply of Note counting Machines Note Sorters, Note banding	
	<b>C. WORKS/PROJECTS</b>
	93 Building works Contractors (Class 1 to 7)
	94 Specialized works- Electrical
	95 Specialized works- Plumbing works
	96 Specialized works- Data cabling
<b>B: SERVICES</b>	97 Specialized works- Intruder Alarm
44 Provision of Printing Services for Bank forms and other stock items	98 Specialized works- CCTV Camera
45 Provision of Servicing of Note counting Machines.	99 Architectural Consulting Services
46 Provision of Fumigation and Pest control services	100 Consulting Quantity Surveyors (QS)
47 Provision of Services and Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers and systems	101 Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Consulting
48 Provision of Sanitary Services and Hygiene services	102 Structural Engineering Consulting services
49 Provision of General Cleanness and ground/garden maintenance	103 Consulting Quality assurance (QAs)
50 Provision of Security and Guarding services	104 Installation, Service & Maintenance of Fire Detection & Alarm
51 Provision of Cash in Transit (CIT) services	

- Prospective applicants must have undertaken successful supply and delivery of goods/services to institutions of similar size and complexity. They must also demonstrate the willingness and commitment to meet the pre-qualification criteria.
- Supplier must declare any conflict of interest in relation to any member of Letshego Faidika Bank staff. Letshego Faidika Bank will not procure goods or services from suppliers where the employees are conflict and have not declared conflict of interest.
- All information given in writing to or shared with the applicant in connection with this pre-qualification is to be treated as strictly confidential. The applicant shall not share or invoke such information to any third party without the prior written approval of Letshego Bank Limited. This obligation shall continue after the pre-qualification exercise has been completed whether or not the supplier is pre-qualified.
- Interested and qualified applicants should send completed pre-qualification application and other required information as per system requirement before the communicated deadline.
- Whenever there is a need, Letshego Faidika Bank will carry out a due diligence for the shortlisted prequalified suppliers that will also include a site visit whenever required.
- The applicant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the pre-qualification application and Letshego Faidika Bank Limited will not in any case be responsible and liable for the costs incurred
- Letshego Faidika Bank Limited reserves the right not to disclose any of its reasons for the taking of decisions resulting from prequalification of vendors for Provision of Various Services for Letshego Faidika Bank Limited for the period from 2023 to 2025.

#### SUBMISSION

Application for the expression of interest accompanied by the above listed documents should be submitted in a wax-sealed envelope boldly marked REF NO: LFB/MGT/2023/08/0401 addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer  
Letshego Faidika Bank  
P.O.BOX 34459  
Dar-Es-Salaam,Tanzania  
TANZANIA/VODACOM TOWER, PALOMA PARK 3RD FLOOR,PLOT 23 URSINO ESTATE

Contacts:  
For any clarification required please use contacts below  
E-mail: TZ.logistics@letshego.com  
Phone no: +255 22 2225048/5050

#### CLOSING DATE:

All submissions must be received at the above office not later than 18/09/2023 at 4:00pm.



# 'Investing' key to the prevention of military coups in Africa - UN

By Abigail Van Neely

THE United Nations says increased investment in the Sahel region will assist in preventing military coups. This after military officers in Gabon announced a seizure of power from long-time President Ali Bongo Ondimba following the results of a disputed election in Gabon on Wednesday.

The proximity of this event to the military coup in Niger one month prior has renewed pressure on the United Nations to address growing instability in West and Central Africa.

In response, Stéphane Dujarric, spokesman for the Secretary-General, encouraged increased investment in the region.

"The best way to deal with these military coups is, in fact, to invest more in preventing them prior," Dujarric said. "There needs to be investment in developments, in strong institutions. We need to make sure that elections are well organized, that people have the ability to express their will and themselves freely."

There have been seven successful coups in West and Central Africa since 2020, Reuters reports. The spokesman told journalists that there has not been enough involvement



An election poster featuring Zanu-PF leader and Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa in Harare on 27 August 2023. (Photo: EPA-EFE / Aaron Ufumeli)

by the international community in the Sahel region, though he cautioned against generalizations between countries.

Secretary-General António Guterres joined various institutions, including the government of France, in condemning the ongoing coup as a means to resolve the post-electoral crisis. Gabon is currently a non-permanent elected member of the Security Council. It remains to be seen how a successful coup will affect the UN body's work.

New leadership in Gabon could have international economic and environmental impacts. The former French colony is the world's seventh-largest oil producer. The domination of the Gabonese oil industry by French companies may cease without Bongo, a French ally, in power. Bongo has also been celebrated for his efforts to prevent overfishing and protect the rainforests that cover 90% of Gabon, the New York Times reports. Policy changes could reverse this progress.

Dujarric confirmed that the 776 UN staff members and dependents in Gabon were safe. He expressed a broader concern for the people of Gabon and all people who have experienced violations of their rights as a result of recent military coups.

IPS UN Bureau Report

By Antonio Pedro

SEPTEMBER 2023 marks the halfway point to the deadline for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Yet, globally we are still far off-track, and Africa is only halfway towards achieving the SDGs, with nearly 600 million Africans still lacking access to electricity and 431 million people living in extreme poverty.

While the challenges associated with achieving the 2030 Agenda remain complex, the slow progress in Africa is, fortunately, redeemable. Africa possesses abundant assets to achieve the SDGs. The challenge lies in effectively harnessing these resources to turn Africa's comparative advantages into global competitive advantages.

As a first step, we need to develop new narratives that move away from portraying Africa as a "victim" and instead emphasise Africa's position as a solutions powerhouse for rescu-

## From challenges to solutions: Unleashing Africa's potential for achieving SDGs

African leaders have called for concerted investment in energy and water infrastructure to accelerate the achievement of UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the African Union's Agenda 2063. Credit: United Nations



ing the SDGs and climate mitigation. Moment and accelerate the implementation of the Common African Agro-industrial parks Programme (CAAPs) to promote continental agro-industrialisation and integration.

These agro-industrial parks have the potential to stimulate public and private investment in agro-industries, ensure greater food security across Africa, and increase the value of Africa's food and agriculture product exports.

Additionally, access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy is crucial to achieving many of the SDGs, ranging from poverty reduction and advancements in health, education, water supply, and industrialisation to mitigating climate change, yet Africa faces a huge energy gap. Building the Inga III and IV dams must be prioritized to increase access to renewable electricity.

To finance these and other transformational projects, dormant funds in our pension funds should be mobilized as efforts to reform the global financial architecture and reduce the cost of borrowing for our countries continue.

Africa must keep its eye on the prize and chart its own path to rescuing the SDGs. Isolated solutions and "business as usual" projects will no longer suffice. We need to strengthen Africa's institutions and agency by building ecosystems for transformational change and leadership.

Drawing inspiration from the 'moonshot' programmes that led to the historic moon landing in 1969, economist Mariana Mazzucato highlights the importance of creating structures that foster collaborative, mission-oriented thinking, and a shared sense of purpose.

To build such an environment on the continent, ultimately, we need leaders from all walks of life who are responsive and transparent, embrace multi-stakeholder consultations, and work inclusively towards strengthening social compacts and domestic accountability to fully harness Africa's potential for achieving the SDGs.

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ing the SDGs and climate mitigation.

Africa can play a crucial role in securing global food, water, and energy security and accelerate the decarbonisation of production systems. The continent has 60% of the world's arable land, 40% of the world's solar irradiation potential, 71% of global cobalt production, and 77% of the world's platinum.

Cobalt and platinum, in particular, are critical minerals for the energy transition and electrification of transport systems. However, Africa's extractive sector is an enclave with insignificant linkages to local economies.

Secondly, we must go beyond the logic of resource extractivism that locks the continent in perennial booms and busts that accentuate Africa's vulnerabilities to global shocks. To address this, African governments must implement smart industrial policies, foster local value addition, develop regional value chains, and promote resource-driven industrialisation.

These should be supported by well-constructed and executed local content and national suppliers' development programmes, which will ultimately lead to the

emergence of well-performing local small- and medium-scale enterprises.

A notable disruptive example is the development of a battery, electric vehicle, and renewable energy value chain in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia, valued at US\$46 trillion by 2050. We need to replicate these examples across the continent.

The evidence is clear that climate action will generate dividends for the continent. To this effect, we need to go beyond GDP metrics. For instance, many African countries, including those in the Congo Basin, possess vast natural wealth, which often goes unaccounted for in official statistics.

Therefore, we need to strengthen the capacities of national statistical systems to incorporate natural capital accounting into national accounts. With this, countries can assess the monetary value of their natural wealth to design ecological compensation schemes, participate in carbon markets, reinforce the value proposition of nature conservation, and secure more fiscal space.

At the right price (e.g., US\$120/

ton of CO2 sequestered), carbon credit markets could generate US\$82 billion of innovative financing per year, with the Congo Basin being a hotspot for this.

However, the fundamentals must be right to secure macroeconomic stability and sustainable financing. These include enhanced trade, sustainable industrialisation, and economic diversification to reduce the continent's vulnerabilities, improve the share of tradeables in total exports, and generate the millions of jobs that Africa needs for its youthful population.

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), ratified in 2019, offers great potential for trade and investment on the continent, helping to catalyse the development of regional value chains and enable the continent to climb the ladder in global value chains. African multilateral development banks also play an important role in de-risking investments on the continent on the road to making Africa a globally competitive investment destination.

Looking ahead, we should also build on the outcomes of the recently held UN Food Systems Summit and 2nd Stocktaking

### Tender Notice:

#### Introduction

Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (CCBRT) is a locally registered Non-Governmental organization providing specialized healthcare services operating in Dar es Salaam and Moshi, Tanzania. From its inception as a provider of community-based rehabilitation provider, CCBRT has become the largest provider of disability and rehabilitative services in the country.

#### Details

CCBRT invites qualified and competent:

1. A Catering company to submit a quotation for providing catering services at CCBRT Kitchen at HR Outlet for two(2) years start on 2023 up to 2025
2. Cleaning company to submit a quotation for providing cleaning services at CCBRT Maternity and Newborn Wing for two (2) years start on 2023 up to 2025.

CCBRT reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant and is not bound to accept the lowest offer. Prospective bidders are hereby notified that canvassing of any kind will lead to automatic disqualification.

CCBRT may plan to visit supplier's premises to verify the information contained in the bid documents and obtain assurance from the vendors. The bidders are required to pay a non-refundable bidding fee of TZS 50,000/= Payment should be deposited to the CRDB Bank via Account number 0150516115911, Account name CCBRT

The bidding document is available from 31st August 2023 to 07th September 2023 from 8am to 3pm at the CEO Secretary's office, situated at Off Kimweri Road, Msasani, Dar es Salaam. Mobile 0752442595

#### How to submit bids

Bids should be submitted on 8th September 2023 before 2:00 pm in person and inside a sealed envelope, at CCBRT Hospital premises, Off Kimweri Road, Msasani, Dar es Salaam

Chief Executive Officer,  
CCBRT  
P.O.Box 23310  
Msasani, Dar es Salaam

IMPORTANT: BIDS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, REGARDLESS OF THE REASONS FOR THE DELAY.



# AFRICA REQUIRES US\$30BN/- CLIMATE FINANCING ANNUALLY, PROF MKUMBO

By Guardian Reporter

**A**frican continent needs between US\$20 and US\$30 billion annually to finance the mitigations of the effects of climate change.

This was said yesterday by Prof Kitila Mkumbo, Minister of State in the President's Office (Planning and Investment), during the opening of the first batch of five-year multicurrency's 780bn/- green bond by CRDB Bank.

During the first batch, the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) listed bank is expected to raise 55bn/- which is expected to finance and refinance new and existing green projects.

Prof Mkumbo said a total of 19 countries globally have so far issued green bonds, with only two African countries including Egypt and Tanzania have done so.

"The government will take necessary measure including formulating policies, laws and regulations to ensure the country is benefiting from green financing opportunities," he said. "Green finance is important for economic growth and prosperity."

The minister said the objective of



Prof Kitila Mkumbo

the prospective development vision 2050 is to promote economic growth, jobs and wealth creation, boost exports and promote sustainable development.

He said the issuance of the green

bond, with its multi-currency Medium Term Note (MTN) Programme of US\$300 million, signifies a monumental stride toward realizing Tanzania's National Financial Sector Development Mas-

ter Plan 2020/21 - 2029/30, a strategic blueprint to empower both public and private sectors for the greater welfare of the people.

Presenting the snapshots of the green bond sales, the CRDB Bank's head of global markets Burton Mwasamengo said the 780bn/- bond will be issued in tranches with amount pricing and uses of proceed as described by accompanying pricing supplement.

He said the first trench of the green bond sale will involve the principal amount of 40bn/- with green shoe option of 15bn/-.

The offer of the first trench was opened yesterday and will be closed on October 6th this year, before being listed at the Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) on October 27th.

The bond will be sold in all CRDB Bank branches spread across the country and application forms are available on the bank's website.

According to Mwasamengo, the coupon date of the green bond, which has a yield of 10.25 percent per annum and exempted from

withholding tax, is set for April next year. The maturity date for the bond is scheduled in October 2028.

He mentioned areas of green bond investments as green adaptation and climate smart agriculture, green building, sustainable water and waste water management, renewable energy and clean transport projects.

Speaking earlier, the CRDB Bank managing director and group CEO Abdulmajid Nsekela said initial investment of the bond is 500,000/- and is open for both individual and corporate investors.

Nsekela underscored the unique proposition of the green bond attractive investment yielding an impressive 10.25 percent interest per annum.

He emphasized the unparalleled stability of this investment, insulating investors from market fluctuations.

"This is the biggest ticket size in Sub-Saharan Africa," said Nicodemus Mkama, the chief executive officer of Capital Markets and Securi-

ties Authority (CMSA).

"We expect that the green bond will be instrumental in further developing green financing in Tanzania. The CMSA's endorsement underscores its confidence in CRDB Bank's commitment to sustainable financing and sets the stage for significant growth in climate financing."

Evans Osano, Director, Capital Markets, FSD Africa, said: "The issuing of this trailblazing green bond demonstrates that Tanzania's rapidly expanding green economy presents huge opportunities for investors, both international and domestic. As the first green bond to be issued in Tanzania, it is also a major moment for the sustainable finance agenda in Africa and we are proud to have been able to provide the technical assistance."

The issuance of the green bond demonstrates CRDB Bank's dedication to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles, strengthening its position as a key player in green financing.

## Tanroads chief mulls PPP adoption as alternative road infrastructure funding

By Henry Mwang'onde

**TANZANIA** National Roads Agency (TANROADS) CEO Mohamed Besta has called for the adoption of the Public Private Partnership (PPP) as an alternative mode of financing of road infrastructure instead of traditional budget funding, which is not always available due to strains caused by competing with other key social sectors.

Speaking in an interview, Besta said involvement of the private sector in partnering with the public sector should be supported in different decision-making levels in the country in alignment with president Samia Suluhu Hassan's emphasis on reforms and rebuilding mantra in the public sector.

"History attests that the road sector has been the leading beneficiary of the public funds. However, the growing need for financing of road development projects has been piercing into the minds of the policy makers and unfortunately to the overall national annual income," he said.

This state of affairs according to him has culminated into perpetual straining of available revenues and inadequate pace for development in the road sector.

He gave an example of successful countries in the sub-Saharan region where over 300 PPP projects have been implemented since 1994.

"The South African National Treasury, the body that deals with PPP projects, has estab-

lished documented procedures in dealing with the PPP projects which guides the process for engagement between a public sector institution and a private party," Besta argued.

Tanzania has been financing infrastructure through traditional public funds in various forms whether in taxation regimes and loans grants.

"It is public knowledge that inadequate service conditions of public roads have afflicted our country since independence. With such deficiencies, we are constrained to rethink the modality for mobilizing capital investment towards road network development," he added.

According to Besta, the agricultural sector, which accounts for a sizeable contribution to the economy in Tanzania, is greatly dependent on the reliable and accessible road network hence the linkage between agricultural productivity and condition of the road network is causing downward pressure onto the government for funding of development and maintenance of road infrastructure.

"To lessen this downward pressure on the part of the government, contemporary approaches for financing must be thought through, formulated and implemented for the long term common good," he said.

Current statistics indicate that the road network under the mandate of Tanroads stands at 36,760 km of roads of which 11,919 kilometres (32percent) are up-



graded to bituminous standard whilst remaining 24,841 kilometres (68percent) still awaits financing for upgrading to bituminous standard.

He said the PPPs offer a host of benefits including financial sustainability as it is known that the government has been facing limitations in funding road projects for far too long.

"With the onset of the PPPs our country will ultimately allow private investors to inject capital, reducing the strain on public finances and enabling the government allocation of funds to other critical social sectors such as health, rural energy education and safe water supply," he added.

He said in order to understand the financial sustainability of

PPPs, it is imperative to consider the very nature of the large-scale infrastructure projects they may be used to facilitate. "For PPPs, the long-term expected cost to the public sector may be lower than with conventional project financing (and/or the expected benefits may be higher)," he said.

He said the PPP project financing framework often creates a direct influence to generating employment opportunities through the construction and maintenance jobs and indirectly by boosting economies of sectors connected by improvement in mobility and transportation.

"It is apparent that there are various direct and indirect accrual benefits from the PPP arrangements in all sectors of the economy combined," he said.

He said the government's ability to reach out to all sectors is increasingly needing support from other financing avenues such as PPPs.

"Bold and informed decisions must be made with all the caution for public long-term good. We must weed off indecision, self-doubt and defeatist mindset," he added.

He said traditional financing has helped the country to thrive over the last few years in terms of expansion of road network and improved standards of roads, saying however, that the gains must be further consolidated by deploying other alternative forms of project financing such as PPPs to accelerate development.

## China speeds up infrastructure bond sales to boost spending

BEIJING

China's local governments are accelerating the pace of borrowing for infrastructure investment, a move that could help lift economic growth while also putting pressure on financial markets.

Provincial governments sold the most amount of special bonds in more than a year this month, according to Bloomberg calculations. And with Beijing setting a September deadline for the regions to issue their remaining allocation for the year, analysts are expecting a boost to debt supply next month.

That, in turn, would result in a possible liquidity squeeze and prompt the need for more monetary policy easing steps.

Local governments have issued nearly 520 billion yuan (\$71.4 billion) worth of special bonds, which are mainly used to finance infrastructure projects, in August. That's more than double the amount sold in the previous month and is the highest since a record 1.36 trillion yuan in June 2022.

After a relatively slow start, provinces are now heeding a call made by China's top leaders at a key July meeting to speed up bond issuance and make use of the funds raised. Beijing is betting that an increase in infrastructure investment would help offset the plunge in property and private business investment, bolstering eco-

nomical growth.

Liquidity is tightening as banks mop up the notes, putting pressure on the People's Bank of China to increase cash in the financial system, either by cutting banks' reserve requirement ratio or interest rates, according to analysts.

"Monetary policy usually coordinates with spikes in local bond issuance to maintain stable interbank liquidity," said Zhou Guannan, an analyst with Huachuang Securities Co. With even more local bonds likely to be issued in September, another RRR reduction to offset the impact on liquidity can't be ruled out, she said.

The tighter liquidity has already contributed to a selloff in one-year sovereign bonds, with yields rising 20 basis points from this month's low. Money markets are also reflecting the stress, with the seven-day repo rate at more than 40 basis points above the equivalent policy rate - that's the biggest gap since 2021.

Finance Minister Liu Kun said Monday local governments aim to issue all of this year's 3.8 trillion yuan quota of new special local bonds by the end of September, vowing to "reasonably accelerate" fiscal spending in the coming months.

That means provinces need to sell about 700 to 800 billion yuan worth of the notes in September, according to Bloomberg calculations based on debt sold so far this year.



# MORTGAGE LENDERS ARE BLEEDING MONEY

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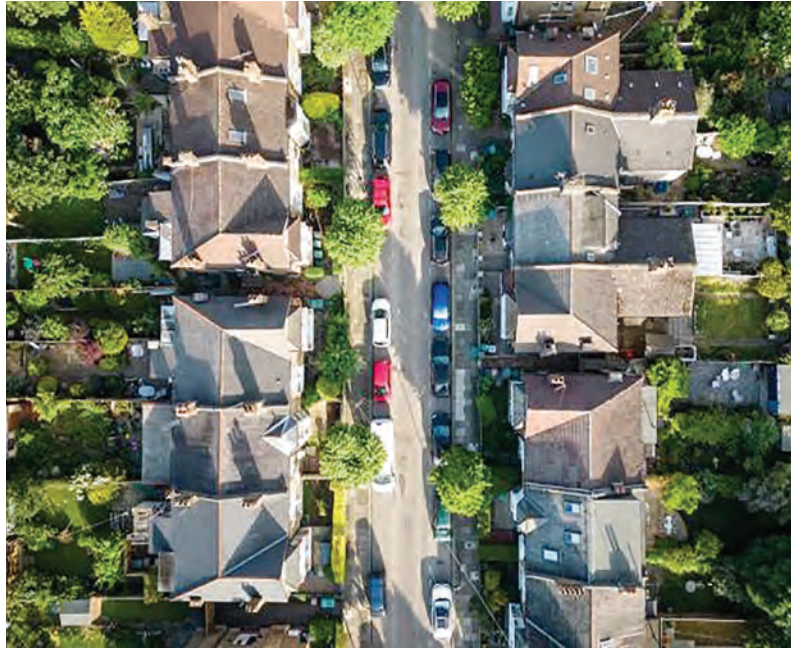
**W**hile the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate—which hit 7.06 percent today—has come off last week's 22-year high of 7.49 percent, housing affordability still remains pressurized. And that spells bad news for mortgage lenders.

"If we're looking at overall industry volume in units, 2023 is as low as it's been since we started tracking units versus dollar volume in 1999," Marina Walsh, vice president of industry analysis in the Mortgage Bankers Association's research and economics department, tells Fortune. "If you go across a period of over 25 years, this is the absolute lowest in terms of unit volume that we've ever seen."

The Mortgage Bankers Association had forecasted \$855 billion in mortgage originations for the first two quarters of 2023, however, they've been short by \$59 billion as mortgage applications continue to decrease.

Indeed, independent mortgage banks and other mortgage lending subsidiaries reported a net loss of \$534 per mortgage origination in the second quarter of 2023, according to data produced by the Mortgage Bankers Association. That's the fifth straight quarter that banks lost money on mortgages.

Among the contributing factors to mortgage lending industry challenges are surging mortgage rates, a lack of housing supply and low consumer confidence. These have "crushed the mortgage industry over the past two years," John Paasonen, co-founder and CEO at digital mortgage platform Maxwell, tells Fortune.



"The radical change in interest rates over a very short period of time drove [mortgage origination] volumes down, but in addition to that, we also have a housing inventory crisis," Walsh agrees. "We just don't have a lot of inventory out there for sale, which is also leading to lower volume."

Lenders lose money on a loan when it's more expensive to produce the loan than the revenue it generates. To combat these losses, lenders started shedding personnel and lowering their origination costs.

"Mortgage lenders have begun significantly adjusting their cost base through layoffs and vendor negotiations in the last 12 months, but there still hasn't been enough volume in the market to offset those costs," Paasonen explains.

For reference, the cost to originate a mortgage loan is about 0.5% to 1% of the total loan amount. The average cost to originate a

loan in 2019 was about \$9,300, according to a Freddie Mac study. But loan production expenses—including personnel and equipment—totaled more than \$11,000 per loan in Q2 2023, according to data produced by the Mortgage Bankers Association. That's down from \$13,171 in Q1, however.

Another factor affecting mortgage origination volume has been a lack of refinances, which have "all but disappeared," he adds. More than 60% of homeowners have mortgage rates lower than 4%, "so it's unlikely that a refinance boom will happen again for many years." That's because there is little incentive for buyers to refinance or make a move that could end up increasing their mortgage rate.

While mortgage lenders do continue to report losses, there have been improvements during the past two quarters. In Q1 2023, the reported loss per loan was \$1,972, and those originated in Q4

2022 reported a loss of \$2,812 per loan, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. In Q2 2023, the net loss was at \$534 per loan.

"You never want to see losses," Walsh says. "But in terms of where we were in the fourth quarter of 2022, and the first quarter of 2023, there is some improvement."

This data could indicate that the losses seen in the mortgage lending industry are temporary, experts say.

"Tough times are an opportunity for solvent businesses to build market share, and the lending industry is no exception," Erin Sykes, chief economist at residential and commercial brokerage Nest Seekers International, tells Fortune. "These mortgage bankers believe that our current challenges will not last forever, and thus they are choosing to take short-term losses in the hope of keeping business momentum and staying relevant through a downturn."

Plus, mortgage lending companies also service loans, which can be profitable even if loan originations are costly. In fact, when looking at both production and servicing operations, about 58% of mortgage lenders are making a profit, Walsh says.

"On the servicing side of the business, we're at a record low delinquency rate, so cash is flowing on the servicing side," she says. "In certain pockets of the country you have natural disasters, which will increase the cost of service because they're dealing with borrowers and who are affected by those natural disasters, but in general, servicing as a whole is doing very well."

## Roshn unveils key mixed-use waterfront project in Jeddah

### JEDDAH

Roshn Group, Saudi Arabia's most trusted multi-asset class real estate developer, and PIF giga-project, today (August 29) announced the launch of Marafy, a transformative, mixed-use development in north of Jeddah that will accommodate over 130,000 residents with a 11-kilometre-long manmade canal at its centre.

Unveiling the project, Roshn said Marafy will provide a new waterfront around its manmade canal which will add a new destination to the north of Jeddah.

The 11-km long and 100-m-wide navigable canal will connect to and extend Obhur Creek, will be surrounded by multiple unique districts. It is the first canal ever to be built in Saudi Arabia, and Roshn's first fully mixed-use development.

Roshn Group CEO David Grover said: "It is core to us as a giga project to introduce such huge development to the kingdom, Marafy will be a gamechanger on the real estate development sector, raising the bar of development in the region, boosting the quality of life, and creating a huge impact in Jeddah."

"It is a proud moment to announce the launch of Marafy, our huge development in north of Jeddah. It's one of the iconic projects that will put Jeddah on

the map of the world class destination on all aspects, and one of contributors to achieving Vision 2030 goals of creating a vibrant community and a thriving economy," noted Grover.

Marafy's canal will provide a waterfront comparable in size to those of Chicago, Stockholm, Hamburg, and central London, bringing the marine environment into the heart of a historic city that has been welcoming traders, travellers, and pilgrims for centuries.

The project will breathe new life into Jeddah, creating an urban water corridor to link homes and communities with nature, commerce, and life-enhancing amenities.

The development will strengthen Jeddah's position as a regional hub, with world-class residential, retail, lifestyle, leisure, and entertainment spaces built to attract residents and visitors alike, creating an instantly iconic new landmark in Jeddah.

According to Roshn, Marafy comprises multiple distinct districts each with a unique character, including its existing integrated residential development, Alarous. It will accelerate Jeddah's emergence as a global city while honouring the city's cultural and architectural heritage with facades inspired by the historical designs of Jeddah region and styles reinvented for today.

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## INVITATION FOR TENDER

Rikolto in Tanzania is a non-profit making organization (NGO) registered according to the Non-Governmental Organization Act 2002 with registration Number INGO/R1/002, with its regional office in Arusha, Tanzania.

Rikolto, Agrónomos sin Fronteras, Inades-Formation Tanzania, MIICO Consortium, and the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture join forces with smallholder farmers and other value chain actors in Iringa, Njombe, Mbeya, Songwe and Katavi to improve food safety, food security and to create decent jobs. Funded by the EU's AGRI-CONNECT programme, the project equips farmers with new knowledge, technology, and markets, while empowering young people to revolutionize the food system through the Generation Food Accelerator. This will run from 2020 to 2024 covering five regions in Tanzania's Southern Highlands, specifically Iringa, Katavi, Njombe, Mbeya, and Songwe.

In the last year of the project, we want to show the impact that the project has had in the regions but also in the life of every beneficiary. The documentaries produced should catch the evidence for impact cases, deep diving into what has been achieved in the period of four years. We are looking for a Consultancy Firm or individual to do this work.

For more information about the tender please visit our website: <https://eastafrika.rikolto.org/en/news/consultant-needed-produce-video-documentary-impact-agri-connect-eu-funded-project-regions-mbeya>

All interested and qualified applicants are required to submit their proposals to [eastafrika.procurement@rikolto.org](mailto:eastafrika.procurement@rikolto.org) by **7th September 2023** indicating "Production of Video Documentary" in the subject line.

## ALGIERS

China and Algeria have joined forces in a significant partnership to construct an expansive 6,000 kilometers of railway lines within the North African nation, a move lauded by Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune as pivotal in advancing his country's socio-economic progress.

Earlier this month, Tebboune said in a regular interview with representatives of the national media that strengthening the railway sector is the "best guarantee of development", stressing that "our Chinese friends have agreed to this project, which will cover a distance of around 6,000 km." The aim is to facilitate the exploitation of mines, promote trade and create economic vitality in Algeria.

The ambitious railway project is part of the two countries' broader cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the massive China-proposed project to boost global trade and commerce by improving infrastructure and connectivity.

A member of the Algerian parliament said the project, which is to be supported by Chinese technical know-how and construction expertise, will connect all cities and regions in Algeria, and also pave the way for economic development in several African countries.

"China views Algeria as a gateway to Africa. It's a win-win partner-



## Algeria partnering China to build 6,000km railway lines

ship for both sides. This is the spirit of the Belt and Road Initiative and Algeria's development plan. Algeria views China as a trusted partner," said Said Hamsi, an Algerian MP, in an interview with China Global Television Network (CGTN) on Saturday.

Algerian economist Karim Allam also said he believes that the mega railway project will provide significant opportunities for economic

growth and job creation in the country.

"The Algerian President expressed his intention to entrust this mega project to the Chinese partners who have the experience and the expertise in this field. China is the second largest economic power in the world. Developing 6,000 kilometers of railway will allow Algeria to achieve a phenomenal economic growth," he said.

Algerians have welcomed the announcement made by President Tebboune.

"As an Algerian student, I'm very optimistic about this project that will create endless opportunities," said Riyadh, an Algerian student.

"This railway project between Algeria and the People's Republic of China will be very important for all Algerian citizens. It will make life

easier for everyone," echoed Abdel Kader, another Algerian citizen.

President Tebboune's announcement came after his state visit to China last month. During his trip, the two countries signed more than a dozen cooperation agreements in various sectors including aerospace, agriculture, energy, railway transportation, science and technology.



## ADVERTISEMENTS



## TERMS OF REFERENCE INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO DOCUMENT GRANTEE'S WORK

### INTRODUCTION:

The Registered Trustees of Women Fund Tanzania (WFT Trust) is the first national feminist Fund in the country and the only funding support mechanism, started by women, for women, girls, and children. The Fund seeks to achieve lasting feminist gains by addressing the root causes of unequal power relations, including gender-based inequalities, and other oppressive systems, attitudes, and social norms in various fields. We do this through funding women's rights organizations, women's, girls, and children's rights organizations and movements), and other social justice movements to be able to amplify voices and organize for collective transformative action to achieve progressive social change with the agency.

Our main focus is to resource grassroots Women's Rights Organizations (WROs) and movements, especially at the local level, because we believe that they are the experts of their own realities and have incredible organizing power, voice, innovative leadership, and agency to transform the disempowering contexts they live in to realize their full potential and rights as human beings.

### About the assignment

Documentation and dissemination of outcomes is a key component of WFT-T work. During the Grants Technical Selection Committee meeting, members advised that some of the previous grantee's work/results need to be documented and disseminated.

The documentation process will collect, compile and disseminate success stories or best practices that describe a positive change and show how that change has benefited people, particularly women, and children. The stories will be shared with the public, partners, stakeholders, supporters, and donors. Supporters and donors are interested in seeing the value addition of their financial contribution to improving women's and children's rights in Tanzania.

In this regard, Women Fund Tanzania Trust is planning to collect, compile, and disseminate success stories from previously funded grantee's work on women's and children's rights.

The grantee's work that needs to be documented includes: MIMUTIE (Arusha), AWAPE(DSM), Wote sawa(Mwanza) KINARA (Morogoro), Mtandao wa waandishi wa Habari za ukatili Shinyaga, Light for Domestic Workers(Morogoro).

Areas of focus for documentation (story angles) will vary from one grantee to another because they have different growth journeys and stories from their work.

### Why documentation/objectives?

The overall objective of the assignment is to collect evidence on good practices and success stories on how funding support from WFTT has helped grantees to grow, build critical awareness of women's and children's rights, and mobilize and organize for collective actions to confront unequal and unjust power.

Specifically, the activity aims to capture, compile and disseminate the processes/outcomes and success stories of the respective grantee for the purpose of dissemination and learning.

### Scope of the documentation

The process of documentation will involve the following;

- Meetings with WFT-T to clarify the assignment and share other key information.
- Desk review of the existing information/documentation/reports of grantees work
- Identification of potential stories for documentation from the reports
- Collecting evidence and success stories on how WFTT support has helped grantees to build critical awareness of women's and children's rights and mobilize and organize for collective actions.
- Prepare a script for each grantee
- Documenting stories

### Forms of Documentation:

1. **Short Stories and Case studies:** Information collected can be processed in the form of short stories and case studies from individuals/organizations to show how funding support from WFTT has helped to bring change in areas of; **organization growth, communities/ women's and children's rights, organizing/building collective efforts** through grantee's work.
2. **Short Videos/documentaries:** Collected stories can also be compiled in the form of documentary videos (not more than 15 minutes) summarizing the collected case stories.

### Expected deliverables:

- Case stories booklet from the listed grantees
- 15 minutes documentary summarizing the collected stories for each grantee
- At least 1-3 minutes documentary for social media use summarizing the stories from the main documentary

### Methodology/Approach

The assignment will involve a desk review of existing reports including the grantee's activity reports. It will also involve traveling to the identified grantees and interacting with them and their beneficiaries and stakeholders for the purpose of collecting information.

### Required Skills and Experience:

- Relevant education: audio-visual communication, journalism or equivalent
- At least 3 years of demonstrated professional experience in the audio-visual work/documentaries
- Demonstrated professional experience in the production of audio-visuals on subjects related to women's and children's rights, gender,

### Timeframe of the Assignment

The assignment should be completed before 30th September 2023

### Application Process

Interested consultants should submit their proposals by Monday **11<sup>th</sup> September 2023** including:

- Technical proposal, which clearly shows methodology, plan of work
- Financial proposal
- CV of all team members
- Company profile (if any)
- Online links to previous documentaries related to our area of interest

All applications should be sent to Women Fund Tanzania through: Email: [info@wfttrust.or.tz](mailto:info@wfttrust.or.tz)

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## INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS TO PURCHASE PROPERTIES

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public that I, Dr. ONESMO KYAUKE of Locus Attorneys, have been appointed by M/S ABSA BANK TANZANIA LIMITED to be an agent/receiver for the purpose of selling the following mortgaged properties:-

- Property on Plot N.O 1826/11, L.O NO. 331835, contained under Certificate of Title No. 107725, Msasani Peninsular Area in Dar es Salaam City. The power of sale was conferred by the mortgage registered on 13th March 2018 under Filed Documents No 194938 and;
- Property on Plot N.O. 1004, Block 'AA', L.O NO. 743824, contained under Certificate of Title No. 166920, Mbagala Kongowe Area in Dar es Salaam City. The power of sale was conferred by the mortgage registered on 16th March 2018 under Filed Documents No 195452.

Interested bidders (after inspection of any of the properties if they wish to do so) must send their bids by way of offer to purchase a specific property in writing in a sealed envelope with the words "offer for purchase of landed property (specify the property) on the top right corner of the envelope and should reach me not later than **4.00PM 22nd September, 2023** through the address provided herein below:-

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## TAARIFA KWA UMMA

### BEI ELEKEZI KWA MBOLEA ZA KUPANDIA NA KUKUZIA KWA MSIMU WA KILIMO 2023/2024 (Toleo la 23)

#### 1.0 UTANGULIZI

Mamlaka ya Udhhibiti wa Mbolea Tanzania (Tanzania Fertilizer Regulatory Authority - TFRA) kwa niaba ya Wizara ya Kilimo ina jukumu la kutoa bei elekezi za mbolea ambapo mbolea zinatakiwa kuuzwa kwa bei elekezi au chini yake. Hii ni kwa mujibu wa kifungu cha 4(1)(u) cha Sheria ya Mbolea ya Mwaka 2009 na Kanuni ya 56 ya Kanuni za Mbolea za mwaka 2011 kama ziliyofanyiwa marekibisho mwaka 2017.

Katika kuteleza jukumu lake la kisheria, TFRA imefanya mapitio ya bei elekezi kwa mbolea aina kumi na nne (14): saba (7) zinazozingizwa kutoka nje (DAP, UREA, CAN, SA, NPKs, YARA Cereal, YARA Otesha) na saba (7) zinazozalishwa na viwanda vya mbolea vya Itracom (Fomi Otesha, Fomi Kuzia, Fomi Nenepeha) na Minjingu (Nafaka Plus, Top Dressing, Pamba, Tobacco, Chai, Coffee).

Bei hizi zitaanza kutumika kuanzia tarehe 01 Septemba, 2023 (Bei zinapatikana kwenye tovuti ya Wizara ya Kilimo: [www.kilimo.go.tz](http://www.kilimo.go.tz), Mamlaka ya Udhhibiti wa Mbolea Tanzania (TFRA): [www.tfra.go.tz](http://www.tfra.go.tz) na Ofisi za Makatibu Tawala wa Mikoa yote Tanzania Bara). Lengo la kufanya hivyo ni kuhakikisha kuwa mbolea inauzwa nchini kwa kuzingatia sheria, kanuni na taratibu zinazosimamia tasnia ya mbolea.

#### 2.0 MJENGEKO WA BEI ELEKEZI

Kwa kuwa mbolea za DAP, UREA, CAN, SA, NPK YARA Cereal na YARA Otesha ni mbolea zinazozingizwa kutoka nje ya nchi; bei elekezi imezingatia gharama za manuuzi, usafirishaji, uingizaji, ufungashaji, usambazaji pamoja na faida atakayopata mfanyabiashara. Aidha, kwa mbolea zinazozalishwa nchini (Fomi Otesha, Fomi Kuzia, Nafaka Plus, Top Dressing, Minjingu Pamba, Minjingu Chai na Minjingu Coffee) bei elekezi imezingatia gharama za upatikanaji wa malighafi, uzalishaji, vifungashio, kufungasha, usimamizi na faida ya mzalishaji na muuzaji wa rejareja hadi kumfikisha mkulima kwa lengo la kumpunguzia makali ya bei.

#### 3.0 BEI ZA MBOLEA YA RUZUKU KWA WAKULIMA

Serikali imeeleza aina moja ya mbolea kuuzwa kwa bei tofauti kwa wakulima nchini kutokana na umbali wa kituo cha mauzo. Aidha, hakuna mfanyabiashara atakeyeruhusiwa kuuzwa mbolea nje ya mpango wa ruzuku. Hivyo, tofauti kati ya bei elekezi kwa kila eneo na bei ya mkulima itaipwa na Serikali kama ruzuku kwa mkulima kama jedwali linavyoonyesha hapo chini.

#### BEI ZA MBOLEA ZINAZOINGIZWA KUTOKA NJE YA NCHI

AINA YA MBOLEA	BEI YA CHINI (SHILINGI)	BEI YA JUU (SHILINGI)
DAP	67,635	80,000
UREA	58,568	70,000
CAN	48,671	65,000
SA	39,152	50,000
NPKs	67,935	80,000
YARA OTESHA	67,516	80,000
YARA CEREAL	62,935	75,000

#### BEI ZA MBOLEA ZINAZOZALISHWA NDANI YA NCHI

AINA YA MBOLEA	BEI YA CHINI (SHILINGI)	BEI YA JUU (SHILINGI)
FOMI OTESHA	68,378	75,000
FOMI KUZIA	68,196	75,000
NAFAKA PLUS	66,229	75,000
TOP DRESSING	66,229	75,000
MINJINGU PAMBA	71,229	80,000
MINJINGU CHAI	71,229	80,000
MINJINGU COFFEE	71,229	80,000

#### 4.0 USIMAMIZI WA BEI ELEKEZI

Kwa kuwa mbolea zote zinazuzwa katika mpango wa ruzuku, Serikali kupitia TFRA imesajili waingizaji na wazalishaji wa mbolea pamoja na mawakala wanaosambaza na kuuzwa mbolea kwa wakulima na kuwapa namba maalum za utambulisho. Hata hivyo, ili azma ya Serikali itimie ni muhimu kwa Mamlaka zote husika katika ngazi za Mkoa, Wilaya na Halmashauri kuhakikisha kuwa kila duka la pembejeo linabandika namba ya uwakala na bei elekezi sehemu zinazoonekana kwa urahisi kwa wanunuzi. Pia, ni vema Mamlaka hizo zikasimamia kwa karibu utekelezaji wa mpango wa ruzuku ikiwa ni pamoja na kutoa taarifa kuhusu uzingatiji wa bei za mbolea ya ruzuku na upatikanaji wa mbolea kwa wakulima katika maeneo husika. Aidha, endapo bei hizi hazitaakisi uhalisia wa kijiografia na miundombinu ya eneo husika, nitoe rai kwa Kamati za Pembejeo za Mikoa na Wilaya kupitia na kufanya maboresho kadiri watakvyoona inafaa.

#### 5.0 UDHIBITI WA UTOROSHAJI WA MBOLEA NJE YA NCHI

Pamoja na kwamba mpango wa ruzuku wa mbolea unalenga kuwapunguzia makali ya bei wakulima; wafanyabiashara wachache wasio waaminifu wanaweza kutumia fursa hiyo kuwalaghai wakulima na kununua mbolea kwa majina yao na baada ya hapo kutorosha mbolea hiyo kwenda nchi jirani. Hali hii itahatarisha utoselevu wa mbolea kwa wakulima wetu na pia kuingizwa hasara Serikali katika fedha inazotoa kama ruzuku kwa lengo la kumnufaisha mkulima na kuongeza uzalishaji nchini. Pamoja na uelimishaji ambao Serikali inaendelea kuufanya ni vyema Mamlaka zote za Serikali zikashirikiana na wadau wote hususan katika mikoa ya mipakani kama Songwe, Rukwa, Katavi, Kigoma, Kagera, Kilimanjaro, Arusha na mikoa mingine kuhakikisha mbolea ya ruzuku hatioroshiwa kwenda nchi jirani.

Vilevile, natoa onyo kwa wafanyabiashara wachache wenye tabia hizo au mpango wa kutorosha mbolea ya ruzuku kwenda nchi jirani kutothubutu kufanya hivyo kwani hatua kati za kisheria zitachukuliwa dhidi yao pindi itakathibitika. Aidha, endapo kutakuwa na haja ya wafanyabiashara kuuzwa mbolea nje ya nchi, basi wafanye hivyo kwa kuzingatia taratibu na sheria za nchi na sio kutorosha mbolea ya ruzuku.

#### 6.0 HITIMISHO

Ni matumaini ya Serikali kuwa, mpango wa ruzuku wa mbolea utawezesha wakulima kutumia mbolea zaidi na hivyo kuongeza uzalishaji na tija kwa ajili ya utoselevu wa chakula na kuzalisha malighafi ili kuimarisha uchumi wa viwanda. Hivyo, niwakumbushe wataalamu na wadau wa kilimo kuendelea kutoa ushirikiano wa dhati katika kuwaelimisha wakulima juu ya matumizi sahihi ya mbolea na pembejeo nyingine za kilimo pamoja na kuzingatia kanuni bora za kilimo. Aidha, natoa wito kwa Mamlaka zote katika ngazi za Mikoa, Wilaya na Halmashauri kutoa ushirikiano katika usimamizi wa mbolea ya ruzuku ili Serikali ifikie azma yake na pia mkulima aweze kutumia fursa hii kubadilisha maisha yake kupitia kilimo.

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## WORLD

## Gabonese coup: General Nguema named as transition leader

LIBREVILLE

BRICE Oligui Nguema, commander-in-chief of the Gabonese Republican Guard, was named as the transition leader of the Central African country on Wednesday night following a coup.

The national electoral body announced earlier in the day that President Ali Bongo had won a third term. However, the military declared on state television that the election results were canceled and placed Bongo under house arrest.

Leaders of the Gabonese military agreed by unanimous vote to appoint Nguema as president of the Committee for the Transition and Restoration of Institutions (CTRI), said Ulrich Manfoumbi Manfoumbi, the committee's spokesperson.

Nguema ordered the reconnection of the optical fiber and the restoration of radio and television signals. He stressed the need to maintain calm and serenity in the country and preserve stability and dignity, according to the spokesperson.

Traffic restrictions between 6 pm, local time, Wednesday and 6 am the following day remain in effect until further notice, the spokesperson said.

Earlier in the day, a group of officers claimed, on behalf of the CTRI, to have seized power to "put an end to the regime in place." The announcement came after Gabon's national elec-

toral body said on the same day that Bongo from the ruling Gabonese Democratic Party was reelected for a third term in Saturday's election.

In a televised statement, the officers said the election results were canceled, state institutions dissolved, and all borders closed until further notice.

In another statement released Wednesday, the military said, "President Ali Bongo is kept under house arrest, surrounded by his family and his doctors." The officers said the son of the president, Noureddin Bongo Valentin, and several other senior officials close to Bongo were arrested.

In a video clip released Wednesday afternoon, Bongo said he is at his residence while his wife and son are in other places.

"Nothing is happening. I don't know what is going on. So I am calling on you to make noise, make noise, make noise really. I'm thanking you," said Bongo in his first public appearance after the coup.

According to local media, gunfire was heard in the capital of Libreville.

Ali Bongo, 64, once served as minister of defense and other posts in the government. He was elected president of the Gabonese Republic in 2009 and was reelected in 2016.

In January 2019 when Bongo was in Morocco recovering from a stroke, a group of soldiers broke into the national radio station in Libre-



This video grab shows soldiers holding General Brice Clothaire Oligui Nguema aloft in Libreville, Gabon, on Wednesday. Mutinous soldiers speaking on state television announced that they had seized power and were overturning the results of a presidential election that was to extend the Bongo family's 55-year hold on power. (PHOTO / GABON24 VIA AP)

ville and announced the establishment of a "national council of the restoration." The government foiled the coup attempt as security forces soon took over the radio station and detained the soldiers.

The international community has voiced concerns over Wednesday's coup in Gabon.

In a press statement, Chairperson of the African Union (AU) Commission Moussa Faki expressed great concern over the situation in Gabon and strongly condemned the coup attempt as a way to solve the post-electoral crisis. He called on all political, civil and military actors in Gabon to give priority to peaceful political avenues, and a rapid return to democratic constitutional order in the country.

French Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne said France is following the situation closely. Spokesman of the French government Olivier Veran has condemned the coup, noting that France "reiterates its desire to see the results of the election respected."

Russia also expressed its concerns

over the situation in Gabon. Russian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Maria Zakharova said Wednesday that it is hoped that the situation in Gabon will return to stability. She also advised that Russians temporarily refrain from traveling to this country, if there is no urgent need.

Namibian Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation Executive Director Penda Naanda said in a statement that Namibia has been following with concern about the evolving political situation in Gabon, and Namibia remains resolute in its stance on zero tolerance on acceding to power through unconstitutional means.

Ajuri Ngelale, the spokesperson for Nigerian President Bola Tinubu, said the president, who chairs the Economic Community of West African States, a regional bloc, would consult with other heads of state and government in the AU on the Gabon crisis with a view to determining the way forward for the central African country.

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## New BRICS members seek development opportunities, fairer world order

CAIRO

WHILE hailing their inclusion into BRICS, the new member countries called for a fairer and balanced world order and hoped the bloc would boost development.

At the just-concluded 15th BRICS Summit, six countries, namely Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), were officially invited to join BRICS.

The invitation was warmly welcomed by leaders and analysts of the six countries. Many expect the mechanism to bring more development opportunities.

Based on the World Bank's economic statistics in 2022, the combined gross domestic product (GDP) of the BRICS countries, after the expansion, will account for 28.99 percent of the global GDP instead of the previous 25.77 percent.

The sheer economic size brings huge economic, trade, and investment opportunities for its members. "The group will help Egypt

continue its moves to liberate the economy, expand markets, and increase exports," said Gamal Bayoumi, head of the Cairo-based Arab Investors Union.

Egypt's BRICS membership will enable it to obtain soft loans from the bloc's New Development Bank instead of borrowing money at high interest rates from other international banks, he said.

"Egypt's accession to BRICS will increase its exports and investment opportunities as well as the inflows of foreign investment," said Egyptian Finance Minister Mohamed Maait.

The BRICS grouping provides a great opportunity to strengthen and diversify the partnerships among Global South countries, said Ebrahim Hashem, former advisor to the chairman of the Abu Dhabi Executive Office.

He said that having the UAE and Saudi Arabia in the BRICS grouping will help better coordinate energy policies among some key energy producers and consumers, pro-



moting oil and energy market stability and predictability.

For Iran, joining BRICS could help it offset Western isolation, both economically and politically, said Abas Aslani, an expert on Iran's foreign policy, adding that it is a step forward in the country's efforts to join international and regional organizations and groups.

Naser Abdel-Aal, a political science professor at Suez Canal Uni-

versity, regarded the BRICS expansion as "an influential step toward a world order with a fairer distribution of resources."

He said that BRICS is an international partnership that seeks to create a mutually beneficial order catering to each member state's unique attributes, particularly the developing countries.

There is a widening gap between the actual role of emerging mar-

kets in the global system and their ability to participate in the decision-making processes of global institutions, said Melaku Mulaleem, senior international relations and diplomacy researcher at Ethiopia's Institute of Strategic Affairs. "The economies of these countries have grown over the past decades.

However, their political voices remain limited since the existing global system has remained mostly unchanged," he said.

Mulaleem stressed that BRICS seeks to enhance Global South cooperation and fairer world governance, as well as participation in decision-making processes in global organizations like the IMF and World Bank.

Saeed Okasha, an expert at Cairo-based Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, said the future of BRICS is promising, noting "I believe if BRICS presents a model based on mutual and win-win cooperation to serve all, it will greatly lead to the success of this model and the BRICS project." *Xinhua*

## FAO says El Nino rains may adversely affect 1.2m Somalis in 2023

MOGADISHU

THE Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) said Wednesday that an approaching El Nino climate event has the potential to negatively affect 1.2 million people in Somalia in 2023.

The FAO said in its latest mitigation, preparedness and response plan for August to January 2024 released in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, that action must be taken

now to protect lives and livelihoods.

"There is a short window of opportunity to intervene and prevent a large-scale humanitarian disaster - it's not too late to take action," it said.

El Nino is a climate pattern expected to bring about increased rainfall, with riverine areas of Somalia, particularly at risk of severe flooding. According to the FAO, riverine communities in Somalia are most at risk with an estimated 1.5 million hectares of land be-

ing at risk of flooding, noting that anticipatory action can prevent the worst.

In addition to the very real humanitarian risks, the FAO said the anticipated heavy rainfall can be leveraged to support enhanced agricultural production and livelihood recovery.

"With timely support and information, rural communities in rain-fed and riverine areas can replenish water sources and boost food security following five consecutive sea-

sons of poor rainfall," the FAO said.

According to the FAO, it will support livelihood recovery and safeguard productive assets including flood recession agriculture, forecast-based cash transfers as well as vector control interventions and livestock treatment. It will also undertake immediate flood defense infrastructure reinforcement and rehabilitation actions to mitigate the impact of flood waters on at-risk communities, the FAO said. *Xinhua*

## US-led 'mini NATO' trilateral alliance undermines peace, stability in Asia-Pacific

THE recently concluded trilateral meeting at Camp David joined by leaders of the United States, Japan and South Korea once again revealed to the international community who is the real threat to peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, despite the "peace" rhetoric frequently employed by the U.S. leader.

This meeting smeared and attacked China on Taiwan and maritime issues—an act of gross interference in China's internal affairs, a deliberate attempt to sow discord between China and its neighbors and a serious violation of norms in international relations.

The real signal the meeting has sent to the international community is that the U.S. intends to build a "mini NATO" trilateral alliance in Northeast Asia and stoke a new Cold War in the Asia-Pacific region.

The United States claimed that the trilateral meeting and partnership was not

against China, but the joint statement issued by the three parties made irresponsible remarks about the Taiwan question and distorted facts about the South China Sea issue, which barely concealed their intent against China.

The Taiwan question is purely China's internal affair. Resolving it is a matter for the Chinese. China strives for peaceful reunification with the greatest sincerity and the utmost effort, but it will never allow interference in its internal affairs using "peace" as a false pretext by anyone or any force.

The greatest threat to cross-strait peace is "Taiwan independence" forces and foreign connivance and support for their activities.

The United States, Japan and South Korea emphasized the importance of peace

and stability across the Taiwan Strait, but made no mention at all of opposing "Taiwan independence." This essentially connived at or supported "Taiwan independence" separatist forces and will have severe impacts on peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.

China's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests in the South China Sea are solidly grounded in history and law and consistent with relevant international law and practice.

In recent years, the United States, as an extraterritorial country, has gone to great lengths to interfere in the South China Sea issue. It has encouraged and supported certain countries' violation of other countries' maritime rights and sowed discord between countries in the region, which makes the United States a disrupter and

saboteur of the regional order.

The United States, Japan and South Korea attempt to build an exclusive and closed "clique" in the Asia-Pacific region, which goes against the trend of regional countries enhancing solidarity and cooperation and promoting regional economic integration.

A U.S. politician called the trilateral Camp David meeting a "major move on the chessboard" that will change the strategic layout in the Indo-Pacific region. Some American scholars interpreted U.S. intentions even more bluntly, saying the trilateral joint statement at Camp David is a collective security statement close to NATO.

On issues such as trilateral communication mechanisms, security defense, supply chains, and technology, the United

States sticks to its so-called "Indo-Pacific strategy" playbook, aggressively peddling security anxieties and hurriedly building an exclusive "clique," at the expense of disrupting regional peace, stability, cooperation and development.

Although the United States disguised its intentions under lofty rhetoric like "a more peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region," the Cold War mentality and zero-sum game mindset are unmistakably woven into its fabric. Its real motive of inciting division and confrontation and serving its hegemonic self-interest is plain for all to see.

In recent years, while advancing its so-called "Indo-Pacific strategy," the United States has continuously tried to leverage Japan and South Korea's adjacency to China to contain China and consolidate

## Grant Shapps named Britain's new defence secretary

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Energy Secretary Grant Shapps has been named as the country's new defence secretary, the government said yesterday.

Shapps (pictured) replaced Ben Wallace who tendered his resignation earlier the same day.

Wallace was appointed as the defense chief in 2019 under the government of Boris Johnson. He said last month he wanted to step down after four years in the role and would quit as a lawmaker at the country's next general election.

"After much reflection, I have taken the decision to ask that I be allowed to step down," he said about his resignation. "I won my seat in 2005 and after so many years it is time for me to invest in the parts of life that I have neglected, and to explore new opportunities."

He also advised the prime minister in the letter not to cut the country's spending on defense as it should not be viewed as "a discretionary spend" by the government. He advised against "hollowing out (the defense)" to achieve savings.

Sunak, in his response to the letter, said that he fully understands Wallace's desire to step down after years of exacting ministerial duties.



## Touching, emotional moment: Sri Sri Ravi Shankar lauds women scientists' role in success of Chandrayaan-3

WASHINGTON

ART of Living, Founder, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar has called the successful landing of ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 a "proud moment" and also hailed the role of women scientists in the mission.

He said, "It's a very emotional moment that we landed on the Moon and already we have started receiving the picture and possibilities are many from this."

Spiritual leader, Ravi Shankar was in Washington, DC, holding a press conference in relation to the World Culture Festival, which is coming to America for the very first time.

From September 29 to October 1, the three-day festival will be held at the National Mall, hosted by the Art of Living founder, Ravi Shankar, along with Mayor Muriel Bowser.

Responding to a question, on Chandrayaan-3's success, put forward by ANI, Ravi Shankar said, "It's a proud moment for not just India, but entire humanity, that we could very successfully with such short duration and with a small budget, an exploration of Chandrayaan-3 has happened and women power has been very predominant there."

"So many women have worked for this mission and that's something so touching," he added.

In relation to the ISRO's upcoming Aditya L1 mission, Ravi Shankar said that it would also be "successful" like the previous one.

The spiritual Guru also shared that a day before he spoke to S Somanath, Chairperson of ISRO, and told him "all will go well and all our prayers are with him".

Speaking on the democracy in India, he said, "India is the oldest and the largest democracy. Even in small villages where there are only 5,000-7,000 population, there are people coming up and working. There is a lot more awareness of franchises in India than you can see anywhere else. So in that sense, yes, it's a robust democracy."

Elaborating on World Culture Festival 2023, he said that the main focus of the fest would be mental health issues.

Meanwhile, DC mayor Muriel Bowser has expressed excitement about the fest, saying, "We are incredibly excited and proud to announce that Washington DC will host the fourth World Culture Festival in 2023. From September 29 to October 1, we will come together on the National Mall for a celebration of culture, diversity and unity."

ANI



**From September 29 to October 1, the three-day festival will be held at the National Mall, hosted by the Art of Living founder, Ravi Shankar, along with Mayor Muriel Bowser**

American hegemony.

The hype made by the United States of the Camp David trilateral meeting exposed its sinister plot, and also showed that the United States itself knows clearly that its strategic design lacks foundation and is against the trend.

On the one hand, long-standing grievances persist between Japan and South Korea, especially as Japan has recently backedpedaled on historical issues, moved further down the path of military expansion, and adopted an irresponsible attitude regarding the discharge of nuclear-contaminated wastewater.

These have provoked extensive doubts in the South Korean society. South Korea's newspaper The Hankyoreh said that the South Korean government ignored history and dangerously gambled on quasi-alliance with Japan, which cannot be accepted by the public. *People's Daily*









Power Dynamos' head coach Mwenya Chipepo

## Power Dynamos coach optimistic of knocking Simba SC out of CAF CL

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi & Agencies

ZAMBIA'S Power Dynamos head coach, Mwenya Chipepo, has expressed optimism over his squad as it pursues qualification for the 2023/24 CAF Champions League Group Stage for the first time.

The Zambia Super League club will come up against Tanzania's Simba SC in the continental showdown's Second Preliminary Round double-headers.

Power Dynamos, alias Aba Yellow, lastly took part in the showdown's First Preliminary Round in 2001, and twice in the Second Preliminary Round in 1998 and 2012.

In 1991, Power Dynamos became the first Southern African club to win a continental trophy, having lifted the African Cup Winners' Cup.

In this year's CAF Champions League First Preliminary Round, Power Dynamos knocked African Stars of Namibia out via a 2-2 aggregate win, following a 1-0 victory over the Namibian side in Zambia.

Chipepo has trust in his charges following their beautiful, passing football in their previous matches that are usually enjoyed by the Zambian Premier League fans. He was adamant that they could overcome Simba SC and write history in their club.

Speaking from Zambia, he added they are not strangers to Simba SC, noting they are familiar with the

Tanzanian club based on the quality of the squad and records it has registered in CAF inter-club showdowns.

Chipepo revealed his club is prepared to write history because, in recent years, Simba SC has been qualifying for Group Stage and reaching the quarterfinals of the CAF Champions League.

"Simba SC is a good team and has many experienced players. We played a friendly match against them on August 6 this year and we lost 2-0, it was the right measure for us, my players understand the challenge ahead and how to overcome," Chipepo noted.

The gaffer stated: "Meeting them is not new news for us, we expected this. We will give them the respect they deserve due to their good record against us and their quality in this championship. Our goals are to reach the Group Stage, and we will fight to make sure that goal is fulfilled."

Chipepo said they are aware of Simba SC's quality and weaknesses, stressing they will see to it that they make efforts to tame them in the two-leg matches.

Simba SC, as is the case with other top eight ranked teams in the CAF inter-club tournaments, was excluded from this season's CAF Champions League First Preliminary Round due to the squad's good showing in the past five years, as well as participation in the African Football League.

## Children with disabilities ought to participate in sports- call

By Correspondent Sabato Kasika

POVERTY has been cited as one of the factors for disability among children.

The Special Olympics Tanzania's team made the issue public after conducting a physical disability screening at Wailes Primary School in Dar es Salaam recently.

Caroline Kessy, one of the team's members who carried out the screening exercise, said due to poverty, children are exposed to limited access to proper nutrition and, as a result, they become victims of disability.

She further pointed out that parents' lack of knowledge on how to take care of children with disabilities

is another hindrance when it comes to the proper upbringing of such children.

Jackline Andrew stated that a large number of children with disabilities, who were screened, were found to have minimal access to special exercises because of low motivation from parents.

"Some parents also keep children with disabilities inside for fear of being seen... this leads to (children's) slow growth and recovery," Jackline noted.

The duo then urged the public to have a positive attitude toward children with disabilities as a means of boosting their confidence in the communities they live in.

# Simba SC to learn about African Football League opponents tomorrow

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi & Agencies

THE draw for the inaugural African Football League (AFL) has been scheduled for tomorrow in Cairo, Egypt at 7 pm EAT and will be beamed live on the AFL website and televised by CAF's broadcast partners.

Instead of a 24-club, 197-fixture competition hyped as a game-changer for African clubs, there will so far be eight outfits and 14 matches, the Confederation of African Football (CAF) revealed on Tuesday.

The AFL is a partnership between CAF and FIFA and the inaugural edition of the tournament will feature eight of

Africa's most famous and successful teams from the three African regional blocks, North Region, Central-West Region, and South-East Region.

Tanzania's Simba SC is set to take part in the competition and will be part of the three teams drawn from the Southeast Region, the other two being South Africa's Mamelodi Sundowns and Atlético Petróleos de Luanda of Angola.

Egyptian giants Al Ahly, Tunisia's Espérance Sportive de Tunis, and Wydad Athletic Club from Morocco are the football clubs from the North Region while Nigeria's Enyimba FC and DRC's Tout Puissant Mazembe are the clubs that will represent the Central-West Region.

The fixtures of the inaugural

AFL competition are structured on a home-and-away basis with the competition starting with knock-out quarterfinals.

This historic inaugural edition of the AFL will take place for four weeks, kicking off with the opening ceremony and the first match set to take place on October 20 in Dar es Salaam.

The semi-finals will be held between October 29 and November 1 and the final is set for November 5 and November 11, 2023.

The inaugural AFL is a precursor to the fully-fledged AFL competition which will feature the 24 highest-ranked football clubs on the African continent and will commence during the 2024/2025 football season.

The organization did not ex-

plain why the maiden African Football League had been severely diluted while promising that a 2024/2025 version would involve 24 clubs.

It also made no mention of prize money, after CAF president Patrice Motsepe said at the launch in Tanzania last year that the winners would pocket \$11.5 million.

The South African billionaire also spoke of 'huge interest from broadcasters and sponsors' but none have been unveiled.

There have been unconfirmed reports that cash-rich Saudi Arabia, who have been luring superstars like Cristiano Ronaldo to their domestic championship, might bankroll the African Football League.



The coordinator of the legal aid organization- Liwale Women's Paralegal Aid Unit (Liwapau)- Hidayat Chikawe (R) hands over footballs to Hangai Secondary School's students, Yusuph Mbelema (L) and Swailat Likui, in Liwale, Lindi on Wednesday to motivate the school's students to take part in sports. PHOTO: GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

## Favourites Vihinga Queens finish fourth in 2023 CAF WCL CECAFA Qualifiers

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi & Agencies

KENYA'S Vihinga Queens FC has finished fourth in the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers after falling by a solitary goal to Burundi's Buja Queens in the third-place playoff in Uganda on Wednesday.

Anyone watching the match would have easily confused it for a Kenya Women's Premier League encounter, with the Burundian side boasting of five Kenyans in the starting team and three on the bench.

Simba Queen's midfielder, Kenyan Corazone Aquino, as well as fellow Kenyans Lydia Akoth, Topister Situma, Elizabeth Wambui, and Ruth Ingosi, now on loan at Buja Queens, were dependable players making the Burundian side's starting XI.

Kenyan shot-stopper, Monica Karambu, and compatriots Rachel Mue-ma, and Diana Wacera had their place on the



Kenya's Vihinga Queens FC player, Ruth Khasokha (L), seeks to dispossess Ethiopia's CBE Women's FC forward, Loza Abera, as the clubs locked horns in a 2023 CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers' semi-final tie in Uganda early this week. CBE Women's FC defeated Vihinga Queens FC 2-1. PHOTO: COURTESY OF COUNCIL OF EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATIONS

substitutes bench.

As fate would have it, it was a Kenyan who scored to sink Vihinga Queens, Lydia cracking a ferocious shot 40 minutes in the game to give Buja Queens the lead and they held onto it

for the remainder of the match.

The Charles Okere-led Vihinga Queens had to battle it out in the third-place playoffs after falling to Ethiopia's CBE Women's FC 2-1 in the semis, the reverse re-

sult of the 2021 CECAFA Zonal Qualifiers final in Nairobi when Vihinga Queens won by the same scoreline.

Speaking after the Wednesday match, Okere noted that the 2023 CECAFA Zonal

Qualifiers edition was very competitive but blamed the psychological torture that came with the loss in the semi-final.

The gaffer pointed out: "That was not the result we wanted but congratulations to Buja Queens. It seems the loss to CBE Women's FC in our last match affected our girls and I have been trying to lift them psychologically."

"All teams came prepared for this edition and that is something that we have to get right the next time," Okere said.

Buja Queens' tactician Haruna Feruzi was content with the team's performance in their maiden appearance in the competition.

"It was our first time taking part in the competition and we are happy to have finished third. We had hopes of lifting the title but we are thankful for what God has given us," he said.



## Dar boxer set for UBO title fight

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIAN boxer Fadhil Majiha is expected to trade punches with Renz Rosia from the Philippines in the Universal Boxing Organization (UBO) Flyweight title bout slated for September 30 in Mwanza.

The 12-round fight is among the Royal Tour bouts slated for the day.

Majiha, in an interview held in Dar es Salaam yesterday, said he is well prepared for the fight which is expected to be extremely competitive.

"Although boxers from the Philippines have great potential, I have planned well to ensure that the title stays at home," the pugilist noted.

He moreover stated he believes he will get good results thanks to the intensive training he continues to do under his coach.

He said that the fight would help him do local tourism as well as promote boxing in the Lake Zone.

There further be another fight slated for September 25-26 in Karagwe, Kagera bringing together boxers from across the Lake Zone.

Tanzania Professional Boxing Regulatory Commission (TPBRC) vice president Nasoro Chuma, who represented the commission's president Chaurembo Palasa, said the fight will continue to promote the country's tourism and promised to cooperate with the organizers to achieve their goals.

Hamisi Kumbucha, HB SADC Boxing Promotion's Director whose firm has organized the bout, said they have decided to take the sport to the Lake Zone because they have realized that it helps to provide jobs for young people.

"We have decided to take this game to the Lake Zone after recognizing that it is one of the regions that are loved by many people, boxing moreover has in recent years made many young people secure employment," Kumbucha pointed out.

The boxers slated to participate in undercard fights are Stumai Muki who will trade blows with Egin Kayange, Francis Miyeyusho who will take on Said Mkola, and James Ndam who will slug it out with DR Congo's Regan Panca.

## Prince Dube out to regain goal-scoring form

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

ZIMBABWEAN attacker, Prince Dube, looks to have recaptured his best form in recent weeks after kick-starting the 2023/24 NBC Premier League season on a high note.

The 26-year-old Azam FC forward who had a stellar debut season in the 2020/21 Mainland Tanzania Premier League season, having scored 14 goals in 23 matches before he was hampered by a series of injuries, has slowly worked his way back to his best in the past few months.

The Zimbabwean striker has now scored three goals plus one assist in his first four matches for the Dar es Salaam-based side.

He registered two goals in two league matches and a goal in back-to-back CAF Confederation Cup First Preliminary Round ties against Bahir Dar Kenema FC of Ethiopia.

His goal and assist in Azam FC's win against Prisons last week highlighted his new-found confidence as he set up a perfect goal run in his first two Premier League matches.

Dube scored 12 goals for Azam FC last season after shaking off the injury spell and is set to have an even better season than his first if his current form is anything to go by.

The footballer had his first international debut for Zimbabwe's senior national squad 'Warriors' in a friendly against Zambia in March 2017.

He went on to play 11 matches for his country's squad and bagged eight goals in the process.

Azam FC is currently sitting second on the Premier League log table with six points from the squad's first two matches.

The side's next game against Singida Fountain Gate FC has been postponed and, with the presence of an international break, the former will play various friendlies during September as it awaits Dodoma Jiji FC on October 3 in the outfit's upcoming NBC Premier League match.

With the 2023/24 CAF Confederation Cup ambitions over and missing out on lifting the 2023/24 Community Shield mini-tournament silverware, there is no doubt the ice makers have set their focus on the Premier League, Azam Sports Federation Cup and Mapinduzi Cup scheduled for January next year.

# Inonga, Kramo return boosts Simba SC ahead of CAF CL Second Preliminary Round

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC has resumed intensive training ahead of the club's 2023/24 CAF Champions League Second Preliminary Round ties against Power Dynamos slated for later this month.

The fixtures are set to be played on September 15-17 and September 29-October 1. Simba SC's key players have returned after nursing short-term injuries.

The Msimbazi Street club has been boosted by the recovery of center-back Henock Inonga who was injured in the semi-final of the 2023/24 Community Shield against Singida Fountain Gate FC. Simba SC's Ivorian midfielder Aubin Kramo, who picked up an injury during training, has also made his way back.

Inonga went on to miss the season's opening derby-the mini tournament's final that saw Simba SC take on Yanga- and two Premier League matches against Mtibwa Sugar and Dodoma Jiji FC.

This forced head coach Roberto Oliveira to feature Kennedy Juma as Inonga's replacement, partnering well with Cameroonian center-back Che Fondoh Malone.

The Msimbazi Street squad will confront Power Dynamos in the first leg encounter of the Second Preliminary Round away at Levy Mwanawasa Stadium in Zambia before hosting the latter in a rematch at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The team that excels in the two-legged clashes will qualify for the Group Stage of the biggest club tournament on the continent.

Besides playing in the

2023/24 CAF Champions League, Simba SC will participate in the African Football League, with the show-down's draw slated to take place tomorrow to enable the teams to know their opponents.

Simba SC's Media and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally disclosed that they plan to play some friendly matches before heading to Zambia for the CAF Champions League match, insisting that they have stayed for a long time without engagement.

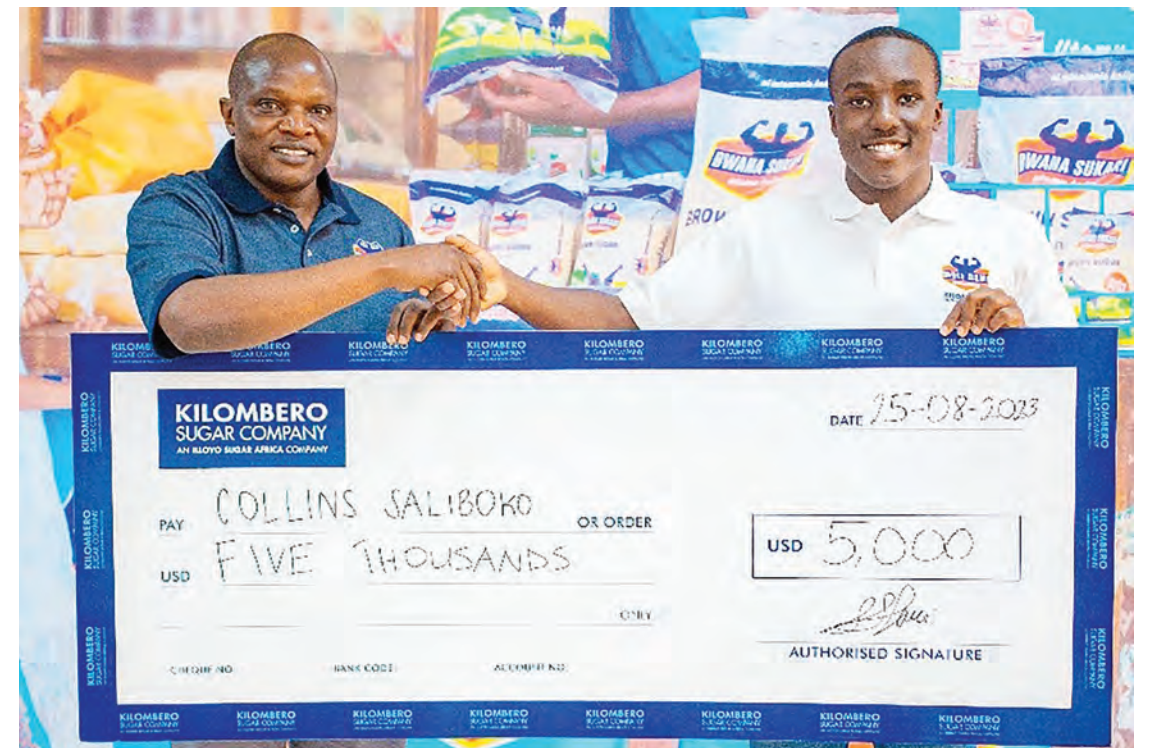
"Since we faced Dodoma Jiji FC in the league match on August 20, we have not played any competitive game, as such, there is a strong desire to play a couple of friendly games to put players fit for the coming fixture," he said.

He also reiterated that the duo is now fully fit and ready to bring more options to the coach with the only injury concern being shot-stopper Aishi Manula who has been nursing an injury since last season.

"Both Inonga and Kramo have resumed training sessions with their teammates and, to us, this is good news bearing in mind that they are among the high-rated players we have," the gaffer noted.

"I know that most Simba SC fans are waiting to see what Kramo will bring and, without doubt, he has the potential to help our team achieve a lot due to the qualities he showed last season with ASEC Mimosas," Ally said.

Simba SC has registered six points and six goals in the 2023/24 NBC Premier League- conceding two goals in the club's first fixture before recording a clean sheet in the second match.



Kilombero Sugar Company Limited (KSCL)'s Commercial Head, Finbo Butallah (L), presents a dummy cheque of USD 5,000 as college fees to Tanzanian swimming sensation Collins Saliboko in Dar es Salaam early this week as the swimmer is set to attend a Sports Management course at the University of Indianapolis in USA. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



President Samia Suluhu Hassan launches a construction project for a venue for hosting sports for children aged 5-18 at Kibuteni area, Kizimkazi, Unguja South in Zanzibar yesterday. The project is set to cost about 1bn/-.. Looking on (L) is Camel Oil (T) Ltd's Director, Edha Abdallah, whose firm is financing the project. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## TTU eyes teachers' involvement in sports

By Correspondent Renatha Msungu

TANZANIA Teachers Union (TTU) plans to improve the sports sector for teachers all over the country to prepare them to participate in various sports competitions in and outside the country.

Suleiman Komba, TTU vice president, made the plan known when he welcomed a team of teachers who had traveled to Botswana to take part in a sports competition coordinated by the Southern African Teachers Organization (SATO).

Komba said the number of teachers from 16 regions that represented Tanzania in the competition is small, so, his union will make sure it garners a large number of envoys for the next competition.

"Our goal is to increase the scope of participation, we will ensure that all regions garner representatives to increase the number of teachers and have a large number for the upcoming competitions," Komba stated.

He said there are times when the competition's schedules are difficult, in which four games can be played at the same time in different stadiums.

According to Komba, sometimes the country fails to do well because



Some of the teachers who are members of the Tanzania Teachers' Union (TTU) that represented the country in the sports competition for Southern African Teachers Organization (SATO), held in Botswana recently, pose for a picture during the showdown. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT RENATHA MSUNGU

the same sportsmen and women listed to participate in a certain game at one of the stadiums are the ones supposed to head to another stadium.

Komba noted they have planned to expand the range of participants for the next championship so they can come up with a large team of participants to be assigned to various sports.

The TTU Coordinator for International Activities, Prosper Lubuva, thanked the union for planning to increase the number of players and the budget to increase efficiency in the upcoming championships.

He said if the union goes for the approach, it will help them face various challenges brought about by few number of players to assign players

for every game they participate in. He further explained they have planned to ensure that they increase the number of participants for the upcoming championship to have one team for each game that will be organized.

Mwanza's Kabula Kazimoto, one of the Tanzania team's players,

said teachers' participation in the competition is important while stressing the importance of having a camp to see to it teachers get more time for preparation.

The SATO sports showdown culminated with the country's team ending in fourth place out of 11 countries that battled it out in the

competition.

The competition was officially established in 1990 to help teachers improve their health, collaborate, and discuss various challenges they face. Lubuva said the competition was, for the first time, held in the Dar es Salaam in 2016.

Gwiji by David Chikoko





## Amputee Football Federation defies NSC

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE Tanzania Amputee Football Federation (TAFF) says it will not abide by the National Sports Council (NSC)'s decision to dissolve the federation's executive committee and usher in a caretaker committee.

The federation was reacting to a statement issued by the NSC on Wednesday on the decision by the body to dissolve the executive committee.

The TAFF is headed by Peter Sarungi as Chairman and Moses Mabula as Secretary-General.

Part of the NSC statement signed by Frank Mgunga from the council's public relations department said it used the powers vested in the council in section 49 of NSC and the council rules number 442 of 1999 to inform the general public and TAFF stakeholders that it has dissolved the federation's leadership.

The NSC revealed it has appointed new caretaker leadership that will be in office for 90 days.

In the face of the dissolution, NSC has appointed a five-member caretaker committee, with Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) acting secretary-general Vincent Kaduma serving as the federation's president.

The other members are Vice President Athuman Lumbandame, Secretary-General Iddi Lulinda, Assistant Secretary Robert Manyerere, and Treasurer-General Leonard Liunda.

NSC said in 90 days the caretaker committee will oversee the amendment of the TAFF constitution, registration of new members of the federation, running affairs of the federation, and formation of sub-committees for easy operation of TAFF activities.

Reacting to the development, Mabula said they will not comply with the decision, adding they are not buying any of what NSC has said.

He questioned the timing of dissolving the TAFF executive committee, saying he believes they want to silence the officials' continued request for support for national amputee football team 'Tembo Warriors' trip to Ghana for the African Paralympic Games.

Mabula also claimed that at the time of the interview, they had not received official communication from the council.

He alleged that NSC issuing a press release without informing them first speaks volumes about the council's ill intentions.

Mabula further said NSC has all along been trying to find faults in the federation's leadership but he said his federation is at fore front of advancing President Samia Suluhu Hassan's policy in poverty alleviation through sports.

He said through 'Tembo Warriors', 10 amputee football players are playing football abroad- earning their living and supporting their families.

"First of all we haven't seen the letter from the National Sports Council dissolving the TAFF leadership, there is no official letter," the secretary-general noted.

The official revealed: "We are only hearing it from people, and the other thing is that we can't accept it because the letter did not give lessons for dissolving our committee."

"What the general public and our stakeholders want to know is when will their beloved team travel to Ghana," he said.

Under the now-dissolved TAFF leadership, last year, 'Tembo Warriors' made history by becoming the first Tanzania amputee football team to compete in the World Cup hosted by Turkey.

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# Yanga satisfied and proud of transfer business



Yanga's striker, Kennedy Musonda (L), dribbles past JKT Tanzania's left-back, David Bryson, during a 2023 NBC Premier League duel that took place in Dar es Salaam on Tuesday. Yanga registered a comprehensive 5-0 victory over JKT Tanzania. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans SC management is proud of the good technical bench recruitment and transfer business done which has resulted in a strong start to their 2023/24 campaign.

Walter Harrison, team manager for the side, also known as Yanga, spoke of the positive signings, technical bench recruitment, and the squad strengthening that has had a huge impact on their good results earned in the six games played so far.

Harrison pointed out: "This Yanga is different from last season because there are changes in the technical bench and players. The squad cannot be the same as last

season's."

"What has been happening is the quality that we have added on the technical bench, starting with the head coach and his assistants in every department. Also the quality of players signed by the club under our president Hersi Ally Said," the official noted.

"What is seen therefore is due to our management's calm approach in their

decision to employ the right people who are needed in the team. Players and technical staff who bring quality to the squad," the official pointed out.

After they swept all-comers aside last season, head coach Nasreddine Nabi left and was replaced by Miguel Gamondi.

The NBC Premier League defending champions have also undergone squad

changes.

They have spent money on Ugandan defender Gift Fred, South African winger Mahlatse 'Skudu' Makudubela, and Ivorian fullback Yao Attohoula.

Tanzanian midfielder Jonas Mkude, left-back Nickson Kibabage, Congolese midfielder Max Nzengeli, and Ghanaian striker Hafiz Konkoni are the other signings.

Influential striker Fiston Mayele was lured to Egyptian giants Pyramids FC while Bernard Morrison, Tuisila Kisinda, Dickson Ambundo, Erick Johora, David Bryson, and Djuma Shaban were released.

Tanzania international midfielder Feisal Salum and Congolese midfielder Yannick Bangala were sold to Azam FC for a combined \$130,000.

The transfer window closed yesterday with little signs of Young Africans repeating their deadline surprise signings like they did in the last season when they announced Kisinda.

They opened their campaign with a 2-0 victory over Azam FC in the 2023/24 Community Shield before losing to arch-rivals Simba SC in a penalty shootout.

They brushed aside ASAS Djibouti with a 7-1 aggregate scoreline in the 2023/24 CAF Champions League First Preliminary Round.

The back-to-back huge victories against Kinondoni Municipal Council FC and JKT Tanzania sent Yanga to the top of the 2023/24 NBC Premier League courtesy of a superior goal difference to tidal rivals Simba SC and Azam FC.

## JKT Queens make it to 2023 CAF Women's Champions League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

MAINLAND Tanzania Women's Premier League champions JKT Queens will represent CECAFA Zone in the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League slated for November 5-19 in Ivory Coast.

JKT Queens are the winners of the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal qualifiers after defeating Ethiopia's CBE Women's FC 5-4 in post-match penalties of the final that took place at the FIFA Technical Centre in Njeru, Uganda on Wednesday afternoon.

They also became the region's third representative, following in the footsteps of Kenya's Vihiga Queens and compatriots Simba Queens, which emerged champions in the previous two editions.

The win, which came down to the last kick from the spot after CBE Women's FC had missed their fourth penalty, also meant that JKT Queens had prevailed through the entire tournament without a loss, having secured a 100% record in all their past games.

"I'm very happy we are champions and will play in the CAF Women's Champions League it was a tough competition all teams were ambitious but, at the end of the day, we won due to our hard work," JKT Queens' coach Esther Fredy Chaburuma noted.

Esther pointed out: "The players worked hard because we won all our matches in the competition. We celebrate a few days before resuming



Footballers and officials making Tanzania's JKT Queens jubilate shortly after the side triumphed in the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League CECAFA Zonal qualifiers, defeating Ethiopia's CBE Women's FC 5-4 in a penalty shootout of the final which took place in Uganda on Wednesday. AGENCIES

training for the CAF Women's Champions League."

It was in the second semi-final that the match went to penalties.

JKT Queens' Stumai Abdallah was voted Player of the Tournament while her teammate Najjath Abbas took the Best Goalkeeper award.

Kampala Queens FC' Fazi-

la Ikwaput won the Golden Boot with eight goals as Uganda took the Fair Play award.

Going into the final, the Tanzanian representatives secured wins over AS Kigali Women's FC, New Generation FC, and Vihiga Queens in the Group Stage, before

cruising to a 3-1 victory over Burundi's Buja Queens in

the edition's first semi-final.

For CBE Women's FC, who lost yet another final after succumbing to Vihiga Queens in the 2021 edition, they registered three wins against Yei Joint Stars, FAD FC, and Buja Queens in the Group Stage.

The Ethiopian side thereafter drew 1-1 with Kampala Queens FC in the Group

Stage before rallying from a goal down to beat Charles Okere-coached Vihiga Queens 2-1.

The CECAFA Zonal qualifiers' debutants will represent the region in the 2023 CAF Women's Champions League, to be held in Abidjan, Ivory Coast from November 5-19.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

