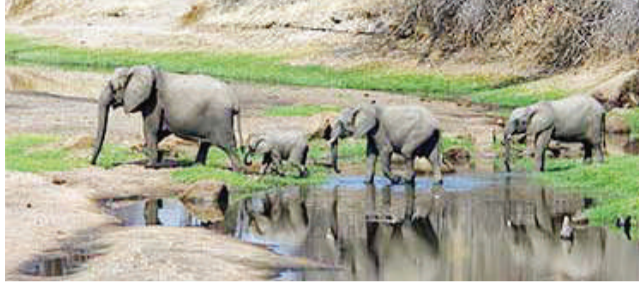


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'Health insurance bill targets best practices'

By Correspondent James Kandoya

HEALTH minister Umyy Mwalimu (pictured) yesterday defended tough conditions set out in the Universal Health Insurance (UHI) Bill tabled in the National Assembly last week, saying they are based on best practice from other Africa countries.

At a press briefing in Dar es Salaam, the minister said the requirements are meant to bring far more people into insurance status, to curb the treatment burden by pocket payment.

In 2012 when the idea was initiated, the ministry conducted a regional study and noticed that African countries with high health insurance enrolment like Rwanda, Ethiopia and Ghana applied similar rules, she said.

The bill provides for compulsory uptake of health insurance by embodying the card in seeking services like a driving license, motor vehicle insurance, plus admitting children for advanced secondary education or college.

Others are provision of travel document (passport), taxpayer's identification number (TIN), business license, visa, simcard



The bill provides for penalties of up to 100m/- upon an individual contravening provisions of the Act, or a year's jail term

registration or the provision of a national identification card.

The conditions raised eyebrows in some quarters with critics saying they are too tough, to which the minister responds that they are designed to enroll more people to cut the treatment burden for families and boost up insurance scheme inflows.

If the insurance is voluntary, upwards of 90 percent of those enrolled will be patients, thus the government opted to make it compulsory, she stated.

The scheme will come up with a standard benefit package enabling those enrolled to access quality healthcare services, she affirmed, noting further that users will pay quarterly instalments to increase insurance scheme capacity. The National Health Insurance Fund is at present facing collapse on account of a sharp increase in treating non-communicable diseases, she elaborated.

Experience had shown 99 percent of people moving to enroll are already victims of diseases including NCDs and as a result the scheme is overwhelmed, the minister explained, affirming that a person will be liable for arrest or payment of a fine in case of failure to comply with the bill provisions.

The targeted standard benefit package will enable those on insurance to access radiology,

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Ministry inviting Samia scholarship applications

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa (3rd-R) leads the Tanzanian delegation in placing wreaths at the grave of former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during state funeral held in Tokyo yesterday. With him include Consolata Luvanda (to his left), the wife of Tanzania's Ambassador to Japan (Baraka Luvanda), and Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation deputy minister Mbarouk Nassor Mbarouk (R). The PM represented President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the solemn event. Photo: PMO

THE government has opened the maiden window of Samia Scholarships for 640 placements of students who have performed well in science subjects.

Prof Adolph Mkenda, the Education, Science and Technology minister said here on Monday that those eligible for contesting need to accept a series of conditions, including withdrawal of sponsorship for beneficiaries posting a grade point average (GPA) below 3.8 in an academic year.

Eligible students will include those who scored highly in their 2022 Form VI examinations run by the National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) for combinations like PCB, PCM, PGM, CBG, CBA, PMC, and CBN combinations.

The minister was addressing education stakeholders at a three-day curriculum review meeting including Zanzibar, with the focus on reviewing the 2014 national education policy.

Samia Scholarships will cover 100 per cent of the cost for university education for selected students enrolled in technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine, he said. The scholarships will last for three to five years depending on the study programme for which the student is enrolled, he specified.

Applications start being submitted online right away for 14 days, after which the Higher Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB) shall release the list of those selected on its website. Those selected to sign a sponsorship

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IDA disburses 780bn/- for rural electrification thrust

By Guardian Reporter

A NEW International Development Association (IDA) credit arrangement with the Tanzania Rural Electrification Expansion Programme (TREETP) is set to infuse \$335m (over 780bn/-) for scaling up grid extension and grid densification.

Preeti Arora, the acting World Bank country director, said the agency's board of executive directors has



will facilitate an additional 1,000,000 last-mile grid connections

approved additional financing in view of Tanzania's achievements.

It has one of the fastest electricity access expansion rates in Sub-Saharan Africa over the past decade, he said in a statement yesterday, saying the loan "will facilitate an additional 1,000,000 last-mile grid connections."

That includes 8,500 education facilities, 2,500 healthcare facilities, extension of renewable energy options

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Tanzania, UAE pact on double taxation, fiscal evasion rules

By Correspondent Benny Mwaipaja, Dubai

TANZANIA and the United Arab Emirates yesterday signed an accord for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion especially for income taxes.

Finance and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba and Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussain, the UAE state minister for Finance signed the agreement at the UAE Treasury offices in Dubai.

The agreement arises from initiatives by President Samia Suluhu Hassan during her visit back in February, where preliminary agreement was reached on the removal of double taxation and tax evasion challenges to boost investments.

Investment growth is expected in the wake of this pact, he said, pointing out that Gulf Zone countries have substantial excess capitals but double taxation is often an obstacle.

Local business people shall also carry out trade with the Emirates without having to worry about double taxation, he said, pointing out that the UAE has entered into similar agreement with 139 other countries.

These include partner states in the East African Community but so far Tanzania missed out, thus blocking a variety of investments from the zone. Local business people need to take up such opportunities after double taxation is struck off, he emphasised.

With its strategic positioning, a large population and reliable markets in the EAC and SADC zone, substantial investments are likely

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Zanzibar's First Vice President, Othman Massoud Othman (facing camera), exchanges views with some of tourism stakeholders shortly before he opened the World Tourism Commemoration Day Conference held in Zanzibar yesterday. He is with Zanzibar Tourism and Antiquities minister Simai Mohamed Said (R), Zanzibar Tourism Commission chairman Rahim Mohamed Bhaloo, Minister of State in the Zanzibar President's Office (Labour, Economy and Investment) Mudrik Ramadhan Soraga (L), and the chairman of the association of Zanzibar traders, farmers and industrialists, Ali Amour Suleiman. Photo: ZFVPO





CCM national Chairperson President Samia Suluhu Hassan chairs a special meeting of the ruling party's National Executive Committee in Dodoma city yesterday. Photo: State House

Deputy minister underscores importance of sea transport

By Guardian Reporter

SEA transport has become the most important means for cargo transport in the world as nearly 80 per cent of international trade depends on sea transport.

The observation was made by the deputy Works and transport Minister, Atupele Mwakibete in Kilwa during celebrations to mark World Ocean Day, saying in recognition of its importance, the

government is implementing the project for building eight ships, four for the Mainland and four for the Isles.

"I like to assure you that our national leaders recognize the importance of sea transport and when the investment of the eight ships is completed, it will be of great benefit for the country as apart from earning government revenue, they will reduce transport costs significantly," said the Deputy

Minister.

He said in addition to building the ships, the Mainland Government will continue implementing various projects in boosting infrastructures for its sea and lake ports to simplify cargo and passenger transport.

He called on Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC) to make sure it makes frequent inspections of the sea vessels to make sure they abide by international sea transport requirements.

For his part, Kilwa District Commissioner, Zainab Kawawa lauded the government for developing port infrastructures saying when completed they will assist in cargo transport as well as boost tourism.

She also thanked the government for developing Kilwa fishing port whose completion will be able to handle 60,000 tonnes of fish per year.

For his part, the representative of the Permanent Secretary (Transport division) Stella Katondo assured Deputy Minister Mwakibete that the ministry will continue monitoring sea transport activities according to international guidelines.

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agreement with the ministry, open a bank account into which the money will be directly paid, "and he or she will not be allowed to change the programme specified without written permission from the ministry," he stated.

The beneficiary will similarly not be allowed to postpone studies except for health emergencies, while registering in the student supervision system lodged with the ministry at <https://scholarships.moe.go.tz/>.

Sponsorship will adhere to HESLB guideline levels in meeting

costs for tuition, accommodation, meal allowances, books, special requirements for faculties, practical training or research, he said.

The selection will seek to maintain a noticeable gender balance of 244 girls and 396 boys, with beneficiaries more likely from schools that scored highly like Tabora Boys, St. Mary's Mazinde Juu, Kisimili Secondary School, Mzumbe Secondary School and Tabora Girls School.

Ali Abdulgulum Hussein, Education and Vocational Training minister for Zanzibar, said 3bn/- will be spent to meet the cost of the



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and clean cooking solutions to numerous rural households, he stated.

Scaling up access to modern forms of energy is a vital component of the country's long-term economic growth plan, he said, highlighting that over the past half-decade 4.5m people were connected, along with 5,900 education facilities, 1,664 healthcare centres and 14,316 business units.

Initial IDA financing of \$209m for the programme was approved on May 31, 2016 and took effect on March 17, 2017, targeting the Program for Results (P4R) implemented by the Rural Energy Agency (REA).

TREEP is designed to innovatively link the

disbursement of funds directly to project works, expanding rural access to electricity, increasing the supply of renewable electricity in rural areas, and strengthening the capacity of implementation agencies, the statement indicated.

Access to electricity increased from 7.0 per cent in 2011 to 38.0 per cent in 2020, while a large gap remains in access rates compared to urban areas. The latter had attained 73.2 per cent access 24.5 per cent in rural areas (24.5 per cent), with national grid coverage at 78.4 per cent and overall connectivity rate at 38 per cent. The new rural energy master plan 2022-30 builds on the P4R implementation, providing a roadmap for 100 per cent electricity access by 2030, it added.

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to flow in, he said.

Signing the agreement open a new chapter in economic relations as major UAE state firms will find it easier to invest in Tanzania, boosting job creation, he said.

The two ministers held talks centred on the finalisation of an agreement on the promotion and protection of investments, with Minister Al Hussain saying that the

step reached in removing double taxation of income tax will make it more conducive for UAE investors to widen to set up initiatives Tanzania.

He praised efforts by President Samia to improve the country's investment climate, accepting the removal of double taxation. The step will attract more investors from Arab countries to this destination, he added.

'Health insurance bill targets best practices'

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CT scan and x-ray services at minimal costs, she said, citing 2021 statistics indicating that the total population reaches 60m where 15 per cent are enrolled with insurance schemes.

The government sought to conduct a review of the Community Health Fund (CHF) to end complains from users and finally settled for more systematic reforms given the fact that it was less a problem of service delivery than CHF capacity, she said.

The government last week brought the Universal Health

Insurance (UHI) Bill 2022 to the legislature, stipulating compulsory registration in insurance schemes.

The Tanzania Insurance Regulatory Authority (TIRA) will serve as overall regulator mandated to oversee insurance schemes and the quality of enlisted healthcare services.

The bill provides for penalties of up to 100m/- upon an individual contravening provisions of the Act, or a year's jail term.

Section 32 (a)(h) of the bill makes it compulsory for everyone to have health insurance in seeking stamps for all sorts of licenses or personal identification.



The committee under the Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development ministry charged with handling land-related disputes listens to aggrieved members of the public in Dodoma city yesterday. It later camped in Mkonze Ward for a first-hand account of situation. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

20 US firms meet to explore investment opportunities

By Guardian Reporter

TWENTY firms from the United States (US) are in the country to attend a business meeting and explore investment opportunities in agribusiness, energy, healthcare as well as information and communication technology industries.

Dubbed: "US Business Fact-Finding Mission to Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar", the two-day event will feature an overview from the Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC), a briefing by the American Chamber of Commerce of Tanzania and the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania, and discussions with representatives from the government of Tanzania.

Speaking during the opening of

the event in Dar es Salaam yesterday US Ambassador to Tanzania, Donald Wright congratulated the firms for their decision to examine Tanzania as a place to consider investing in key sectors of the economy and expanding their business.

"We welcome more American involvement in the Tanzanian economy. In fact, it is one of our Mission's primary goals. US firms bring ingenuity, know-how, and capital, but also a desire to train

"The Tanzania and the US have enjoyed cordial relationships since 1961 characterized by mutual respect, shared values and aspirations for a more peaceful and prosperous future."

Tanzanians to manage and run their local operations.

The jobs they develop in Tanzania are not just line-level employees, but highly skilled technology and management professionals," said Ambassador Wright.

Deputy Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade Exaud Kigahwe noted: "The Tanzania and the US have enjoyed cordial relationships since 1961 characterized by mutual respect, shared values and aspirations for a more peaceful and prosperous future."

He said the US is Tanzania's third largest bilateral investor and has provided development and other assistance for capacity-building to address health and education issues, promote broad-based economic growth and advance

regional and domestic security to sustain progress.

The meeting will feature an overview from the Tanzania Investment Centre, a briefing by the American Chamber of Commerce of Tanzania and the CEO Roundtable of Tanzania, and roundtable discussions with representatives from the government of Tanzania.

The mission was developed by the American Chambers of Commerce ("AmCham") of Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa.

Today (September 28), the mission is expected to travel to Zanzibar for briefings by government representatives, a discussion with the Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority, and keynote remarks from First Vice President Othman Masoud Othman.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi Chana (4th-R) cuts the ribbon at Tarangire National Park in Manyara Region yesterday during the presentation of an assortment of equipment and 24 heavy-duty trucks to the Tanzania National Parks (Tanapa). Photo: Correspondent Marc Nkwame

TANAPA receives 24 heavy-duty trucks, machinery worth 16.5bn/-

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Tarangire

THE Tanzania National Parks (TANAPA) yesterday received a total of 24 heavy duty vehicles and machinery from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism for infrastructural development in the parks just as the global travel industry recovers from the pandemic.

The vehicles, worth 16.5bn/-, have been officially handed over to the Tanzania national parks management by the Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, Pindi Chana.

The ceremony to hand over the equipment was held at the Tarangire National Park in sync with the World Tourism Day 2022.

The Minister called for proper handling of the new equipment whose lifespan solely depends on timely maintenance and discipline in operating them.

"It is vital to train drivers and machinery operators in order to ensure durability of the new equipment," she said.

The vehicles and equipment have been purchased through the Tanzania Covid-19 Social Economic Response and Recovery Plan (TCRP) hatched by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Part of the consignment of vehicles and equipment that were being presented by the Minister to the TANAPA Management include three Isuzu GXZ flatbed Semi-Trailer trucks, 14 Isuzu FVZ Tipper Dumping trucks, and an Isuzu Bowser Tanker all procured from Isuzu East Africa.

There are also seven heavy duty construction equipment including 4 Caterpillar (CAT) Bulldozers and 3 Caterpillar Chain Excavators and compactors.

The Tanzania National Park's Commissioner of Conservation, William Mwakilema explained that the consignments of vehicles and machinery will be distributed in four sets, with the first set being commissioned to the Northern Circuit comprising Tarangire, Manyara, Arusha and Mkomazi.

The second set will be deployed to Serengeti National Park and corresponding ecosystem.

The third set goes to the country's largest reserve, which is the Nyerere National Park.

The fourth will be dispatched to Burigi-Chato, Rubondo, Ugalla River and other Lake Zone's National Parks.

The Chairperson of TANAPA Board of Trustees, Retired General George Waitara reveals that the vehicles and the heavy machinery equipment are part of the emergency funds to cushion public institutions from effects of Covid-19 catastrophe.

He said the Tanzania National Park received 46.7 billion/- Tanzania Covid-19 Social Economic Response and Recovery Plan funds that have been invested in upgrading infrastructure in the parks.

Apparently the Tanzania Travel, Tourism and Conservation sectors suffered great loss during the two years of the global pandemic.

As the world recovers from the two years of Coronavirus lockdown, travel resumes across the globe, the tourism industry is currently on rebound.

Tanzania, on the other hand, is currently working to repair and improve infrastructure in the country's national parks, ready to handle the increasing number of visitors.

In better days, Tanzania has been handling an average of 1.5 million tourists per annum.

TANAPA oversees a total of 22 National Parks across the nation, including the largest, Nyerere, the most popular Serengeti, home to the great migration, Mountain steeped parks Kilimanjaro and Meru and the Island perched Saa-Nane and Rubondo all floating on Lake Victoria.

Other famous Tourist parks in Tanzania are Ruaha, Mikumi, Tarangire, the vast Savannah Mkomazi, the watery flamingo breeding site at Lake Manyara National Park and the Sea-side Saadan.

Livestock invasion threatening Ruaha National Park ecosystem

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE situation in Ruaha National Park is still challenging due to huge herds of livestock grazing in the Ihefu Valley wetlands inside the Park that also threatens the Great Ruaha River.

Invasion of livestock in the park has contributed to environmental degradation and threatens its ecosystem.

Minister of state in the President's Office (Union Affairs and Environment) Selemani Jafo visited the area recently to view the ongoing destruction and called on the herders to voluntarily leave the area.

Jafo, accompanied by members of Mbeya Region Defence and Security

Committee and TANAPA officials, used a plane for inspection and saw huge herds of livestock grazing.

The minister said apart from the invading livestock, some herders have even constructed cattle pens (bomas) as well as human settlements inside the Valley area.

He said if the situation found in the Ihefu valley is not controlled early, the Great Ruaha River can disappear thereby threatening development projects along the Rufiji River, including the giant Julius Nyerere Hydro Power Project (JNHPP).

"I have witnessed the situation, and right now there is no water flowing to the Great Ruaha River as I am told this area is the main water source for the river," he lamented.

He praised Mbeya region's officials and TANAPA for launching a special operation to remove the livestock from the Ihefu valley area and stressed that the operation should be sustainable to make sure all the livestock are removed.

For his part, Head of Ruaha National Park, assistant Commissioner of Conservation, Godwell Ole Meng'ataki said as for now they continue with the operation that started September 13 this year to remove the livestock.

He said in the period of one year beginning July 2021, they have seized more than 16,000 of livestock in 60 operations and that more than 190 herders were arrested and various legal steps taken against them.

Ole Meng'ataki during the period they collected more than 1.6bn/- in fines imposed on herders.

"We fine them 100,000/- for each animal seized even though many have been rude, as you can even seize 800 livestock per day but the following day they pay the fine and come to collect their livestock," said Ole Meng'ataki.

Mbeya regional commissioner, Juma Homera said the number of livestock in the Ihefu valley area has even surpassed the number of wildlife in the Park.

He added that TANAPA workers conduct the operation to remove the livestock under difficult conditions, as they have to walk the livestock for over 50 kms to Ikoga Mpya holding camp.

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UJAMAA COMMUNITY RESOURCE TEAM

INVITATION FOR BIDS

INVITATION FOR BID FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES

Date: September 27, 2022

1. Ujamaa-Community Resource Team (UCRT) is a non-profit environmental and social justice organization, which works with indigenous groups of different cultures. The target communities are those who depend on communal resource management regimes to support their livelihood. UCRT has set aside funds to be used to cover eligible payments for the Supply of Goods and services as listed below and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders (including current suppliers/service providers/ consultants), for pre-qualification for the supply of goods and services for the year 2023 - 2024 for the under listed:

Tender No.	Description of Goods/services
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/01	Supply of office Supplies, and cleaning materials
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/02	Supply of Computers, printers, and related equipment
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/03	Supply of signboards and signposts for projects
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/04	Supply and maintenance fire extinguishers for offices and Vehicles
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/05	Supply of fuel and lubricants for vehicles
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/06	Provision of Air Ticketing services
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/07	Provision of Maintenance and Servicing Motor Vehicles
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/08	Provision of Stationaries, Printing Materials, logos, and design advert etc
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/09	Provision of Maintenance of furniture and fittings
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/10	Provision of Media, Publicity & Communication Services.
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/11	Provision of Internet Services
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/12	Provision of Fumigation Services
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/13	Expression of Interest for Provision of External Audit Services
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/14	Expression of Interest for Provision for Proposal writing and fundraising consultancy
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/15	Expression of Interest for Provision for GIS Consultancy
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/16	Expression of Interest for Provision For legal services on a Retainer basis
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/17	Expression of Interest for Provision for Tax consultancy
UCRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/18	Gardening of UCRT Environment
CRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/19	Provision for Computers Service, Repair and Maintenance
CRT/OL/2023-24/ARS/20	Provision for repair and Maintenance of CCTV camera and installation

3. Interested eligible bidders must pay a non-refundable fee of Tsh. 100,000/= (One Hundred Thousand Shillings only) per tender document. Payment shall be made through Bank Name: NBC BANK, Account Name: UJAMAA COMMUNITY RESOURCE TEAM Account No. T2S-01403015979 and MUST attach payment receipt to each application submitted as proof of payment.

4. The deadline for submission of bids will be 15:00 pm, October 27, 2022 local time, may be sent physically or through email to procurement_ucrt@ujamaa-cr.or.tz copying to info@ujamaa-cr.or.tz

5. The bid will be opened in public on 28th October 2022, at 10:00 am (Friday) in the Ujamaa Community Resource Team general office in the presence of the bidders or their fully appointed representatives who may attend.

6. UCRT Tender committee is not bound to accept the lowest bid.

7. Bids not received before the deadline will not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of circumstances.

8. Interested applicants may obtain further information by contacting the procuring department through; Email: procurement_ucrt@ujamaa-cr.or.tz copying to info@ujamaa-cr.or.tz, from 08:00-15:30 on Mondays to Fridays except on public holidays and weekends.

9. Each Binder must submit the following information:
- Firm/Company profile- 3 pages only
 - Quotation for the provision and supply of goods and services
 - Certificate of incorporation or registration
 - Current tax clearance certificate
 - Proof of using EFD machine
 - TIN number and VAT certificate (If applicable)
 - Anti-bribery and Corruption policy

10. Applicants should adhere to the requirements stipulated in detail in the tender document. Failure to do so, your tender will be disqualified.

Note: UCRT is committed to the highest ethical standards of transparency, openness, and accountability in its affairs. UCRT promotes a "Zero tolerance" policy toward fraud and corruption. All communications or communication should be channeled to the provided official correspondence email above.

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TANZANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS UNION

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

27th September, 2022

Tender No. TALG/PROC/0021/2022 For PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF T-SHIRTS AND CAPS

1. Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU) has set aside funds for the operation of the financial year 2023. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF T-SHIRT

2. TALGWU now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for

S/N	LOT NO.	Description	Unit	Quantity
01	01	Printing and Distribution of T-shirts and Caps	Pcs	80,000

3. Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Tendering procedures specified in the TALGWU Procurement Manual of 2018, and is open to all Tenderers.

4. Interested eligible Tenders may obtain further information from the office of the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Procurement Management Unit (PMU), and P.O. Box 16097 Dar es salaam, located at Plot No 65 Block 'T' Chang'ombe Temeke Municipality opposite National Stadium Dar es salaam from 08:00am to 04:00 pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.

5. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in the English Language and additional sets may be purchased by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tzs 200,000/= by depositing at NMB Bank account number 20606600115 payable to KATIBU MKUU TALGWU.

6. All tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of 2% of the bid price.

7. All applications, one original plus TWO COPIES properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Procurement Management Unit (PMU), P.O. Box 16097, Dar es Salaam, located at Plot No 65 Block 'T' Chang'ombe Temeke Municipality opposite National Stadium Dar es salaam before or at 10:00am Friday on 28th October 2022. Applications will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Applicants' representatives who choose to attend in the opening ceremony.

8. Late Tenders, Portion of Tenders, Electronic Tenders, Tenders not received, Tenders not opened and not read out in public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

Tender No. TALG/PROC/0023/2022 For PRINTING OF CALENDARS

1. Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU) has set aside funds for the operation of the financial year 2023. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the PRINTING OF CALENDARS FOR 2023

2. TALGWU now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for

S/N	LOT NO.	Description	Unit	Quantity
01	01	Printing of wall calendars (executive)	Pcs	3,000
02	02	Printing of table calendars	Pcs	2,000
03	03	Printing of wall calendars (Single page)	Pcs	60,000

3. Tendering will be conducted through the Open Tendering procedures specified in the TALGWU Procurement Manual and is open to all Tenderers.

4. Interested eligible Tenders may obtain further information from the office of the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Procurement Management Unit (PMU), P.O. Box 16097 Dar es salaam, located at Plot No 65 Block 'T' Chang'ombe Temeke Municipality opposite National Stadium Dar es salaam from 08:00am to 04:00 pm on Mondays to Mondays inclusive except on public holidays.

5. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English Language and additional sets may be purchased by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tzs 100,000/= by depositing at NMB Bank account number 20606600115 payable to KATIBU MKUU TALGWU.

6. All tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of 2% of bid price.

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Tender No. TALG/PROC/0022/2022 For PRINTING OF DIARIES

1. Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU) has set aside funds for the operation of the financial year 2023. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the PRINTING OF DIARIES FOR 2023

2. TALGWU now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for

S/N	LOTNO.	Description	Unit	Quantity
01	01	Printing of Diaries	Pcs	2000

3. Tendering will be conducted through the Open Tendering procedures specified in the TALGWU Procurement Manual and is open to all Tenderers.

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7. All applications one original plus TWO COPIES properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Procurement Management Unit (PMU), P.O. Box 16097, Dar es salaam, located at Plot No 65 Block 'T' Chang'ombe Temeke Municipality opposite National Stadium Dar es salaam before or at 10:00 am Friday on 28th October 2022. Applications will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Applicants' representatives who choose to attend in the opening ceremony.

8. Late Tenders, Portion of Tenders, Electronic Tenders, Tenders not received, Tenders not opened and not read out in public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

Tender No. TALG/PROC/0029/2022 For ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE

1. Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU) has set aside funds for the operation of the financial year 2022. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the MOTOR VEHICLE.

2. TALGWU now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for

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01	01	Acquisition Of Motor Vehicle	No	8

3. Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Tendering procedures specified in the TALGWU Procurement Manual of 2018, and is open to all Tenderers.

4. Interested eligible Tenders may obtain further information from the office of the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Procurement Management Unit (PMU), P.O. Box 16097 Dar es salaam, located at Plot No 65 Block 'T' Chang'ombe Temeke Municipality opposite National Stadium Dar es salaam from

08:00am to 04:00 pm on Mondays to Mondays inclusive except on public holidays.

5. A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in the English Language and additional sets may be purchased by interested Tenderers on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 4 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tzs 100,000/= by depositing at NMB Bank account number 20606600115 payable to KATIBU MKUU TALGWU.

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Tender No. TALG/PROC/0031/2022 for SUPPLY OF FUEL

1. Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU) has set aside funds for the operation of the financial year 2023. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the fund will be used to cover eligible payment under the contract for the SUPPLY OF FUEL

2. TALGWU now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for Supply Of Fuel

3. Tendering will be conducted through the National Competitive Tendering procedures specified in the TALGWU Procurement Manual of 2018, and is open to all Tenderers.

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INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS 27th SEPTEMBER, 2022

1	TALG/PROC/0024/2022 SUPPLY OF MOTORVEHICLE TYRES
2	TALG/PROC/0025/2022 SUPPLY OF COMPUTER AND ITS ACCESSORIES
3	TALG/PROC/0026/2022 PROVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES.
4	TALG/PROC/0027/2022 SUPPLY OF PRINTING SERVICES
5	TALG/PROC/0028/2022 SUPPLY AND REPAIR SERVICES OF AIR CONDITIONERS AND FANS
6	TALG/PROC/0030/2022 SUPPLY OF STATIONERIES

1. Interested applicants may obtain pre-qualification documents at the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Procurement Management Unit (PMU), P.O. Box 16097, Dar es salaam, located at Plot No 65 Block 'T' Chang'ombe Temeke Municipality opposite National Stadium Dar es salaam from 08:00am to 04:00 pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.

2. A complete set of pre-qualification documents in English may be purchased by interested Applicants on the submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 3 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tzs 100,000/= by depositing at NMB Bank account number 20606600115 payable to KATIBU MKUU TALGWU.

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GENERAL SECRETARY

TANZANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS UNION



Members of the Parliamentary Services and Community Development Standing Committee pictured in Mwanza city yesterday viewing one of the machines used in checking the level of toxicity in medicines and foods. They were on an inspection tour of a modern laboratory at the Mwanza centre of the Tanzania Medicines & Medical Devices Authority. Right TMDA director general Adam Fimbo and second left is the committee's vice chairman, Aloyce Kamamba. Photo: Correspondent Asraji Mvungi

Invest in Tanzania to reduce running costs, Kigahe tells Chinese business community

By Correspondent James Kandoya

DEPUTY Minister for Investment, Industry and Trade Exaud Kigahe has invited the Chinese business community to invest in Tanzania to reduce operation cost and simplify the availability of their products.

Speaking at the official launching of the China Trade Week (CTW) aimed at showcasing the latest Chinese products in the country, Kigahe said the exhibition will help to create more opportunities for Tanzanians business communities through networking, and sharing experiences.

He said over 50 Chinese brand companies have displayed more than 300 products from the following sectors including: consumer electronics, industrial, medical, textiles & garments, beauty & construction and many more.

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"One of the government's roles is to emphasize the collaboration of business persons from Tanzania and China to utilize online business which is a bit riskier instead of cash," he said.

He said through the technology the two parts can communicate and place orders urging Tanzanians to utilize the opportunity to create revenues.

The deputy minister said the government has created a conducive business environment to allow the private sector to be a lead, in enabling industry economy.

Kigahe called on Tanzanian traders to collaborate with their counterparts from China to

complement government efforts of creating employment and increasing revenues.

A representative of Chinese business persons Lina Coa thanked the Tanzanian government for the strong collaboration, sharing experience and learning new techniques calling more Tanzanians to visit the CTW exhibition.

"I call upon Tanzanians to visit the exhibit to network and learn more experience in the sector," he said.

In his statement, Counsel General - Consulate General of the Republic of Tanzania Iddi Seid Bakari said the event had been organised by China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and MIE groups from Dubai.

The meeting CTW theme is "China Africa economy and trade cooperation, investment, and culture exchange" covering infrastructure construction, energy, agricultural, food, and science and technology sectors.

Up to now, Chinese foreign investment in the country peaked at US \$ 2.5 billion in 2013. Currently, there are over 500 Chinese companies investing in Tanzania.

Apart from China being Africa's largest trading partner and investor, there is another dimension of the relationship that of development aid.



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Over 2,000 students to benefit from special project on road safety regulations and laws

By Getrude Mbago

OVER 2,000 students from 20 primary and secondary schools in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam are expected to benefit from a special six-month project aimed at strengthening awareness on road safety regulations and laws as well as traffic signs so as to fight accidents.

Dubbed: "Students and Road Safety Project (SRSP), the six-month project is implemented by the newly established Tanzania Road Safety (TARSI) - a non-profit organisation based in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking during the official launch of the project as well as the organisation recently in Dar es Salaam, Kinondoni District Commissioner Godwin Gondwe commended TARSI for coming up

with the initiative to help strengthen road safety awareness among students.

He said that capacitating school children on road regulations and traffic signs will help the group have a broader understanding to help them use the road well and avoid accidents.

Gondwe further wanted motor vehicle drivers and other road users to adhere to road safety rules and regulations so as to avoid causing unnecessary accidents causing loss of people and properties.

He said that the government will continue supervising the laws and that it will not tolerate anyone who will be found causing the accidents recklessly.

Maliki Balongo, TARSI executive director said the overall objective

is to support the reduction of road accidents among students in primary and secondary schools for a period through enhancing awareness where school clubs will be established.

He noted that a number of school children still have little knowledge on various road safety rules and traffic signs, something which poses threat to the increase of unnecessary road accidents. "Our vision is to be the leading organisation in promoting and advocating for the appropriate road use to attain free of traffic accidents, death and injuries in Tanzania," he said.

He also said the organisation will work to champion the best practices in the appropriate, efficient, comfortable and safe roads through sharing of

knowledge and experience by organizing stakeholders' forums, training, conducting research and projects which employ sustainable and environmentally friendly technologies.

Reports show that 80 percent of accidents are caused by reckless drivers, 12 percent caused by the mechanical problems of the vehicles, 6 percent by climate change, while only 2 percent of the road accidents are caused by poor infrastructures.

The global figures as provided by WHO in 2018, indicates that, each year 1.35 million people die as a result of road traffic crashes, and millions more are injured or disabled while head injuries remain the leading cause of death and disability among motor-cycle riders.

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Expression of Interest

Organization to implement community-based SBC activities in Tanzania

Proposal Deadline: 12 p.m. (noon) Tanzania Time (EAT), 5th October 2022

Background and project description
The Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs (CCP), Baltimore USA, receives funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), under the Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania project to implement social and behavior change (SBC) interventions designed to improve malaria outcomes among priority populations and areas in Tanzania.

Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania is an SBC project designed to provide technical assistance to the Government of Tanzania (GoT) to improve the policy and implementation framework around SBC activities. This project will also help design, implement, and monitor specific SBC interventions at the sub-national level when such efforts are required (e.g., infectious disease outbreak). The main goal of the award is to catalyze opportunities for Tanzanians to improve their health status by transforming socio-cultural norms and supporting the adoption of healthier behaviors.

Purpose of consultancy services
This RFP seeks to identify a qualified local organization to **conduct multiple community- and media-based social and behavior change activities in different parts of Tanzania.**

In partnership with the government of Tanzania (GoT) ministry of health (MoH), and President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government Tanzania (PO-RALG), Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania is seeking to **conduct community and media based social and behavior change activities in different areas of Tanzania as part of its Breakthrough ACTION Tanzania activities.** These activities may include content adaptation of USAID Tulonge Afya's NAWENZA, SITETEREKI integrated SBC platform and Furaha Yangu Campaign SBC materials and interventions, and may include additional interventions identified to supplement the existing. The team will also provide ZAMEP with SBC support in the implementation of ZAMEP's mini mass campaigns, as well as adapt existing SBC materials to be specific to the targeted areas.

Timeframe
Work will commence after the execution of the agreement by both CCP and the Consultant. All deliverables should be completed within the agreed timeframe of the execution of the agreement.

Required experience
Previous experience in health facility, community, and school-based social and behavior change activities (SBCs) is highly desirable.

Application Requirements
Interested applicants may request a full RFQ document. To BATanzania.opps@gmail.com and the deadline for requesting the RFQ document is **3rd October 2022 at 5 pm.**

The deadline for application submission will be on **5th October at 12:00 noon.**

Bashe issues ultimatum to TARI to end shortage of improved seeds

By Gerald Kitabu, Dodoma

MINISTER for agriculture Hussein Bashe has given a period of three years to the new board of directors of TARI to end shortage of improved seeds for all strategic crops and a period of one year for improved maize seeds in the country.

He said it is a shame for a country like this that has everything including ample and fertile land to have shortage of improved seeds and depend on imported seeds, urging the new board to end what he called "improved seeds vicious circle".

Launching the new board of directors for a term of three years, he also directed the board to ensure availability of improved seeds and traditional seeds at affordable price for all crops and for all the yearlong so that the farmers can have many options.

The eleven members of the new board from various academic, research institutions and other government institutions are led by Dr Tausi Kida of the economic and social research foundation (ESRF).

"Make sure you conduct research, keep the palms of both improved and traditional seeds for the farmers," he said.

He said the board must make sure that each centre of a certain ecological zone produces as much as possible and finish the shortage of improved seeds varieties for the farmers of that particular zone.

"You must know the requirement of improved seeds for the farmers of all crops and come up with a strategic plan to produce them," he said.

He said to accomplish this, TARI must move from the academic function of research and development and dwell on finding solutions for the problems facing the farmers and fulfill all their requirements.

"I have appointed the board members strategically and with a reason. I suggested the board

chairperson to be an economist and not agronomic or a scientist to transform TARI," he said.

He directed that the board should visit TARI centres and sub-centres, assess production infrastructures such as the irrigation infrastructures, physical infrastructures and other equipment, and improve them so that production of improved seeds can go on throughout the year.

"Particularly, I direct the board to make sure that shortage of maize improved seeds comes to an end within one year. The board should come up with a strategic plan that will improve the seed's vicious circle as soon as possible," he stressed.

He said to end the shortage of improved seeds the Ministry's institutions of TARI, TOSC and ASA and their management should not work independently, instead they should forge synergy to work together to end solutions to problems surrounding the farmers in the country.

He said self food sufficient starts with availability of improved seeds at affordable price and basically this is TARI's work under supervision of board of directors.

We have made a plan to develop 800 hectares of land for irrigation and five housewares for seed storage. I urge the board to make sure that all TARI centres are fenced to stop invasion of the land used for seed production and also stop unnecessary land conflicts, he said.

The new board chairperson Dr Tausi Kida promised the minister to work on the directives as soon as possible.

"We shall move from scientific research to practical research to ensure problems facing the farmers including finding solutions to shortage of improved seeds for the farmers," she said.

She also promised to work on the issue of the succession plan so that new staff are recruited to take over good work already started by retiring staff.



Hanang legislator Samweli Hanyuma (R) and Innocent Bashungwa (L), Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), exchange greetings as the latter toured Manyara Region on Monday. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

NGO provides 33m/- for construction of a MEMKWA classroom in Longido

By Guardian Correspondent, Longido

CORDS, Arusha based Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) has dishied out more than 33.5m/- for the construction of a special classroom for students who missed formal primary education (MEMKWA) capable to take 45 students at Ngoswak Primary School, in Engareinabor Ward, Longido District, Arusha Region.

The classroom has taken two months to complete due to rising costs of building materials and transport.

Speaking at the event to hand over the classroom to the Chairman of Longido district council, Simon Laizer, CORDS Director, Lilian Looloitai said the classroom will be a unique opportunity to help children, especially girls who did not join school in time.

Lilian said the Maasai nomadic communities face many problems that contribute to their children missing the opportunity to begin school, including MEMKWA schools.

She said in 2019 and 2020 they had a project to enroll about 20 MEMKWA students to be taught

at the school, but due to lack of a classroom, they were taken to Longido Primary School but their progress was not good because their parents did not want their children to stay far from them, hence they started looking for a sponsor to build the classroom at the village.

Simon Laizer, Longido District Council Chairman thanked CORDS for the classroom as it will be able to enroll many MEMKWA students of Engareinabor Ward.

Earlier, Kwamboka Phirace, the school's head teacher thanked the NGO for the classroom and

pledged to work together with village officials to mobilise parents to enroll their children to officially start lessons in January next year.

He also mentioned challenges facing his school such as lack of lunch for both students and teachers, toilets for both students and teachers and teachers' quarters.

Speaking, Engareinabor Ward Councillor, Simon Ngonoy thanked CORDS for building the classroom, saying the villagers also assisted during its construction and added that students will now be taught in a friendlier environment.

NEMC implores govt to employ more staff

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) has pleaded with the government for more staff to reach the demand of inspecting various strategic projects across the country.

NEMC Acting Managing Director, Dr Menan Jangu made the plea when speaking about the council obligations to members of the Parliamentary Committee for Investment, Industry, Trade and Environment which visited the council.

He said the number of projects which are registered by the council each year are too many for the current staff to afford to

visit all of them and inspect if they qualify for Environment Impact Assessment (EIA).

He said currently the council has 209 staff who cannot manage to visit all the regions for inspections and certifications of the projects.

Dr Jangu said after their own assessment they have requested the government for an increment of 463 staff which can satisfy the current demand to visit and certify various projects in all the regions in mainland.

"The small number of staff gives us challenges to visit and inspect various projects all around the country. Every

year we register not less than 2,000 projects which need enough manpower to go and make follow up if they adhere to the laws and regulations," he said.

Dr Jangu said apart from the shortage of staff, NEMC also needs capacity building programmes to its staff to improve their standards in their daily operations.

He said NEMC has strengthened its Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) infrastructures to comply with the government's new online system, e-government.

Dr Jangu said the system has helped the council to increase efficiency in its daily operations especially in the certification of various projects.

Bunda Member of Parliament (CCM), Mwita Gitere advised NEMC to take stern measures against all industries who do not comply with environmental laws.

He also argued for the council to provide education to industry owners so that they can be aware of the 2004 environment law and measures that can be taken for those who don't comply.

The Parliament Committee yesterday visited Elsewedy Electric East Africa Limited in Kigamboni Dar es Salaam in a continuous visit to various projects in the country.



Tembo Nickel resident manager Benedict Busunzu (L) exchanges greetings with Shinyanga regional commissioner Sophia Mjema when he paid her a call and briefed her on the nickel refining plant expected to be built in the region's Kahama District within the next three years. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tanzanian youths encouraged to venture into dancing career

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIAN youth have been encouraged to explore and tap opportunities in the fast growing contemporary dancing career which potential is yet to be fully utilized.

Executive director of Muda Africa, Rachel Kessi made the call in Dar es Salaam over the weekend during the live dancing performance saying that the carrier has abundant opportunities where youth can invest and transform their lives.

She said there are a lot of undiscovered talents in contemporary dancing especially in Tanzania where such type of dancing is currently taking the attention of many youth.

Kessi said that contemporary dancing is a full profession that

needs to be respected and given the priority in order to give youth space to exercise their talents through dancing. "Contemporary dancing is a collaborative nature of profession which involves various concepts of dancing and which brings together youth to share various experiences and to improve their talents," she said.

According to Kessi, there are a lot of unexplored talents to many youth in Tanzania, especially in the dancing sector, we have learned that many youth are interested in this field and are eager to grow through this profession.

"Through the contemporary dancing, youth get the opportunity to learn various skills including leadership, self-reliance, entrepreneurship and computers which empowers them to become

more talented and have multiple skills to be competent in the market," she explained.

Artistic director for Muda Africa Ian Mwaitsunga said that contemporary dancing is one of the fast growing career professions in Tanzania which open room for youth to develop and exercise their talents for future.

He added that dancing has created a lot of employment opportunities for many youth in Tanzania with others growing well to establish their own organisations and employ others.

"The industry is growing and through technology youth have been able to network their creativity and talents to the international market which is a great advantage to the country," Mwaitsunga said.

He further called upon the government and private organisations to see the need for supporting the initiative as it helps to fight the unemployment crisis in the country.

 REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF REBAR REF : ETJ-BB-PR-EI-GEN-GE-0008	
<p>BESIX Ballast Nedam Limited, the CONTRACTOR for the Engineering, procurement and Construction of the Jetty and Load Out Facilities in the Tanga Bay for the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Project, invites experienced specialist Companies to express their interest for:</p> <p>Design, Fabrication, Testing, Supply, Delivery, and on-site inspection of rebar.</p> <p>The Republic of Uganda, the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), the United Republic of Tanzania and/or Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), as well as other international oil companies are partaking in the implementation of the EACOP Project.</p> <p>As part of EACOP project, the Crude oil will be loaded on vessels via a facility located in the near shore environment of the Indian Ocean. The Facility will be located 2 km offshore from the Marine Storage Terminal site located on the Chongoleani peninsula in front of Tanga Port in Tanzania.</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE MATERIALS / SERVICES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebar supply with B500 or ASTM A615 standards. <p>MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:</p> <p>Companies expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualified workers and certified QA/QC. <p>Interested companies which meet the minimum requirements and have the capacity to provide the services listed above should express their interest by sending together with the above listed documents an email to procurement@bbnjv.com (Max. Email Size: 20 MBs & All documents must be submitted in the English language) on or before 12 October 2022, 1800hrs Tanzania Time.</p> <p>Companies satisfactorily meeting the above minimum requirements will be evaluated and if selected will be invited, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), to participate in the bidding process.</p> <p>Note: Only pre-qualified companies will receive an invitation to submit their bid in furtherance of the Call for Tender process.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">217066201</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warranty period of 24 months and 5 years on latent defects after expiry of the warranty period. Company profile with prove of sufficient financial capabilities (2021-2022 Financial inspection report) and sufficient and capable resources. An experience list with relevant supply history / track record showing minimum of five (5) years' experience in execution similar services of required fabrication and transport as per international standards common in the Oil and Gas business or comparable market. A3 Steel for the reinforcement of concrete, weldable reinforcing steel. Bar, coil and decoiled product. BS EN 10080:2005, Steel for the reinforcement of concrete. Weldable reinforcing steel A1064/A1064M, Standard Specification for Carbon-Steel Wire and Welded Wire Reinforcement, Plain and Deformed, for Concrete Company's Quality and HSE plans and certification ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001 (ISO45001:2018) or equivalent certificates. CE marked as per CPR and BS EN 1090. Compliance with petroleum (local Content) regulation of 2017 and local company definition for Tanzania. Proof of registration/application to Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is highly recommended.

Cleric advises schools, parents to invest in children's life skills for their development

By Getrude Mbago

A retired cleric of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) for the Eastern and Coastal Diocese, Richard Hananja, has urged schools to invest in equipping children with prerequisite handwork skills for their future development.

According to him, the majority of children are currently taught to focus on class studies alone, but due to the rapid global changes, children need to be taught seriously on various life skills including handwork so as to enable them to be confident as they grow to chase their dreams.

Speaking during the 5th standard seven graduation ceremony for The Glory Pre and Primary School in Iringa Region over the weekend Hananja said children with valuable life skills will be more productive and responsible human beings in their future.

He said equipping children with life skills will also help transform the children's mindset and enable them to be more confident, have broader understanding of various activities for them to become more economically independent after

graduating.

"Teaching life skills should be compulsory in schools as without learning these skills, children can struggle when it comes to real world responsibilities. Here at The Glory School, I have witnessed how they are doing well in life-changing skills, children engage in hand activities such as poultry, vegetable farming and bread-making, and these make children become good and hardworking citizens in the future," he explained.

The religious leader also commended the management of the school for their investment urging them to maintain the quality for the children's bright future.

He further called on parents to invest in education for their children as it was the only weapon of their future.

According to him, education was among the strongest that would make children strong and competent in their lifetime.

Mathew Alex, the school's manager said the government was currently implementing a competence-based curriculum which requires schools to invest in life skills to produce a hardworking

workforce.

"This is what we are doing here, the school has a huge land to enable children to also engage in hand activities, they are taught crop farming, poultry, vegetable farming and other activities that broaden their understanding and thus be able to solve various challenges even after graduating," he said.

Alex further said they have been improving the school every year to ensure that all pupils who study there excel both in academic and life.

He noted that children are the greatest assets and future leaders who should be nurtured well to be able to play meaningful roles in future.

Hope Kitomo, pastor of the school said the school was performing well in zonal and national examinations because it has invested well both in academic and spiritual development of the children.

"We nurture the children to become good citizens, they are well equipped to have fear of God, live a hardworking life and study hard so as to become successful people in their future," she said.



Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Pindi Chana (R) follows a briefing at the weekend on activities implemented in Chunya District, Mbeya Region, under the Southern Highlands and Ruaha-Katavi Protection Programme after USAID reached the funding limit for the Southern Highlands and Ruaha-Katavi Conservation Programme (SHARPP) which was implemented by the World Conservation Society. Photo: Correspondent Thobias Mwanakatwe

Stakeholders call for enactment of special law on elderly's protection

By Mary Kadoke, Naima Ahmad and Abdallah Mfaume

WORLD Health Organisation (WHO) and Help Age International have called on the government to enact a special law which will supervise and strengthen protection of older people and take into account all their needs.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam yesterday ahead of the commemoration of International Day of Older Persons on October 1, the Organisation insists that despite playing a good role in development during their youthful period, the group is still facing a number of challenges including discrimination.

Help Age Country Director Smart Daniel, said on the strategic plans to help the vulnerable group in partnership with other health stakeholders.

Daniel said provision of free health services to elders should be strengthened and well supervised as the majority of elders fail to get the service due to their age and

financial status, something that undermines their right to good health services.

"Health service has been expensive to elders based on their age and their body resilience to fight diseases hence WHO in partnership with HelpAge has seen the essence to advocate the initiation of Free Health Service Plan to elders in the country," he said.

The director also stressed that at this time the community understands the normality of old age and aging as in such times elders are at a high risk of facing dementia hence do away with poor superstitious beliefs that being an elder you are at a risk of practicing witchcraft.

In a bid to combat Covid-19 that highly threatens elderly, the parties have prepared one day stakeholder workshop on September 29, in Dodoma aimed at revisiting the human rights situation for older persons in Tanzania within the current legal and institutional framework the event that will be officiated by the former president of Zanzibar Mohammed Shein.

Dr Zabulon Yoti, WHO Country Representative in Tanzania said older people demographic are therefore an important population that deserves the community attention.

"As we continue to improve health services, many people will live longer. People live longer because of improved nutrition, sanitation, medical advances, health care, education and economic wellbeing," he said.

Dr Yoti however stressed on three aspects that old age being a good thing and no one should stigmatize the vulnerable group as its where all age groups are heading.

Dr Yoti said the health sector needs strong partnership from stakeholders to partake in elders and other groups of age health service to fight diseases.

The United Nations general assembly adopted a resolution on December 14, 2020 and declared 2021-2030 a decade of action for aging. The resolution emphasizes that older people themselves must be at the center of the action. The actions bring together governments, civil society, international agencies, professionals, academia, the media and private sector to improve the lives of older people, their families and communities.

RC advises youth to shun crime, engage in farming

By Guardian Correspondent, Iringa

IRINGA regional commissioner, Halima Dendego has called on the youth to stop committing crimes on pretext of joblessness and instead they should venture into farming.

She made the appeal here yesterday when opening an agriculture stakeholders meeting organised by the Institute for Agricultural Development for Southern Highland Regions incorporating Iringa and Njombe regions held at Mkwawa University.

Dendego said recently there have been a wave of criminal incidents

including armed robbery on pretext of lack of employment.

"Crime is not an alternative to employment, concentrate on farming, the government is ready to facilitate you," she said.


She said many young people engage in crime due to poor thinking. "The youth have been idle in thinking about gainful, legal economic activities, you must change," the RC added.

Speaking on behalf of Njombe Regional Commissioner, the Wang'ingombe District Commissioner, Lauteri Kanoni said Njombe Region has embarked


on strategies to boost the farming sector by strengthening various infrastructures including roads and strategic crops.

"We vow to develop strategic crops including avocado and wheat in the Njombe Region," he said.

The meeting that aimed to assess the activities in the farming sector brought together various agriculture stakeholders from various ministries, government and private institutions will last three days with the aim of boosting the farming sector and increasing markets for crops as industrial raw materials.



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TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-2023
PROCUREMENT REFERENCE NUMBER MSPH TANZANIA LLC /TZ/11/2022-2023

Introduction:
MSPH Tanzania LLC, known as MSPH TANZANIA LLC, is a non-governmental organization operating in Tanzania since 2004, with funding mainly from the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). MSPH TANZANIA LLC at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health is the recipient of a five-year PEPFAR-funded cooperative agreement beginning 29th September 2021 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support comprehensive community- and facility-based HIV and Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision VMMC services in Mwanza region.

MSPH Tanzania LLC Intends to procure various professional services through service agreements modality for FIKIA Plus project under PEPFAR/CDC awarded funding.

MSPH Tanzania LLC is inviting interested parties to bid as part of a negotiated tender process for the provision of various professional services, successful Tenderers will be expected to enter into a formal Long-Term Agreement contract with MSPH Tanzania LLC

This tender dossier has been issued for the sole purpose of obtaining offers for services against the specification contained within this document. MSPH Tanzania LLC reserves the right not to enter or award a contract because of this invitation to tender.

Any attempt by the Tenderer to obtain confidential information, enter into unlawful agreements with competitors or influence the evaluation committee or MSPH Tanzania LLC during the process of examining, clarifying, evaluating, and comparing tenders will lead to the rejection of its offers.

MSPH Tanzania LLC now invites eligible service providers to submit bids for the following lots:

LotNo.	Description
Lot 1	MSPH Tanzania LLC is looking for service provider to implement innovative technological solutions at the facility and community level to improve HIV identification, linkage, and data quality and minimize treatment interruptions among patients receiving HIV-related services Mwanza region. In addition, Service provider will maintain data systems, servers, databases, and dashboards associated with the above services, including timely remote support to address any issues, or troubleshooting needs.
Lot 2	MSPH Tanzania LLC is looking for service provider to remap Key Population hotspots and target to increase the identification of biological children of women Key Population living with HIV and their male partners. Service provider will also be responsible for expanding the social network testing among the KEY Population group and the distribution and tracking of HIVST services. In addition, Service provider will implement Gender Based Violence (GBV) Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) services for Key Population-related activities, including monitoring and reporting adverse events. Service provider will also work with MSPH TANZANIA LLC to remap Key Population hotspots to target HIV services in the community.
Lot 3	MSPH Tanzania LLC is looking for service provider to implement hotline services and increase utilization by ensuring the number is known at all required service delivery points and ensure smooth coordination and linkage of GBV, HIV testing, Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), Condoms, Voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC), family planning services in Mwanza. Service provider will also be responsible for routine monitoring and reporting for timely course correction.
Lot 4	MSPH Tanzania LLC is looking for service provider to map Persons Who Inject Drugs (PWID) hotspots in Mwanza region and support volunteers to reach PWIDs and link them with pre-Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services, including psychosocial and adherence/retention support. Service provider will also be responsible for referring the PWIDs for HIV testing, condom, prep, and GBV. In addition, Service provider will serve as a liaison between the PWIDs and law enforcement bodies and facilitate intervening in all their legal matters.
Lot 5	MSPH Tanzania LLC is looking for service provider to form and support People living with HIV (PLHIV) support groups and implement the economic empowerment initiative, including among PLHIV Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) (15 – 24 years). Through this partnership, MSPH TANZANIA LLC will support the acceleration, expansion, and improvement of quality HIV prevention, care, and treatment to meet UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets. In addition, Service provider will support the DREAMS' economic strengthening activities to promote the uptake of HIV prevention services for AGYW
Lot 6	MSPH Tanzania LLC is looking for service provider to improve the 95-95-95 goals for the fishing communities along the shores of Lake Victoria and the Islands. The service provider will establish PLHIV support groups focusing on finding and returning defaulter-PLHIV back to care through organization, coordination, and implementation of self-help economic strengthening initiatives. The PLHIV support groups will also be used to conduct index testing, social network testing, condom distribution, and Voluntary medical male circumcision (VMMC) activities. In addition, the service provider will optimize the fishing communities' linkage and retention efforts.
Lot 7	MSPH Tanzania LLC is looking for service provider to provide TBHIV services in Mwanza region. The incumbent will integrate HIV testing during TB community outreach events, collaborate with the health care providers to ensure fidelity of TB screening services in HIV care and treatment clinics, and support the facility level TBHIV 3I's implementation. In addition, by using TB expert clients, the service provider will navigate TB suspect clients to TB testing facilities. The service provider will also trace TB patients' contacts using TB expert clients for screening and TB diagnosis.
Lot 8	MSPH Tanzania LLC is looking for service provider to service the condom vending machines and convert some to dispense Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART). The vendor will also support the deployment and installation of other Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) dispensing machines as needs arise. In addition, the vendor is expected to support condom refill in the community vending machines and collaborate with the healthcare providers in refilling the ART machines in their respective facilities. The service provider will also be responsible for providing implementation reports and data for routine monitoring.
Lot 9	Mobile money payments for airtime, internet bundles and GePG payments.

A: Preliminary evaluation: To be evaluated tenderers must submit the following documents (mandatory requirements):

- Business introduction letter
- Business/company profile
- Valid business license and Certificate from relevant authority (if any)
- Tax identification number (tin)
- Valid tax clearance certificate
- Value added tax registration certificate (if any)
- Certificate of incorporation (if any)
- Article of association (if any)
- Manufacture authorization (if any)
- Memorandum of association (if any)
- Experience justification
- Letters for recommendation from at least two know well companies/organizations

Please submit certified true copies

B: Selection Criteria
MSPH Tanzania LLC will evaluate the responses based on a number of criteria that will include, but not be limited to:

- Experience in the specific assignment described in the Terms of Reference
- References and proof of strong customer base.
- Price - Value for money.
- Support and Service Management Capabilities-extensive list of quality of key staff proposed for this scheme
- Delivery capability demonstration and timelines - How quickly the services can be rendered.
- Financial stability/capacity.
- General qualification and suitability for the task to be performed.

Note:
While requesting for TOR please clearly indicate lot numbers your applying for The public tender opening will be made in presence of all bidders or their official representatives, we encourage all bidders to attend through zoom call and Zoom Call Link will be sent to all who applied only in advance of the meeting.

- Bidders are requested to submit Technical and Financial Proposals each be enclosed in a separate document and marked "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" respectively. The two documents shall then be enclosed in a single email.
- Bid documents will be sent to all the applicants via email address below upon request.
- Bids not received and opened in public at the public bid opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
- The tender validity period is 14 days.
- Selection criteria will be lowest price, technically evaluated/acceptable based on technical specifications and other criteria described above.
- MSPH Tanzania reserve the rights to disqualify any offer based on failure to follow solicitation instructions.
- MSPH reserves the rights to waive minor proposal deficiencies that cannot be corrected prior to award determination to promote competition
- MSPH will be contacting all those that have submitted quotes to confirm contact person, address and that bid was submitted for this solicitation.
- The evaluation of bids will be conducted as per MSPH Tanzania LLC - MSPH TANZANIA LLC Procurement Guidelines.
- All quotes must be in Tanzania Shilling

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Eligible suppliers meeting all stated requirements are requested to:-

- Request electronic tender document from Procurement department through TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu
- Submit one application for each respective lot they are applying for. If a supplier is applying for two different lots, each lot should have a separate application document with supporting evidence specifically for that lot.
- Interested, eligible suppliers should email their electronic proposals via email to procurement department at TanzaniaProcurement@cumc.columbia.edu
On email subject clearly indicate name of the company and LOT number applying for.

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Youth unemployment a global challenge:
African leaders must increase investments

WHEN African leaders converged for their summit on the 30th January, this year, they appended their signatures on the document which charted the path towards achieving the goals of the long drawn theme: "Harnessing the demographic dividend through investment in the youth."

The theme had been on the table for the past year and had witnessed various dimensions with the youth themselves fighting hard to be in the driving seat. Yes they will be allowed to be in the driving seat, but they will also need a strong investment from their political leaders for an overall success.

The decisions taken were critical for the survival of Africa's youth which make up a huge chunk of the continent's population. Such decisions avoided the route of imminent disaster.

Projections show that the continent's youth population is set to double by the year 2050 by which time Africa's population is estimated to reach 2.5 billion, with half being under the age of 25.

For the survival of, and to be fit into this society, the leaders should be projecting for the Africa of tomorrow and not to once again react to the problems of today.

The continent will be in need of 22.5 million new jobs to absorb the millions of young people that will be entering the Africa labour market every year. What this means is that the leaders should be committing themselves to talk about wealth creation and not managing poverty alleviation.

That, sadly, is what obtains today. Any strategic mistake in their decisions to invest in the youth between now and 2020 will spell another disaster for the continent.

The ONE campaign group has been strident in its campaign to the African leadership. With its more than eight million members worldwide ONE has been lobbying governments to spend more on education, health, agriculture, access to energy and job creation among other things with one basic aim, 'end poverty.'

In Africa in particular, where 51 million out of the global 130 million girls are denied the basic right to education, ONE has been putting pressure on the governments to create the avenue for these girls not only to go to school but to also improve outcomes and generate fit-for-purpose skills.

As ONE put it: "Poverty is sexist - it hits girls and women hardest. But educate a girl from a poor community, and it can dramatically improve her health, wealth and potential.

She's less likely to become a child bride, contract disease like HIV, or die young. And she could help lift her family and her entire community out of poverty."

It is true that African leaders have the power to increase investments in education, employment and empowerment, and could make sure every girl gets the chance to go to school and learn. If this is done it will be an opportunity to transform the future of the entire continent.

Leaders must develop and effectively implement policies that promote and support start-ups, flexible labour markets, facilitate the development of labour-intensive sectors that can compete globally, and liberalise trade - all of which will lead to job growth driven by youth's entrepreneurial energy. In addressing job creation they should also take a comprehensive look at training.

International Day for Universal Access to Information: Tanzania has much to show

ANYONE with access to a smart (mobile) phone or linked by computer to news sites and social media outlets knows how much information is on the finger tips, and often we have no real idea how vast it is. Most operators of such handsets and computers have some dwelling points within their reach or rather within reach of their minds, and it doesn't matter to them what is in other outlets - or isn't being seen.

In other words the general wish for access to information is vastly variegated.

An online chronicler says access to information plays an important role in the quest for development, democracy and equality, seemingly the basic reasons for thematically taking up the issue in the United Nations. The world agency whose key inspiration is to cultivate conditions for peace around the world promotes and protects access to information as a fundamental human right. It is for this reason that this observance day was created in 2015 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) as a platform for global reflection.

One illustration that Tanzania is not far from global aspirations and their realization is that this year's commemoration comes under the theme 'Artificial intelligence, e-governance and access to information.' The chronicler says that artificial intelligence and e-governance can play an important role to improve access to information in the digital world. Having access to tools like smart phones or computers help to bridge not just income divisions but a cultural divide, truth.

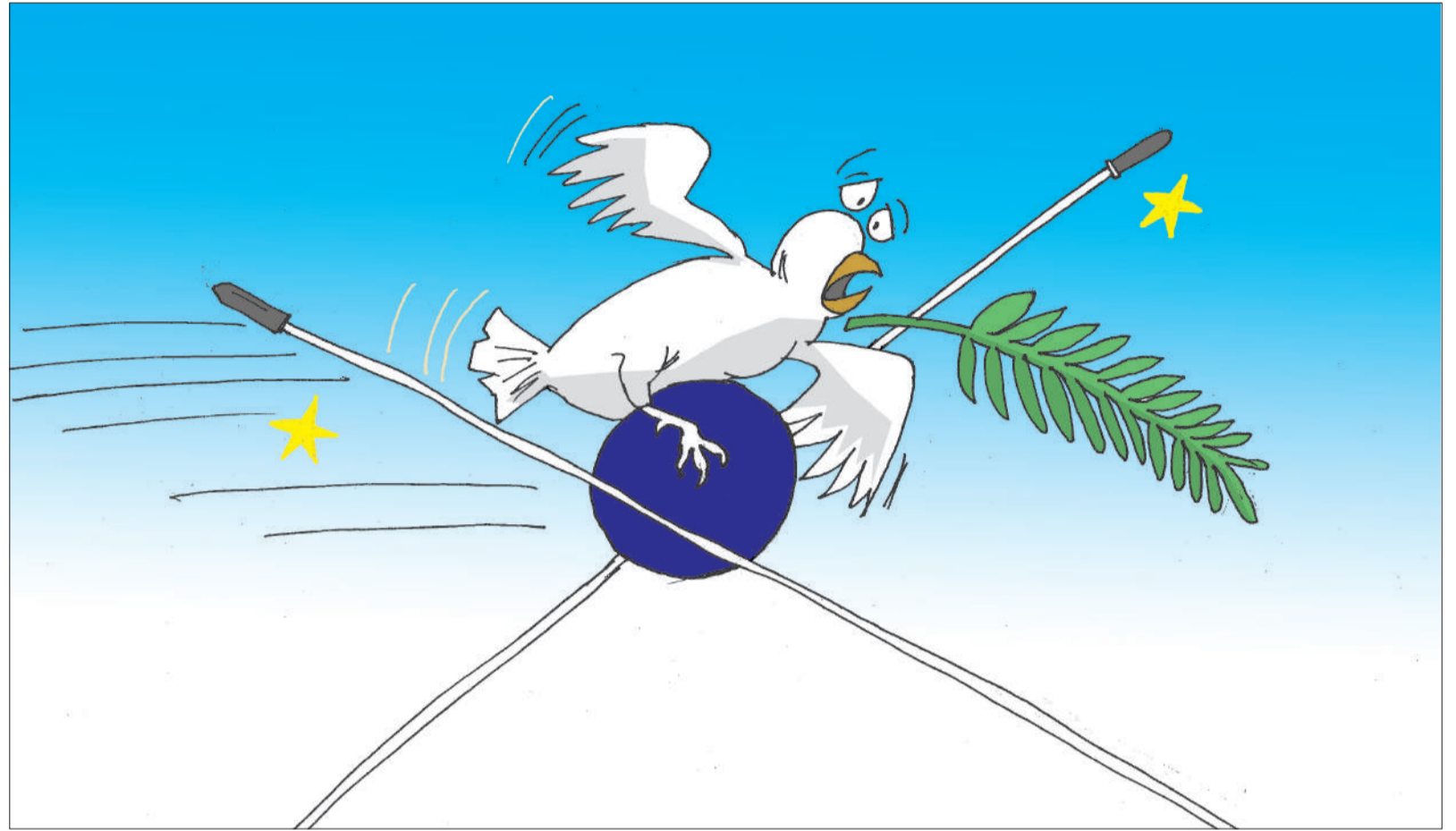
Indeed this is the first order of things in marking this day, that while civic activism focuses on

what is yet to be done, what is important about universal access, for all of humanity, to information especially in its digital context, is global transparency. The social media grapevine is a vast wagon of data on things that were in the past merely the sort of whispers that could circulate among the rich and powerful, but not anymore. This in itself democratizes society by diminishing the scope for lies.

The chronicler says for instance that by giving citizens' access to tailor-made and accessible information, the digital world assures the rendering of services that are more efficient. In the past dissatisfaction with services was usually confined to a 'suggestion box' whose contents were only divulged in an administrator's secluded office. Now it is posted online, accessible to citizens or users in a real time context.

Still, as the chronicler says, these developments also raise questions concerning fundamental rights of citizens as regards ethical use of artificial intelligence for instance, along with e-governance by public institutions. One such example was the Treasury innovation of taxing anyone dipping into his digital pocket (a bank account) to take cash from there, or transfer it to someone else. Eventually people started taking out money in bulk and hoarding it, pushing administrators to change.

This episode is likely to inform local discussions about the benefits and risks of e-governance and artificial intelligence. Writ large, it speaks volumes about practical tools or best practices in using unlimited access to citizens' data. It can be daunting for those making policies or decisions, and somewhat scary to try to grapple with its social implications; we can't think about it all.



Let's fight for what counts to end AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria

By Special Correspondent

NEXT week, taking place alongside the UN General Assembly, President Biden hosts a financing summit in New York of such importance that it will determine if millions of people live, will shape the world around us for years to come and will set the future direction of global health. At least \$18 billion is needed to fund the work of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

A successful replenishment of the Global Fund will help strengthen the fight against three of today's deadliest diseases and build more resilient national health systems capable of withstanding tomorrow's shocks.

The funding needs are particularly urgent in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic which caused such severe disruption to the delivery of essential healthcare, including HIV treatment, prevention and care services.

The latest data from UNAIDS has revealed a global faltering response to HIV, compounded by a continued decline in resources. Around 650 000 people died of AIDS-related illnesses last year, with tuberculosis remaining a major cause of death among people living with HIV.

There were also 1.5 million new HIV infections - over one million more than the global target set. New infections fell by only 3.6 per cent between 2020-2021, the smallest annual decline since 2016. New infections increased in 38 countries.

By Special Correspondent

LIBERIA declared independence in 1847 and immediately instituted a democratic form of governance. This, however, started off as a single party democracy which lasted for more than four decades, and was followed by almost a decade of military rule. Multi-party democracy through free and fair elections materialised in 2005 after the decade and a half of civil conflict that threatened the very existence of the nation and its democratic foundation. The country's first democratic succession from one party to another took place in 2017 after more than 170 years of nationhood.

Chapter three, Article 15 of the country's Constitution and the proceeding sub-sections, provide the foundational principle and guarantee of individual and collective rights to exercise freedom of speech in a form and manner consistent with international best practice. The government continued to improve the legal and regulatory environment for freedom of expression by repealing the law on defamation and seditious

infections continue to occur disproportionately among young women and adolescent girls aged 15-24, with a new infection every two minutes. The gendered HIV impact, particularly for young African women and girls, has taken place amidst severe disruption to HIV treatment and prevention services, millions of girls forced out of school, and spikes in teenage pregnancies and gender-based violence.

In sub-Saharan Africa, adolescent girls and young women are three times as likely to acquire HIV as adolescent boys and young men. Vulnerable groups of people worldwide such as gay men and other men who have sex with men have also been disproportionately affected during service interruptions.

If we don't more effectively prevent young people from getting HIV now, especially young women and adolescent girls, there will be millions more infections and deaths and the resources needed to end AIDS will increase further.

Stigma and discrimination that drives the epidemic among marginalized and criminalized groups of people must be tackled, including through law reform. And there must be bolder action to ensure that children living with HIV receive antiretroviral therapy as a matter of course - currently just half of HIV positive children are on life-saving treatment.

Giving young people the chance to live requires investment. But international solidarity in the fight against HIV and other global health

threats has been fraying. At a time when global leadership and an increase of funding is most needed, too many high-income countries are cutting back aid, and resources for global health are under serious threat.

In 2021, international resources available for HIV were 6 per cent lower than in 2010. Overseas development assistance for HIV from bilateral donors other than the United States of America has plummeted by 57 per cent over the last decade. The HIV response in low- and middle-income countries is US\$8 billion short of the amount needed by 2025.

Furthermore, global trade rules are obstructing low- and middle-income countries' production of pandemic-ending medicines, including new and emerging long-acting HIV medicines, and keeping prices unaffordable high.

The United States has already pledged \$6 billion to the 7th Global Fund Replenishment but this is contingent on other donors stepping up to fully achieve the \$18 billion target. Since it was created in 2001, the Global Fund has saved millions of lives by reducing the impact of HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria. It must be fully funded to carry out its work - and its partners too.

Recognizing the complementarity between the work of the Global Fund and UNAIDS, the US has also raised its contribution to UNAIDS by \$5 million for 2022. UNAIDS is on the ground in countries collecting the data that shapes the HIV response,

helping advance the removal of harmful laws and policies and the end of HIV-related stigma and discrimination, and generating an enabling environment where investments can be most effective. Its work is key to maximizing the effectiveness of national programmes financed by the Global Fund.

Member States of the United Nations have made a commitment to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda to deliver health and well-being for all, to achieve universal health coverage, and to build a more prosperous, equitable and sustainable world.

We can end AIDS. If we succeed - and the data is clear that we can - it will save millions of lives, be a pivotal moment for a healthier, more secure planet, and be a triumph of international cooperation.

But the investment is needed today. Let's fight for what counts.

Winnie Byanyima is Executive Director of UNAIDS and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Footnote: US President Joe Biden will host the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment Conference on September 21 in New York City. Founded in 2002, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria is described as a unique financing mechanism that relies on a dynamic partnership among governments, the private sector, and civil society to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), and malaria in ways that contribute to strengthening health systems.

Upholding press freedom in thriving democracy

in 2018, adopting several other laws including the Freedom of Information law and the establishment of the Independent Information Commission.

Liberia is also a signatory to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), article 19 of which embodies the principles of free speech.

FURTHERMORE, the Press Union in 2016 instituted a National Media Council which developed a Code of Conduct that allows journalists and media organizations to self-regulate. The country has a vibrant media landscape, with more than 40 newspapers, including online publications, and 130 radio and television stations, according to Reporters without Boundaries (RSF). This year, Liberia was ranked 75/180 on the World Press Index, an improvement from 2021, when it ranked 98/180. This is impressive.

Democracy thrives where freedom of speech and expression are upheld. It is therefore fitting that the UN, this year, dedicated the International Day of Democracy

to "Protect Press Freedom for Democracy". The media is critical for creating space for people to express their views, giving voice to the voiceless including groups such as the youth, women, and people with disabilities, all of whom are marginalized but critical for achieving the SDGs. The media is key to facilitating inclusivity and participation of the whole of society in democratic processes and governance.

One of the intrinsic principles of democracy is that the institutions of governance must be transparent and accountable, and governed with integrity. While the Liberian media are undoubtedly progressive in reporting and highlighting issues affecting the society, there is a need to step up their watchdog role to help national institutions foster a more deeply entrenched culture of transparency, accountability, and integrity.

BOTH MAINSTREAM and digital media, including social media, should foster deeper inquiry into how the country's governance institution's function and their effectiveness in delivering services

to the people of Liberia.

WHILE LIBERIA has made significant progress in establishing integrity institutions in its post-war era through the Anti-Corruption, Governance, Human Rights and Auditing Commissions, these institutions are yet to reach their optimal potential. The media are in a unique position to raise difficult questions on behalf of the people of Liberia on whether key governance institutions are performing optimally to improve the lives of ordinary Liberians and to achieve the objectives set out in the country's Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development.

The media must also take full advantage of the conducive working environment in the country to go beyond traditional reportage on civil and political rights, and seek to understand, explore, and highlight Liberia's progress towards achievement of the SDGs, holding to account the various duty bearers. More must be reported about access to basic services such as safe drinking water, quality health services, justice, and so on, as this is the essence of the SDGs.

Loneliness: The worst form of poverty we should all strive to avoid

THE most terrible form of poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved. American psychologist Abraham Maslow rightly said that the feeling of being unloved is a wretched emotion that stunts growth and happiness.

Finding love, which comes in all kinds, is an essential part of human life. Though not so much said, love is one of the basic human needs alongside food, shelter and clothing. I say so because there are people who have a lot of food but because of loneliness, they can't eat. Yes, if you are lonely, you can't sleep properly and your best dress will wear you!

Love is a real thing one can experience all over the world. It is not only romantic or intimate relationship but also relationships between siblings, parents, and grandparents as well as close friends and even acquaintances.

Love is a complex emotional state that is typically characterized by a genuine and selfless caring for the welfare and happiness of another, often to the point that people will make all kinds of sacrifices for that other. It can be found in all kinds of relationships and it is a good thing.

Unfortunately, love is not always easy to find. And it often has a way of dissipating over the course of relationships. So, love is a tricky beast, to say the least. Whenever you feel yourself on cloud nine you must be loved by someone or all in your surrounding for your job or your talent.

But whenever you think of your lowest moments in life, I am sure you felt decidedly unloved by your family, friends, and near and dear ones in those lowest moments of your life. Such moments being of unloved might include feeling unappreciated and unseen at a time when you wanted someone near you.

Experiencing betrayal in a long standing romantic relationship, being abandoned by a loved one or feeling dismissed or insulted by someone close to you can



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be horrible experience. Fallout of romantic affairs has the capacity to lead to full blown post-traumatic stress disorder.

Being unloved in childhood may affect you as an adult. Humans have an inherent need to be loved and accepted. A person who feels unloved faces difficult life. Life becomes meaningless without love and your wealth and possessions become meaningless without love.

Feeling unloved as a child or an adult have the same bad effects but children are more sensitive to handle this feeling whereas an adult can handle this feeling of being unloved better

"When a child is neglected, rejected or abused, the sense of being unloved—and deeply unlovable—tends to persist and affect all areas of that individual's life," wrote American clinical psychologist author Dr Carla Marie Manly.

It's a very common thing to have an unhappy childhood but the effects can run deep and long. So, what happens when a child doesn't feel loved when growing up? "When a person's first attachment experi-

ence is being unloved, this can create difficulty in closeness and intimacy, creating continuous feelings of anxiety and avoidance of creating deep meaningful relationships as an adult," says American expert in mental health Nancy Paloma Collins.

Children's brains are like sponges, says Manly. "They see, feel and notice parents' behaviors, attitudes, and energy. If parents don't model healthy emotional intelligence, their children won't develop strong emotional intelligence." She explains that an impaired sense of self usually develops when a child feels unloved, unwanted, rejected, neglected, abandoned and chronically criticized.

Trust issues are another common consequence of being unloved by parents while growing up. As a result, they tend to experience challenges trusting themselves and others throughout life. They end up trusting those who are not trustworthy and untrusting those who are trustworthy.

"When a child's parents withhold love or offer only criticism, the child grows up feeling incredibly insecure on the deepest of levels," Manly says and adds "A fear of failure can wreak havoc on a child's—and adult's—ability to take healthy risks and expand personally and professionally."

The feeling of being unloved can create a sense of isolation. As a result, children might

tend to isolate themselves through life. Some children are extremely sensitive but they become more sensitive for lack of love from their family in their early life.

When parents don't model stable, healthy, secure and loving behavior, a child will often grow up feeling conflicted and generally insecure. So it's quite natural to develop some negative mental health conditions from childhood after being unloved by parents.

Child emotional neglect or abuse can have long-lasting mental health impacts like anxiety disorders, depression, dissociative symptoms, substance use disorder, phobias and fears and many more. Whether you felt unloved by your parents or you experienced emotional neglect as a child, try to remember that you can heal at any time.

Be patient, give yourself grace to work through the effects of your unloving childhood and remember that finding healthy love in adulthood is possible by healing and validating your inner child, by practicing self-care and reading self-help books.

The best things in life are free. Being loved by someone is free of cost and worth living. All we need is love. Love the unloved. Remove yourself from anything that hurts your heart or those of others. Give and take love to make life better.

Confidence: The magic attribute we should instill in children at young age

By Thomas Lyimo

FORMER United States First Lady-turned author Michelle Obama famously wrote that "Your success will be determined by your own confidence and fortitude." And "Anyone who ever gave you confidence, you owe them a lot," said Truman Capote, American novelist and screenwriter.

Motivational speakers and career coaches all over the world are known for urging people to be confident so as to succeed in life. Confidence is being presented as that magic trait that can unlock doors and usher one into a life of endless opportunities, financial independence and the ultimate goal—happiness.

But to attain self confidence in most cases has not proved to be something easy. Teachers whose task is to mould individuals into their life dreams have not lagged behind in emphasizing to students to be confident so as to succeed academically and in their life ventures after school.

One of the methods teachers use is conducting debates. Despite all efforts towards building a society with confident individuals, the achievement is still minimal. The evidence for this is the failure by some politicians or government officials to do things which are common such as taking oath of office after an appointment.

We have repeatedly witnessed some high profile individuals fail to provide a clear account of important national issues when demanded to do so. The issue may be economic, for example tax arrears which may be discussed in the National Assembly with the aim of informing the public as it is their right to know the nature of a path that the government takes.

To achieve the common goal of building self-confidence for pupils and other individuals, we should start by understanding what it is. Misconceptions about the term may make teachers fail to inculcate this precious attribute into the minds of learners hence making shocks as individuals who are well educated fail to present issues clearly.

Believing in oneself and others constitute confidence but it also extends to believing what others say or believing that what you say will be kept secret. Because gossip is commonplace, it is really challenging when it comes to building confidence. Behaving in a friendly manner to pupils is what a teacher needs to do as the profession allows a teacher to relate to pupils but with some limits so as to treasure morals and prevent teachers being manipulated by naughty pupils.

A friendly environment should be created in school that enables a pupil



to talk freely without fear of the information being disclosed wrongly or in a negative way. Confidentiality is essential as it builds confidence as the pupils may not be asked by their fellows some disturbing questions which may cause discomfort and lack of confidence.

The importance of keeping secrets has urged the education authorities to em-

phasize on establishment of guidance and counselling units in schools and colleges. The government needs to make sure that the units exist and are operational. This will help students solve their problems comfortably while also creating an environment for good results.

It can be argued that even our leaders such as ministers who present is-

sues regularly in the National Assembly may need counselling services so as to maintain their morale and confidence as sometimes they are asked tough questions which may erode their energy.

Participating in school activities such as debates may help in creating and increasing confidence for pupils by improving language mastery and expres-

sivity which for many individuals, even those who are well educated, has been a challenge.

You may find that a pupil aspires to be a lawyer or a politician but they are afraid of debates. How then can they accomplish such goals? How can they stand in front of a judge or jury and defend a client? Can a person dodging debates with classmates address a political rally attended by thousands?

To build confidence, work must be done. It is undoubted that without knowledge it will be hard for someone to stand in front of people and talk unless they are comedians whose main objective is to make people laugh rather than articulate issues of national interest.

Teachers should encourage pupils to not only study hard but also help them be confident so that they can stand in front of others and present something. If someone understands well what they are going to present, the level of worry is reduced and this has been so for some of our politicians.

Helping pupils understand early their later career paths helps as those who will need to make speeches, presentations and submissions start practicing how to build confidence.

Teachers should always provide clear discourses on the effects of revealing others' secrets with a bad intention but encourage reporting of wrongdoing for the purpose of correcting and not shaming.

Sometimes children lose confidence when they are punished without being told the reason for the reprimand. They fail to defend their wrongdoing and hence become stranded. This situation impedes the confidence building process.

Although confidence building is not an easy task, let us work hard to achieve it because it is very important in enhancing personal, societal and national development. Where there is a will there's a way. Let us be confident.



Returning Zimbabweans face increased hardship, uncertainty in Harare

By Joseph Chirume

ZIMBABWEANS who have returned to their old country after working and studying for years in South Africa are battling to rebuild their lives.

Most were forced to make the move because of the South African government's announcement that after 12 years it is now scrapping the Zimbabwe Exemption Permit (ZEP). Returnees we spoke to have good memories of life in South Africa, the friends and places they have left behind, and the plans they had for their children's futures.

"It is painful to leave a place you have heavily invested in, and to be forced back into a country you fled because of corruption, dictatorship and an economy that is regressing," says Tapiwa Munda.

Munda sought asylum in South Africa. He worked in Yeoville selling fresh flowers. He learned flower cutting, arranging and marketing his blooms. But now he sells second-hand bags, joining the informal traders who line the dusty road that leads to the Bindura terminus in Harare.

It is taking him time to adjust to the harsh realities of Zimbabwe, he says.

Business picks up during the tobacco and cotton trading season, when the farmers come to town, flush with money to do some shopping.

Munodei Machingura worked



Tap water supply is unreliable in Chitungwiza in Harare. Some people now make a living carrying water for residents. File photo

for a decade as a domestic worker in East London. She has reinvented herself as an informal foreign currency dealer at the Roadport bus terminus in Harare. She said police often arrest money dealers and confiscate their holdings. She wishes the government would

regularise the trade for informal dealers like herself and stop the police from harassing them. She said she misses South Africa's free primary health care most.

Returnees have found that Harare is also struggling with tap water supply, but unlike

in South Africa, when the taps run dry there are no municipal water tankers.

Darkness Muchemwa, who works for a printing shop in Johannesburg, moved his wife and two children to Chitungwiza in June because of xenophobic tensions in South Af-

rica. He is paying \$110 per month for the two rooms he is renting.

The family spends \$60 a month to get potable water and \$40 for pre-school fees for their child. He is now saving up to sink a 40-metre deep borehole for water, but he needs \$1,200 to do it. He says it will take him more than two years to raise that money.

Another parent who did not want to be named said he still hoped to find a legal way to return and stay in South Africa. He said his children had been attending a primary school in Nelspruit where the annual fees were under R400 per child and there was a school feeding scheme.

"Unlike in the old days when government schools were free in Zimbabwe," he said, "learners are paying an equivalent of \$30 per term at public day schools."

"The schools here only teach for a few hours before resorting to private tutoring where learners pay another fee to educators. This means children from poor families are left out and disadvantaged," he said.

He had hoped that his children would finish grade 12 and go on to university in South Africa. He is now focused on getting enough money to send them back as international students.

Some Zimbabweans still in South Africa, who will find themselves with no legal papers to stay in South Africa after 30 June 2023, say returning home is not a realistic option. They are playing wait-and-see, hoping they will win in the courts.

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HANGZHOU

WHEN Adikin Rose Mary, from Uganda, married a Chinese man and settled in a Chinese village eight years ago, everything seemed strange to her. Now, she is no different from the local wives, speaking fluent Chinese and cooking authentic Chinese dishes. Her social media videos recording her daily life have become a hit on the internet.

Rose's videos are mostly about her cooking for her husband and son in Yecun Village of Suichang County, Lishui City in east China's Zhejiang Province.

She often shows the whole cooking process, from the field to the table, and cooks all kinds of dishes, from hot pot to Peking Duck and soup dumplings.

In her videos, she interacts with her family and neighbors amiably in Mandarin with a local Suichang accent.

The mouth-watering dishes, the countryside sceneries, lifestyle, and the uniqueness of Rose's identity have made her videos a hit on the internet. Since July last year, when she posted her first video, she has won 11 million followers on Douyin, the Chinese version of TikTok. "I just wanted to give it a try at the beginning. And I did not expect that I could win so many followers!" she said.

Rose, 29, was born and grew up in the countryside in Uganda. Eight years ago, she contacted a Chinese

Ugandan vlogger wins millions of followers recording China's rural life



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man, Wu Jianyun, online after Wu's cousin, who was working in Uganda, introduced them.

After getting along for a while, she made a courageous decision -- to travel to China. Later, Rose and Wu fell in love and decided to marry and set up a family in Wu's hometown Yecun Village. In the beginning, life was not easy for Rose.

She could not speak Chinese well, and her husband had to work in the city to earn money. Gradually, her Chinese became fluent, and with a bright personality, she made friends with her neighbors. She felt a part of the village.

Wu once worked as a chef, so Rose learned to cook from him. After their son was born, Rose's cooking skills improved by the day as she always made her son different foods. Inspired by China's booming short video market, she decided to share her life and cooking online. "It seems as if Rose is a local woman."

From her videos, we enjoy the beauty of life, appreciate the delicacies, and learn how to cook."

Rose's videos have been drawing floods of positive feedback from internet users. Currently, Rose has a five-person team for the film-

ing, and her husband has returned home to join her in making short videos.

During the past eight years, Rose has also witnessed changes in China's countryside.

"In the beginning, the roads and the villagers' houses were not as good as nowadays," she said, adding that most of the men went to work in cities away from home, while the development of the countryside is offering chances for young people to work at their doorstep.

In recent years, in line with China's rural vitalization strategy, the city of Lishui has been developing countryside tourism and rural industries to help farmers improve their livelihood. Rose is satisfied with her life and hopeful for the future.

"This is my ideal way of living -- the family staying together and our son growing up healthy and happy," she said.



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CAPITAL RADIO

RATIBA YA VIPINDI JUMATATU - JUMAPILI

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Medicine helps their HIV, hunger makes it hard to take

By Prudence Phiri

MARY Phiri walks frailly, occasionally wiping the morning dew from her arms as she searches for food in her maize field. She stops to inspect stalks of maize on her small farm in Rufunsa, a rural district about 160 km east of Zambia's capital Lusaka.

"The crops have failed us," she says.

Some of her stalks of maize are withering because of drought, and those that aren't have been infested by army worms. After a long search, she finds some not-so-healthy pumpkins and ears of maize. She wraps them in her chitenge, a colourful cloth that Zambian women often wear around their waists, and slowly walks back to her house, a small mud hut with a grass-thatched roof. She lies down on a reed mat to rest and asks her 16-year-old daughter to start a fire outside the hut. This would be their only meal of the day before Phiri, a widow who has been living with HIV since 2014, can take her antiretroviral drugs.

Economic hardship caused by the coronavirus pandemic, combined with poor food harvests due to erratic rainfall and outbreaks of army worms, means many Zambians living with HIV no longer have adequate nutrition. This has made taking medicine more painful and left them vulnerable to opportunistic infections.

Although Zambians living with HIV get free antiretroviral drugs from government health centres, proper food intake has remained a big challenge, says Felix Mwanza, the director at Treatment Advocacy and Literacy Campaign, a civil society organisation that advocates for people living with HIV/AIDS. "We are seeing a lot of people stop taking antiretroviral drugs because of lack of food," Mwanza says. "They fear the adverse effects that the drugs may have on their bodies once taken without food."

Antiretroviral drugs don't have to be taken with food, but the medicine can leave some patients hungrier and wanting to eat more often, says Corrine Zulu, a pharmacist based in Lusaka. Numerous studies also have shown that lack of a nutritional diet can reduce adherence to antiretroviral drug therapies, according to research published in the journal Health Care Women International.



Mary Phiri prepares a maize porridge, known locally as nshima, at her home in Rufunsa, Zambia. It is her only meal of the day before she takes her antiretroviral medication for HIV.

It could get worse. Climate change and inconsistent weather in Zambia continue to cause extreme events like floods and drought, which have led to crop failures, according to a country report published in 2021 by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Nutritionist Tsitsi Kapandamake says lack of adequate food makes people living with HIV prone to complications. That's because taking drugs on poor nutrition can exacerbate side effects and make a person more susceptible to other infections, further damaging the body. "It is advised that people living with compromised immune systems have a diverse diet and eat sufficient amounts of food frequently to help them fight infections," she says.

Zambia has one of the highest rates of HIV infection in Africa, with about 1.5 million people living

with the virus. In 2020, the country recorded an estimated 69,000 new HIV infections, according to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. Zambia adopted the World Health Organization guidelines that recommend treatment for anyone who tests positive for HIV, regardless of whether they show symptoms of illness. Just over 80% of Zambians living with HIV are on antiretroviral drugs.

A study of antiretroviral therapy in rural Zambia, which was published in 2012 in the journal *Annals of Clinical Microbiology and Antimicrobials*, found that at least 13% of HIV-positive people failed to adhere to antiretroviral drugs due to food insufficiency. And according to research published in 2017 in the *African Journal of AIDS Research*, 74% of HIV-positive people surveyed said they experienced

severe hunger.

Chrispin Makungu, a trader of secondhand clothes in Lusaka, says two years ago he lost his 39-year-old sister, who quit taking antiretroviral drugs because they were causing adverse side effects due to lack of food.

"She was struggling financially and could not afford proper meals," Makungu says. "The drugs made her really sick. She stopped taking them and got better, but later got even sicker and died."

Doreen Mwamba, minister of community development and social services, says the government is trying to identify families that can't afford food and helping them with cash allowances. "We are working hard to ensure every Zambian manages to eat properly," Mwamba says.

Since 2003, Zambia has run a programme known as Social Cash Transfer to help families that can't afford food. As of early 2022, the programme had reached more than 970,000 households, with a goal to reach more than 1 million by the end of the year, according to an analysis by the ministry. Every two months, beneficiaries receive 400 Zambian kwacha (about \$0.02), enough to buy about 25 kg of maize flour. The money is distributed as cash or sent to mobile wallets or bank accounts.

"Ending poverty is a multi-sectorial problem that involves all sectors," Mwamba says.

But the minister says that limited funds mean the government can help only people who meet certain requirements. As an HIV-positive woman with three children, Phiri qualifies. But she doesn't receive the cash. "I didn't know about it," she says. "I don't even know where to go to register."

Phiri says she was a beneficiary of the Farmer Input Support Programme, a Ministry of Agriculture initiative that gives free fertiliser and seeds to farmers, but the lack of rainfall and the infestation of fall army worms have led to a dismal harvest. She has thought about moving to Lusaka, where her family lived until 2017, when her husband died of AIDS, to try to find work. But her sickness has left her without energy. "When I feel hungry but there is nothing to eat, I get really weak," Phiri says.

The pieces of pumpkin and maize she eats with her children are boiled and consumed with water. Except for an occasional cup of hot water mixed with sugar, she has

Drought, land degradation eroding Africa's economy, says UNCCD

By Bennett Oghifo

THE African continent has lost 65% of its productive land over the last 70 years, while the population has grown by 600% and with a certainty that climate change will further accelerate this disruption.

The Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Ibrahim

Thiaw stated this at the 18th session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) in Dakar, Senegal recently.

He stated, "As we gather here in beautiful Dakar, large parts of the African continent are wilting."

Thiaw said the economy of some nations in Africa is being eroded by drought and desertification, and that "in some parts of Africa, such as the Sahel and Somalia, we

have already reached the tipping point."

According to him, "The Greater Horn of Africa is suffering its longest drought in 40 years. 50 million people in the region are suffering from acute food security with many heading to famine."

The dry spell is not sparing North Africa: Morocco, Algeria. Last year, it was Madagascar and parts of Southern Africa. The year before, the Sahel. There is hardly any

year where floods, drought or loss of fertile land is not hitting the continent. Millions are left without shelter, food, water or barely enough firewood to cook their meal.

"And yet, Africa is still not addressing the root causes of land degradation. Many governments still do not see desertification, land degradation and drought as a top priority."

It seems paradoxical to want to achieve food security,

to combat poverty and to reduce vulnerabilities while at the same time neglecting its soils and productive land.

"Ministries in charge of land and drought are still largely under-resourced. Local authorities are not empowered to tackle the Herculean task of restoring degraded lands."

"Yet, Africa is arguably the most vulnerable region to drought, desertification and loss of productive land. Are we not tired of seeing chil-

dren dying?

Are we not tired of seeing people leave their lives behind? Are we not tired of the scramble for emergency aid? For sure, I am. As a human being, as an international civil servant. But above all as a proud African. Many African nations have braced with droughts for decades. But are they ready to confront another dry spell?

Because there will be another drought. Because the

next drought will occur sooner than we thought. In fact, the next drought may already be here. Droughts are often followed by floods. Or vice versa.

Droughts and floods are twins. Desertification is robbing our fertile land, deteriorating our well-being and quality of life, and wreaking havoc on our social fabric, which is perhaps for Africa, the most valuable asset there is."

Enhancing regulatory capacity through TCRA's participation in ITU-PP

By Guardian Correspondent, Bucharest

THE International Telecommunications Union Plenipotentiary Conference (ITU-PP) kicked off this week in Romania's capital Bucharest as Tanzania looks forward to participating with hope for contributing in enhancing global policy and regulatory framework.

The conference which convenes every four years has begun is the highest decision-making body of the ITU and hopes to bring in vital discussions particularly in a time where telecommunications technologies are developing quickly.

The ITU PP-22 meeting will give Tanzania, together with other 193 ITU member nations, a strategic viewpoint for running the telecommunications sector. ITU is the United Nations specialised agency for information and

communications technologies (ICTs).

With delegates from around the world pursuing digital cooperation and transformation for the good of all, the Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority (TCRA) is expected to obtain global insights to use to promote the most cutting-edge and innovative communication technology necessary for shaping global digital growth.

The ITU's 21st Plenipotentiary Conference, known as "PP-22", will provide TCRA with a strategic perspective for managing the nation's telecommunications industry according to the regulatory Director General Dr Jabiri Bakari.

According to Dr Bakari, in this year's conference governments and nations will make coordinated decisions during the meeting about the crucial topics that will shape our digital future.



TCRA representatives at the ITU PP-22 opening ceremony in Bucharest, Romania on Monday are the authority's board member Dr Suleiman Mndewa (R) and the director of licensing and compliance John Daffa (L). Photo: Courtesy of TCRA

"Governments from throughout the globe will reach consensus on radio and satellite harmonization, telecom standards, and digital development in the vital venue provided by PP-22," he said.

Dr Bakari said in order to help Tanzania advance the roll-out of this eagerly awaited telecom technology; the summit will shed additional light on the path ahead of it.

Among other events, the election for the next Secretary-General of the ITU is scheduled to begin tomorrow. The ITU's senior management team will thereafter be elected.

After the conclusion of all elections, an estimated 2,500 delegates from the ITU's 193 Member States will decide on the organization's strategic and budgetary plans, as well as its four-year plan for linking the world.

At the conference, the Tanzanian delegation is led by the Ministry of Information, Communications and Information Technology, collaborating with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, TCRA, Tanzania Telecommunication Company Limited (TTCL), Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF), and the ICT Commission.

Ongoing hunger crisis is a historic shame, claim CSOs

By Special Correspondent, Nairobi

FUNDING for humanitarian assistance is urgently needed to end the spiraling, saddening and shameful hunger crisis in the East and Horn of Africa.

In a statement to the Press on Tuesday in Nairobi, Kenya, humanitarian and development organisations working in the region while urging for faster disbursement of funds from the global community also tasked governments in the region to prioritise provision of food and nutrition, rehabilitation of boreholes; and increased protection of

women and girls against rising sexual and gender-based violence, exploitation and abuse.

"The ongoing Climate - induced humanitarian crisis in the East and of Africa is building to be a shameful blot in human history. We are alarmed by the high levels of malnutrition affecting young people whose plight is oftentimes forgotten," said the statement.

"There is no, the rains have failed for the last five consecutive seasons. Farmers have been unable to harvest their crops for five consecutive seasons."

Maka Kassim Jubas, is a pastoralist woman from Garissa, who decried inaction by all levels of governance that has not provided water for her livestock.

"Pastoralist communities have lost much of their livestock, including camels, cattle, goats and sheep," she said.

Mary Likama, from hard hit regions of Kajiado said there is no food and water. Women and girl children risk their lives walking for the whole day looking for water.

"The little food available is unaffordable by the majority of the poor. People and livestock are dying because of

lack of food," she said.

Mithika Mwenda, the executive director of the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance said the current trends with droughts in the horn of Africa is genocidal and validates calls for financing loss and damage within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change mainstream.

He said while the world struggles to devise solutions with little grassroots involvement, evidence shows that communities have solutions.

"All that they need is financial support to promote their ideas and innovations," said Mithika.

George Owala, Country Director, VSO said the suffering pastoralists and communities go through as a result of the drought is a violation of human rights and leaders must be held accountable.

Susan Otieno, the country director of Action Aid Kenya said the UN must now realise that while discussions on climate change take place globally, impacts are local, with grassroots communities being the most hit. "The global north must begin to publicly acknowledge their contribution to the problems of drought and floods in parts of Africa and Asia. I laud countries like

Scotland and Sweden for their contribution towards funding adaptation but also urge others to come out and support efforts towards bolder climate action," she said.

Alarming in the Horn of Africa is that, at least 36.1 million people have now been affected by the drought which began in October 2020. This figure represents a significant increase from July 2022 when an estimated 19.4 million people were affected, reflecting the impact of the climate change-motivated drought in the region.

So far, data from various humanitarian organisations indi-

cate that 1.3 million children are acutely malnourished and so far hundreds have died in nutrition centres.

About 4.6 million children and 986,100 pregnant and lactating women in the region are acutely malnourished in the drought-affected areas. More than 16.2 million people cannot access enough water for drinking, cooking and cleaning, including 8.2 million in Ethiopia, 3.9 million in Somalia and 4.1 million in Kenya.

Participating organisations include the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, Action Aid, World Resource Institute, ADRA, VSO among others.

NAIROBI

Women's financial inclusion, empowerment in Kenya

Two-year-old child cries hysterically as his mother attends to customers standing in front of her stall to buy vegetables on the outskirts of the Kenyan capital Nairobi. The mother, 25-year-old Esther, who refuses to give her surname for fear her husband will know that she has spoken to strangers about family issues, sells spinach, onion, tomato, garlic, and green pepper at a street corner to supplement her husband's "meager" construction wage. It has been four years since she started the business, and she says it is beginning to feel like an eternity.

"I might be a village girl, but I have big dreams and ambitions, which unfortunately are being hampered by my selfish husband," the rural-born, uneducated woman tells IPS through a translator.

"I'm tired of selling on the streets, it's very cold here, and sometimes it's windy and hot. I need to rent a small shop and turn it into a convenience store that will sell anything from cigarettes and cold drinks to milk. But there are some important obstacles to overcome," she explains.

Esther does not have an identity document (ID), which represents the first obstacle to her dream coming true. According to a FinAccess February 2022 report published by Financial Sector Deepening (FSD) Kenya, 87% of the people in this East African nation without ID in 2021 are between 18 and 25, compared to 69% in 2019. There is the highest incidence of lack of national identity cards in Kenya's rural areas, mostly among women, and that has more than doubled since 2019, says the report.

It would appear that even if Es-



Women's financial exclusion in Kenya is not only a matter of having an ID or a chauvinist husband but is about financial institutions' attitude to women.

ther had an ID, her husband would not allow her to get a loan due to Kenya's misogynistic and patriarchal mentalities that put men in control of all household's financial decisions.

"My husband says he is the boss of the family, and therefore he must manage all the money that comes

in and advises how it is spent. All he knows is to count my money every evening, I don't see his pay slip, and I totally ignore how much he earns, except to tell me that he earns very little and that my business is vital to support his income to help pay the bills," Esther says emotionally, looking from left to right for signs of her

husband's return from work.

Many observers believe that women's financial exclusion in Kenya is not only a matter of having an ID or a chauvinist husband, but it is also about financial institutions' unfriendliness towards impoverished women like Esther and her neighbor Fridah.

"Who's going to lend money to people like us? I knocked on all doors, but nobody helped me apparently because I'm not qualified for a loan. I'm stuck here for the rest of my life with this business of selling fried fish on this street corner. Men are moving fast forward, while women remain static. It's complicated for us in this country," Fridah, a widow of four children, says.

A man identified only as Rasta says: "The problem with today's women is that when she starts making more money than you, she becomes rude, disrespectful, and arrogant. Then one day, when you wake up, she tells you she wants a divorce. That's totally un-African."

Another man sitting nearby intervenes, blaming the white people for brainwashing African women about gender equality. "There's no such thing in our culture and traditions. Financial inclusion for women, or whatever you call it, it's sheer nonsense. Not in my house. I'm in charge of everything, and it stays that way."

The US-based Center for Financial Inclusion (CFI) says without gender norm transformation, it is unlikely that women's financial inclusion will lead to meaningful economic empowerment.

"It is time to move away from gender-blind or gender-aware approaches to financial services toward a gender-transformative approach that explicitly creates gender-equal financial systems by embedding pathways for engagement on equal terms," it points out.

"Access to finance is one path to economic empowerment. Yet, women are disadvantaged in many ways, hindering their ability to access value-adding finance. For instance, on average, women are less educated than men, earn less income, and own fewer assets which makes them less likely to be considered or targeted in design of finance solutions," state Wanza Mbole Namboya and Amrik Heyer, two financial inclusion specialists of FSD Kenya, in an analysis published in March 2022.

Approached for comment, a Washington-based spokesperson for the International Financial Corporation (IFC) said: "Gender equality and economic inclusion are essential for economic growth and development. No country, community, or economy can achieve its potential or meet the challenges of the 21st century without the full and equal participation of women and men, girls and boys."

"Advancing economic inclusion means creating an economy that works for everyone. An inclusive economy ensures that all parts of society, especially poor or socially disadvantaged groups, regardless of their gender identity, sexual orientation, place of birth, family background, racial identity, age, ability, or other circumstances, over which they have no control, have full, fair, and equitable access to market opportunities as employees, leaders, consumers, business owners, and community members."

The Gender Global Gap Index 2022 published in July, which ranks Sub-Saharan Africa sixth (67.9%) in terms of regions that have closed their gender gap, says it will take the region 98 years to fully close its gender gap. Kenya ranks a distant 57th in the report, which puts Rwanda (6th globally) and Namibia (8th) top in Africa in closing the gender gap. South Africa emerged 20th.

Furthermore, the report deplors the rise of gender gaps in the workforce, describing it as "an emerging crisis".

As if cultural norms, identification issues, and lenders' unfriendliness towards women were not enough to suppress women's financial independence and economic participation in Africa, there seems to be a bunch of men who want to make sure that sexual favors become a sine qua non condition for women's advancement in the workplace.

Claire, who learned it the hard way, recounts: "I worked for 10 years for this company but never got promoted, let alone get a pay increase. But my male colleagues, whom we have the same level of education and who joined the company after me kept moving forward in all aspects."

"My boss told me face to face over and over again that unless I start sleeping with him, I'll stay in that same position forever. I was shocked but never gave in to his demands because I'm different from other women who sell themselves to indecent rich men for a pay rise or a higher position."

She ended up quitting and got another job. Asked if it even crossed her mind to open a case of sexual harassment against her former boss, she replies: "Which judge is going to believe me? Where is the evidence? At some stage, I thought of tapping our conversation, but I told myself it is no use."

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In this Puzzle you have no clues, only a list of words that all fit into the grid. The Guardian have given you a head start

WORD-FIT

CROSSWORD

SOLUTIONS

CLUES: Across

- 1 Deepest lake in Tanzania
- 2 dough made from maize flour and used to make tortillas, tamales
- 3 a picture in the mind
- 4 marks left on the skin
- 5 a mischievous child
- 6 the ability to appear effortlessly suspended while performing movements during a jump
- 7 as soon as possible (abbrev)
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DSE all shares index gains 8.04pct on week's opening

By Guardian Reporter

THE Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange All Shares Index (DSEI) opened the week green at 1,874.19 on Monday's close from 1,866.15 points during the closing day of last week.

The appreciation of the DSEI resulted from increase of share prices among two cross listed companies including East African Breweries Limited (EABL) and Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB), boosting the total market capitalization increase by 67bn/-.

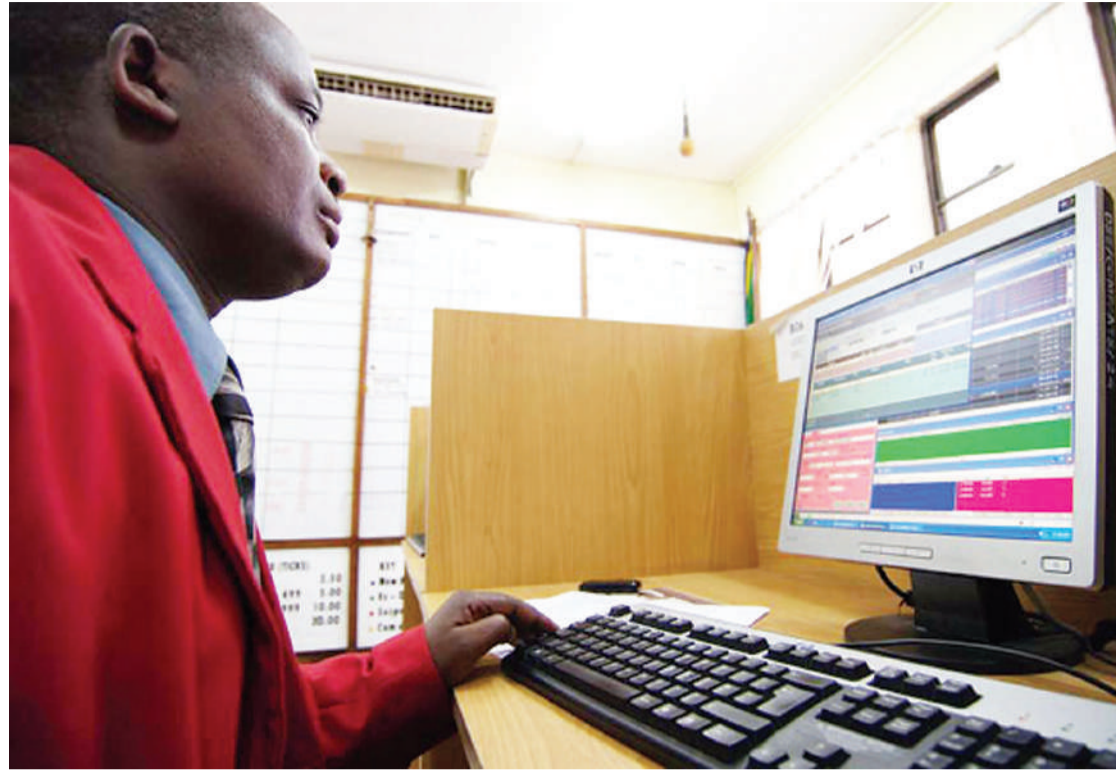
The market report shows EABL share price gained by 0.72 percent to 2,780/- on Monday close from 2,760/- recorded during the closing session of last week, which led into increase of mar-

ket capitalization to 2,198.35bn/- from 2,182.54bn/- respectively, maintaining its position as third largest listed company at DSE.

KCB Bank Plc share price increased by 2.63 percent to 780/- on Monday from 760/- on Friday last week. Its market capitalization also increased to 2,316.87bn/- from 2,257.46bn/- respectively, maintaining its second position as the second largest listed company at DSE behind Tanzania Breweries Limited (TBL).

According to the market report, a total turnover of 135.88mn/- was recorded during the opening day of the week from transaction of 127,877 shares traded in 78 deals.

All shares traded during the re-



DSE stock broker participates in a trading session. FILE PHOTO

viewed day were sold and bought by local investors, with listed banks being top movers.

NMB Bank moved the highest value of share trading amounting 99.93mn/- from transacting 35,687 shares traded in 22 deals at a price ranging between 2,800/-

and 2,840/-.

The market report shows CRDB Bank Plc was second top mover, in terms of value after transacting 70,311 shares valued 27.476mn/- traded in 31 deals at a price ranging from 390/- and 395/- per share.

Other counters which recorded

shares trading during the opening day of the week were NICO which transacted 9,600 shares valued 3.36mn/- transacted in four deals and DCB Bank which recorded a turnover of 1.718mn/- through transaction of 10,110 shares traded in three deals at 170/- per share.

DSE Plc transacted 650 shares valued 1.235mn/- in six deals at a price of 1,900 per share. The bank's share price declined by 5 percent during the reviewed period to 1,900/- from 2,000/- recorded on Friday last week.

The decrease of DSE Plc share price slowed down the Tanzania Shares Index (TSI), which measures the performance of locally listed companies to 3,877.75 points from 3,878.65 respectively.

Other movers during the opening day of the week, according to the market report were Tanzania Portland Cement Company Limited (TPCC) which transacted 344 shares valued 1.307mn/- traded in two deals at a price of 3,800/- per share.

Swissport recorded a turnover of 459,000/- from transaction of 270 shares, TCCL transacted 120 shares valued 180,000/-, TOL Gases transacted 200 shares valued 140,000/- while Vodacom transacted 10 shares valued 7,400.

On the other hands, the report shows that government bonds with the face value of 450mn/- and transaction value of 510mn/- and corporate bonds with face value of 30mn/- and transaction value of 25.23mn/- were recorded during the opening day of the week.

Tigo launches campaign to charm mobile money customers

By Francis Kajubi

TIGO Tanzania customers will have a chance to travel to win return air tickets to Qatar to witness various FIFA 2022 World Cup matches, with the mobile phone service provider having partnered with Hisense to launch a promotional campaign on mobile money and data services.

Through the campaign, customers are encouraged to make frequent payments through TigoPesa to stand a chance of entering the draw. Any customer who subscribes to an airtime or data bundle worth 500/- and above through TigoPesa qualifies to enter the draw.

Addressing the press yesterday in Dar es Salaam Tigo's Head of Mobile Financial Services Angelica Pasha said that through the 120 days campaign dubbed 'Wakishua Twenzetu Qatar na Hisense', 50 customers will win tickets to witness number of 2022 World

Cup matches, expected to commence late November this year.

The 50 winners will enjoy a return air ticket to Qatar, accommodation and allowance on the days of travel, during the match day and on the returning date.

However, another 30 different customers who will command enough mobile money transactions and bundles subscriptions as per scheduled criteria will be awarded a package of home electronic devices. The package will include a TV set, fridge, sound bar, and a microwave.

"In getting the winners the Tanzania Gaming Board will be consulted to ensure there is transparency. Winners will be announced on a weekly basis throughout the 120 days of the campaign," said Pasha.

Woinde Shisael, Tigo's Communication Manager said that the company is expecting an increase in mobile money transactions and bundle subscrip-



Tigo campaign influencer Feisal Salum Feitoto, speaks to 'colleague' Aishi Manula (L) through Skype during the launch in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Witnessing the conversation is Woinde Shisaeli, Tigo Communications Manager. Photo: JUMANNE JUMA.

tions. She said the winners will go to Qatar in groups to witness the matches.

Zishan Dewji, Hisense Marketing Manager said that the company has chosen to partner with Tigo in offering the electronic devices so that their customers can enjoy watching the world cup matches with their families. "The prizes come in packages. Every winner of the 30 Tigo customers will be provided with a package of a TV set, fridge, sound bar, and a microwave. This is to share the world cup experience with our customers," he said.

According to the Tanzania Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (TCRA) Quarterly Communication Statistics of June 2022, Tigo holds 27 percent of the subscriptions market share with 14.92 million subscribers.

TCRA statistics shows that between April and June this year Tigo led the list of mobile companies with high registration of new 1,104,726 subscribers. As of June this year Tigo has registered a total of 9,741,757 mobile money accounts.

The number of Tigo mobile money accounts is equivalent to 26 percent of the total current market subscription that puts the company at number two of the five carriers.

TBL, Smartlab partnership to transform innovations ecosystem

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Breweries Limited (TBL) and Smartlab have said will continue to collaborate in creating a platform for discussion that will help to transform Tanzania's innovation ecosystem.

This was said after Smartlab hosted its 5th edition of the corporate unwind session with TBL managing director Jose Daniel Moran Ramirez held in Dar es Salaam recently, according to a press statement issued by Smartlab.

Smartlab is the innovation wing of Smart Africa Group (SAG) that aims at empowering communities of learners, startups, and corporates to develop groundbreaking solutions that impact Tanzania, Africa, and beyond.

The session was attended by various stakeholders including youths, startup founders, professionals, business people, and members of the tech/innovation community who listened, learned, shared, and connected with the top-



TBL managing director Jose Daniel Moran Ramirez (L) speaks at the Corporate Unwind held recently in Dar es Salaam. He is with Smart Africa Group CEO Edwin Bruno. PHOTO/ SMARTLAB

level corporate who is a leading light and a trailblazer in his industry.

When quizzed on how they have been able to come up with products that consumer love, Ramirez said: "We use a lot of Science and scientific methods to create brands that customer love."

He reiterated that customer feedback is the art behind understanding what works best for their market but leverages on technology, innovation, and scientific methods to produce the best drinks.

His advised budding entrepreneurs and startups to "stop getting to attached if things doesn't work".

"In business, products flop and brands fail in the market. Use your Emotional intelligence in amplifying new features that are loved by the end user," he said.

Edwin Bruno, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Smart Africa Group (SAG) who doubled as the moderator of the event, said the technological advancements have increased opportunities for Innovation, giving example of Accelerator 100+; an AB InBev and partners' initiative that is committed to finding solutions for some of the most pressing environmental and social challenges of our time.

During the session, he rallied the audience by reminding them that the responsibility to resolve the challenges in society today does not rest with one single entity but a collective effort.

He called for more C-suite leaders and experts to be ready and willingly share their knowledge and experiences in the upcoming Corporate Unwind events in future.

By Mohi Narayan

Oil rises as focus turns to supply cuts

OIL prices rose more than 1 percent on Tuesday, after plunging to nine-month lows a day earlier, amid indications that producer alliance OPEC+ may enact output cuts to avoid a further collapse in prices.

Brent crude futures for November settlement rose \$1.17, or 1.39 percent, to \$85.23 per barrel by 0644 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures for November delivery were up \$1.13 at \$77.84 per barrel.

On Tuesday, the greenback came off the 20-year highs touched on the previous day, providing some relief to the oil market.

In the previous two trading sessions, Brent plunged 7.1 percent while WTI slumped 8.1 percent under the dual pressure of a surging dollar that makes greenback-denominated crude more expensive for buyer using other currencies and mounting

concerns that rising interest rates will trigger a recession that will curtail fuel demand.

Officials from major producers reacted to the past days of declines by indicating they may take action to keep price stability.

Iraqi Oil Minister Ihsan Abdul Jabbar on Monday said the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies including Russia, known

as OPEC+, were monitoring the oil price situation, wanting to maintain balance in the markets. "We don't want a sharp increase in oil prices or a collapse," he said in an interview on Iraqi state TV.

Analysts said further sell offs in oil markets could see OPEC+ intervene to support prices by collectively reducing their output.

"If we are to see cuts, they will

need to be quite a bit larger than the 100,000 barrels per day (bpd) agreed at the last meeting in order to have a meaningful impact on the market," analysts at ING Economics said in a note.

OPEC+ boosted output this year after record cuts put in place in 2020 because of demand destruction caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the organization has failed in recent months to meet its

planned output increases, undermining the effectiveness of any announced output reductions.

Disruptions from the Russia-Ukraine war are adding to a jittery market amid a lack of clarity over a planned European Union price cap on Russian oil exports that is expected to start in December.

"We foresee prices to witness recovery towards \$80 a barrel

for WTI, while for Brent, prices look to rebound towards \$87 a barrel," said Sugandha Sachdeva, vice president of commodity research at Religare Broking.

The expected arrival of Hurricane Ian caused BP Plc and Chevron Corp to shut in production on Monday at offshore oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, the top U.S. offshore production region.

The category 2 storm was in the Caribbean and forecast to become a major hurricane within two days.

Tanzania needs to introduce self-help groups on cashew farming, says Indian expert

By Beatrice Philemon

TANZANIA government needs to introduce Self Help Groups among cashew nuts smallholder farmers to help them increase yields and quality of the crop.

This was said by India based Gi Agro Technologies PVT LTD project manager, Pranatharthiharan Surianarayanan (pictured) at the just ended International Trade Exhibition on Food, Packaging, printing, Plastics

products, equipment and machinery held in Dar es Salaam last week.

The support will also be extended to rural women including training them agronomy practice, how to use right fertilisers, pesticides, marketing, how to add value and how to reduce post-harvest losses.

"We need to teach them because if you teach a man or woman to fish or cultivate properly, he/she will boost their incomes and the gov-



ernment will also generate taxes," he said.

Through SHGs, he said, farmers will be grouped together and will be easier

for the government to identify their needs for quick assistances.

He also said the government should introduce credit guarantee scheme

especially for women and youth to enable them access loans at affordable rates to purchase modern cashew - nut processing machinery for adding value to the crop.

He said the government including stakeholders in the sector need to help farmers because there is a slogan which says "If you give a man a fish, he will be hungry tomorrow, but if you teach a man to fish, he will be richer forever".

"I was in Tanzania for three days to introduce our cashew-nut processing machinery so that smallholder and big farmers can see them and we are ready to support farmers to access our machinery to adding value," he said.

The displayed machines include raw cashew nut cleaning, de-stoning and bagging system, HMT boiler, RCN steam roasting system, RCN sizing system and RCN shelling system.

Others includes cashew nut kernel tray filling system, cashew kernel drying system, kernel feeling system, dicing system, cashew kernel pieces sizing system and dry roasting system, sorting and grading solutions, cashew kernel color and size sorter, cashew pieces color and size sorter as well as

X-ray foreign matter detector.

Also, the company has managed to manufacture packing system machines that include pre-packing inspection system, pouch packing system and pouch packing machine.

According to him, all these machinery can be fabricated in Tanzania and turn Tanzania to be the cashew Hub for entire Africa.

"The excellent performance of our machines had made the cashew processing industry around the world to look up to us for technology upgradation from time to time," he said.

Also as part of our continuous growth plan, we have introduced Artificial Intelligence into RCB color grading and sorting towards technology upgrade," he said.

Empowering rural women within their localities will assist them to produce high quality cashew and will prevent villagers to cut cashew trees for charcoal making and firewood.

Self Help Group of farmers in villages can initiate the transformation. Similar model successfully adopted in India can be implemented in Tanzania.

Bodaboda riders get free engine lubricants in Iringa



Mohammad Enterprises Tanzania Limited service manager Sam v Varghese (left) pictured in Iringa municipality yesterday at a training and service camp meant to provide free engine oil to bodaboda riders who also sold oil filters at a discount price. (Photo by Correspondent Friday Simbaya)

By Friday Simbaya, Iringa

MORE than 200 bodaboda riders in Iringa municipality have benefited from free engine oil as well as discounted spare parts from Mohammad Enterprises Tanzania Limited (MeTL).

MeTL held a free service camp for motorbike riders in Iringa on September 25, 2022, with the goal of sup-

porting bodaboda riders and instructing them how to properly maintain their boxer motorbikes in order to reduce maintenance costs and increase profits.

Speaking to the Guardian reporter yesterday Mr. Sam v Varghese, who is the Service Manager, METL Bajaj, said they have provided free engine oil to 200 Iringa riders, as well as discounted spare parts.

He said that the METL Company owns a branch of motorbike Boxer and Bajaj that will start in October 2022 in Iringa, also METL Bajaj has provided a free training program for bodaboda and bajaj technicians of

Iringa Municipality.

The training and the oil service camp, providing free service and selling oil filters at a discounted price, were held under the supervision of Mr. Sam v Varghese, Service Manager, METL Bajaj.

The Bodaboda, motorcycle taxis commonly found in Tanzania, have been providing transportation and delivery services to over millions of people across Tanzania.

Bodaboda and bajaj help drivers to earn an income to improve their overall quality of life and provide education to their children.

Moreover, their earnings help to start additional businesses and increase their total income.

As they operate, they also face certain challenges related to the high cost of obtaining loans, insurance coverage, and road accidents.

Government and regulatory bodies have been working to regulate and formalize the bodaboda sector.

As part of the efforts, bodaboda operators have been urged to form savings and credit cooperative societies (SACCOS).

CBK pressurised by rich to raise borrowing rates

NAIROBI

WEALTHY investors and financiers like banks and pension schemes are putting pressure on the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) to increase the cost of government borrowing as global hikes in lending rates make local assets less attractive.

Investors are unwilling to lend the government billions of shillings in a push for higher interest rates, signalling a funding headache that awaits the new administration.

But the CBK has resisted efforts to push bond rates above the 14 percent mark, which will reward investors while making it costly for the Treasury to borrow amid risks of commercial bank lending rates could spike.

Since July this year, the CBK has borrowed Sh93.2 billion in bonds, which is 58.2 percent of the Sh160 billion sought by the government.

The CBK may have to accept higher-priced bids if it is to improve the performance rate of bond issuances going forward, analysts warn.

"Expectations of higher inflation coupled with the sovereign's preference for local deficit financing continues to boost interest rate projections," NCBA Group said in an economic update.

"The CBK has, however, remained keen on rejecting expensive bids in an effort to contain the upward adjustment in yields as well as anchor the government's cost of borrowing."

The CBK faces the challenge of keeping borrowing costs manageable for the new administration amid the reluctance to access foreign commercial loans due to their surging costs.

The Treasury recently abandoned plans to float at least \$1 billion (Sh120 billion) Eurobond after interest demanded by investors doubled to about 12 percent from 6.3 percent a year earlier for a similar amount.

Kenya has in the past three financial years largely tapped cheaper concessional loans, helping slow down the accumulation of expensive short-term foreign commercial credit and loans from rich countries which largely come on semi-concessional terms.

The rise in global borrowing costs is highly unwelcome to developing countries, many of which are struggling to return to pre-pandemic economic output levels.

The costly borrowing costs are tied to the decision by a host of central banks from across the world to raise interest rates in a global fight against inflation that is sending shockwaves across financial markets and economies.

The US Federal Reserve set the pace on Wednesday with a 0.75 percent rate hike, its fifth since March, and a half dozen central banks from Indonesia to Norway followed suit with rises of similar or identical size within hours.

Low returns in the Kenyan market means investors are seeking better returns in foreign markets that have recently become more attractive as global rates increase.

Investors have demanded over 14 percent for three long-dated bonds, but the CBK only accepted 13.9 percent on a 15-year bond, 13.9 percent on a 20-year bond and 13.8 percent on another 15-year bond.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, the Treasury has floated four bonds in nine tranches, most of which have fallen significantly short of raising their target amounts.

This has led the CBK, which acts as the government fiscal agent, to reject bids worth Sh66.8 billion since July.

High oil prices push energy, utilities index by 9.6pct

By Guardian Reporter

THE increase oil prices in the world market has increased the energy, fuel and utilities annual index by 9.6 percent over the last 12 months ending August, three times of the core index and 0.6 percent higher than non-core index.

Core Index excludes items with volatile prices that include unprocessed food; energy and utilities. It covers 297 items and the share of weight to total NCPI weight is 73.9percent.

The trend has been experienced despite the government subsidy programme on fuels.

Data by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) shows energy, fuel and utilities index reached 115.29 in Au-



gust this year from 105.19 in August last week.

NBS has reported that by July 2022, domestic prices of petrol, diesel and

kerosene increased by 31.1 percent, 40 percent, and 51.9 percent, respectively, relative to the corresponding period in 2021.

Domestic pump prices of petroleum products have been rising in line with prices in the world market during the period under review, reflecting the effects of war in Ukraine and residual effects of COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the World Bank, the average price of crude oil per barrel in the world market increased by 65.1 percent to \$91.81 during the year ending July this year from \$55.61 recorded in July last year.

The price of crude oil Bent increased by 65.6 percent to \$93.95 per barrel in July this year from \$56.74 in July last year while the price of crude oil Dubai f.o.b jumped by 64.5 percent to \$91.45 from \$55.61 per barrel respectively.



Egypt's import squeezing disrupts economy

CAIRO

CHRISTEEN Aiad from eastern Cairo had been hoping to buy a small automatic car this year, but rules preventing importers trading in scarce dollars put paid to that and she is having to get around on her bicycle instead.

The war in Ukraine has deepened Egypt's economic woes. It sent the import-reliant nation's bill for wheat and oil soaring and with it the need for dollars, and crushed tourism from two of its largest markets - Ukraine and Russia, a key source of hard currency.

A loss of confidence in the weakening Egyptian pound and an exodus of local and overseas investors from short-term government paper have contributed to dollars running short.

Unfortunately for those planning purchases like Aiad, the new import rules brought in earlier this year to stem shrinking foreign currency reserves and shore up the pound resulted in shortages of goods, lifting inflation near four-year highs.

"Even second-hand cars have become out of reach," Aiad, 38, said after the car she wanted jumped 75% in price since she began looking last year, mirroring price rises for some other imported goods. "I lost hope and decided to live without a car."

The car sector has been among the worst hit but the import crunch has affected everything from electrical components to textiles and spare parts, traders said.

This week the central bank, where the governor was abruptly replaced in August, eased the restrictions slightly by allowing companies to use foreign currency deposits or transfers to secure letters of credit to pay for imports, according to new regulations widely reported in local media. The central bank did not respond to a request for comment.

But the import bottleneck is expected to



Egypt's annual finished vehicle imports, previously worth about \$8 billion, are expected to drop by more than half this year. FILE PHOTO

drag on. Egypt's annual finished vehicle imports, previously worth about \$8 billion, are expected to drop by more than half this year, said one senior industry executive. Prices of popular used cars have doubled and some traders are hoarding them in expectation of further hikes, according to two second-hand car dealers in Cairo.

"There's a buying frenzy stemming from people's fears about what may happen later," said a third used car dealer in the Egyptian capital, Hany

Ahmed. "Some are buying cars as a store of value in light of the local currency devaluation."

Dollars disappear

In April-June, imports of consumer durables fell by 57% from the same quarter the year before, according to the most recent quarterly figures from the state statistics agency.

Into the summer, some clothing retailers unable to secure new seasonal stock left winter collections on the shelves.

Bankers say dollars have largely disappeared from the interbank market, and traders say that for most people, securing hard currency through a letter of credit to be able to import goods has become a long and frustrating task.

Net foreign assets in the banking system fell to the equivalent of a negative 369 billion Egyptian pounds (\$19 billion) in July from a positive 248 billion in July 2021 as the central bank drew them down to support the value of the currency against the dollar, according to central bank data.

Foreign currency reserves slipped to \$33 billion in July from \$41 billion in January despite an influx of cash from Egypt's Gulf allies and the new import rules.

US Federal Reserve rate hikes that started in March have complicated Egypt's efforts to attract local and foreign borrowing to plug current account and budget deficits.

With rising debt, Egypt has been negotiating for a new loan with the International Monetary Fund since March to help shore up its economy.

In the meantime, the Egyptian pound has lost more than 22% of its value against the dollar since March.

Backlog at ports

Exemptions were granted for essential goods and industrial inputs before the latest import rule easing from the central bank, but agents have still struggled to pay for the letters of credit needed to get cargo released and diplomats say some exporters to Egypt have become wary.

A trade ministry spokesman declined to comment on the reported difficulties.

"There are stockpiles of goods stacked at customs," said Ahmed Shiha from the importers' division at the Cairo Chamber of Commerce. "Some cargoes could be stuck (at ports) over three or four months."

The construction sector, which helped keep Egypt in economic growth through the COVID-19 pandemic, has been impacted by the delays, developers said.

"I can't say there are projects that have stopped, because the real estate sector uses a lot of locally produced materials. But there may be projects that have delayed openings by two months for example, so people can get their imports in," said Mohamed Hany el-Assal, CEO of Misr Italia Properties.

Even some goods many would consider essential have been affected. One Cairo pharmacy owner said Egyptian medicine suppliers are having trouble importing foreign-made drugs, while local manufacturers have cut production because of difficulty importing active ingredients.

Officials say reserves of strategic commodities including wheat have been maintained.

Tea prices register a marginal gain at Mombasa auction

By Gerald Andae, Nairobi

TEA prices at the Mombasa auction rose marginally in last week's sale, easing the slide that had hit the market in the previous four sales on account of lower demand in the international market.

Data from the East African Tea Trade Association (Eatta) indicates that the prices of the beverage rose to \$2.25 (Sh272), up from \$2.24 (Sh269) in the previous sale and \$2.20 (Sh265) four weeks ago.

World Bank commodities prices report shows the global price of tea (Mombasa Auction) increased by 24.8 percent to \$2.43 in July this year from \$1.95 in July 2021.

The prevailing low prices, however, resulted in the volume of tea withdrawn from the market hitting 33.5 percent from 31.2 percent previously.

Producers withdraw their tea from the auction floor if prices are not in their favour but they re-offer it in the next auction.

The auction also recorded an increase in the volume of tea offered for sale, which was 276,000 more than the previous trading.

During the sale, Pakistan Packers, Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries lent strong support with more but selective interest from Afghanistan and Kazakhstan.

"Egyptian Packers maintained inquiry but at lower levels while UK and Sudan showed selective interest. Russia and Iran were quiet while local packers showed some activity," said Eatta.

The falling prices had earlier been attributed to low demand for the commodity at the auction following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February, which disrupted the market.

The Russian war on Ukraine cut the tea exports to the Asian nation by more than half a billion shillings in the first quarter, according to the regulator.

Farmers allied to the Kenya Tea Development Agency Holdings (KTDA) saw their earnings rise 42.4 percent to Sh62.8 billion in the year ended June when the price of the commodity rose by double digits. The payout was the highest received in five years.

The 26.6 percent price jump was helped by the government's introduction of a minimum tea price per kilogramme of \$2.43 for KTDA stocks starting July last year



A woman picks tea leaves at Gathehu village in Nyeri county

ITV PGM SCHEDULE		
TUESDAY 27 Sept		
5:00	Igizo rpt: Uzalo	16:30
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	17:00
6:00	HABARI	17:30
6:40	Kumekucha	18:00
7:30	HABARI	18:15
8:00	Kumekucha Michezo	18:30
8:55	Habari za saa	19:00
9:00	Kumekucha Kishindo	19:30
9:30	Soap: I Plead Guilty	20:00
10:00	Watoto wetu	21:05
10:25	Jagina rpt	21:15
10:55	Habari za saa	21:40
11:00	The Base rpt	22:00
11:55	Habari za saa	22:15
12:00	Al Jazeera	22:30
12:30	Alya ya jami	22:45
12:55	Habari za saa	23:00
13:00	Kipindi maalum rpt: Benki ya Ushirika	23:30
13:40	Shikabamba	23:45
13:55	Habari za saa	00:00
14:15	Igizo rpt: Rebecca	00:00
14:40	Igizo: Mizengwe	00:00
14:55	Habari za saa	00:00
15:00	Meza Huru	00:00
16:30	Watoto wetu	00:00
17:00	The Base	00:00
18:00	Jiji Letu	00:00
18:15	Mapishi	00:00
18:30	Kipindi Maalum: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ - Live	00:00
19:30	Soap: I Plead Guilty	00:00
20:00	HABARI	00:00
21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Maisha ni Nyumba	00:00
21:30	Kipindi Maalum: NSSF	00:00
21:45	Chetu ni chetu	00:00
22:30	Soap: Uzalo	00:00
23:00	Habari	00:00
23:30	The Base	00:00
00:30	Al Jazeera	00:00
02:00	DWTV	00:00
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10:25	Uchumi wetu	21:40
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11:00	The Base rpt	22:15
11:55	Habari za saa	22:30
12:00	Al Jazeera	22:45
12:30	Bundesliga rpt	23:00
12:55	Habari za saa	23:15
13:00	Dakika 45 rpt	23:30
13:55	Habari za saa	23:45
14:00	Chetu ni chetu rpt	00:00
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15:00	Meza Huru	00:00
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17:00	The Base	00:00
18:00	Jiji Letu	00:00
18:15	Korean: Jumong	00:00
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18:30	Jagina	00:00
19:00	Usafiri Wako	00:00
19:30	Soap: I Plead Guilty	00:00
20:00	Habari	00:00
21:05	Malumbano ya hoja	00:00
23:00	Habari	00:00
23:30	The Base	00:00
00:30	Al Jazeera	00:00
02:00	DWTV	00:00
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12:00	Al Jazeera	22:45
12:30	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco	23:00
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14:00	Kipindi Maalum rpt: Sema na Mahakama ya TZ	00:00
14:30	DWTV rpt: Kesho leo	00:00
14:55	Habari za saa	00:00
15:00	Meza Huru	00:00
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5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	16:30
6:00	HABARI	17:00
6:40	Kumekucha	17:30
7:00	Habari	18:00
8:00	Al Jazeera	18:15
9:00	Watoto Wetu	18:30
10:00	Kipindi Maalum: FAO	19:00
10:30	Shika Bamba 5	19:30
11:00	Mjuzi Zaidi rpt	20:00
11:10	Chetu ni chetu rpt	20:30
11:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo	21:00
12:40	Usafiri Wako rpt	21:30
13:10	Korean: Jumong rpt	22:00
13:30	Soap: I Plead Guilty rpt	22:30
16:10	Igizo: Mizengwe	23:00
16:30	Igizo: Rebecca	23:15
17:00	Shamsham za Pwani	23:30
18:00	Jiji Letu	23:45
18:15	Korean: Jumong	00:00
19:00	Jungu Kuu	00:00
19:30	Shika Bamba	00:00
20:00	Habari	00:00
21:05	Kipindi Maalum: Tatu Mzuka	00:00
21:15	Igizo: Rebecca	00:00
21:40	Art and Lifestyle	00:00
22:10	ITV TOP 10	00:00
22:50	Hawavumi lakini wamo	00:00
23:40	Soap: Uzalo rpt	00:00
01:15	DWTV	00:00
SUNDAY 2 Oct		
5:30	Uwanja wa Mazoezi	16:30
6:00	HABARI	17:00
6:40	Kumekucha	17:30
7:00	Habari	18:00
8:00	Al Jazeera	18:15
09:00	Watoto Wetu	18:30
10:00	Soap: I Plead Guilty rpt	19:00
11:50	Bongo Movie rpt	19:30
14:00	Tamasha la Michezo	20:00
15:30	Mwengeza	20:30
16:30	ITV Top 10	21:00
17:20	Kipindi cha kikisto	21:30
18:00	Jiji Letu	22:00
18:15	Mapishi	22:15
18:30	Matukio ya wiki	22:30
19:30	Igizo: Rebecca	22:45
20:00	Habari	23:00
21:05	Kipindi maalum: Biko	23:15
21:15	Kipindi maalum: Reflexology	23:30
21:15	Igizo: Mizengwe	23:45
21:30	Mjuzi Zaidi	00:00
22:15	Bongo movie:	00:00
23:30	Soap: Uzalo rpt	00:00
02:05	Al Jazeera	00:00
MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM		
CAPITAL		
Tues 27 Sept		
06:00	Al Jazeera	11:30
07:00	Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)	12:30
09:00	Club 101 rpt	13:00
11:00	Al Jazeera	14:00
11:30	Monday agenda rpt	16:00
12:15	Spots gazette	16:30
12:45	Filler doc	17:30
13:00	Telenovela rpt: Laws of love 14:00	18:00
13:00	Club 101 (via Capital Radio)	18:30
13:00	Series rpt: Lies that Bind	19:00
16:00	Capchat rpt	19:30
17:30	Meza huru	20:00
18:00	Innovation	20:15
19:00	Our Earth	20:45
19:30	Series: Lies that Bind	21:00
20:00	Telenovela: Laws of love	21:30
20:45	Capital Prime	22:00
21:30	Turning the spotlight rpt	22:00
22:00	Sports Gazette rpt	22:30
22:30	EcoAfrica	23:00
23:00	Al Jazeera	00:00
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WORLD

UN General Assembly concludes general debate

UNITED NATIONS

THIS year's general debate of the UN General Assembly concluded on Monday, after representatives of 190 member states spoke around the theme of "A watershed moment: transformative solutions to interlocking challenges."

Csaba Korosi, president of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, said in his closing remarks that 126 heads of state and government took part in this year's general debate.

"The sheer number of you who took part in this debate points to the importance that the general debate holds in international affairs," said Korosi.

Korosi said he got five messages from the member states during the general debate.

The first is the growing awareness that humanity has entered a new era, he said.

"Facing complex challenges and multi-layer crises, we reached a time of paradigm shift, because the movements, the adjustments that we see around us cannot be called mere modifications any longer: they are significant transformations in the making," he said.

"The basic conditions of our global cooperation have changed. We live now in a different world -- a world of new challenges, changing priorities, chang-

ing roles, and changing ways. Fresh pages of history are being written, with new divisions and new alliances, new grievances, and new successes on them," he said.

The second message is that the conflict in Ukraine should end, said Korosi. "You also pointed out that its effect is being felt around the world. You described the pain of shortages, inflation, the impact of refugees as far as South America and Africa, concerns about the safety of nuclear plants, and fears of a nuclear attack. You also highlighted the dangers of misinformation and propaganda," he said.

The third message is that climate change is gradually destroying humanity, he said.

"We heard about countries simultaneously experiencing droughts and flooding. We spoke about unsustainable patterns of production and consumption, eating up the fish and filling our waters with plastics, even as waves of rising seas drown shorelines. We heard calls to achieve global net-zero (emissions) and appeals to assist the countries most affected by climate change, not of their own making. We heard clearly the calls for climate justice and honoring commitments," he said.

"Yet, some of us still seem not convinced that growing our economies can



Csaba Korosi (L), president of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly, delivers his closing remarks at the UN headquarters in New York, on Monday. Xinhua

be balanced with limiting emissions and preserving biodiversity."

Fourth, calls for improving the state of human rights and meeting the needs of those most vulnerable to exploitation were heard, said Korosi.

The fifth key issue, for which there is strong support, is the need to modernize the United Nations, revitalize the General Assembly and reform the Security Council, he said. "This is in line with my own conviction that the General Assembly should be ready to respond better to the interlocking crises and that the Security Council must reflect the realities of this century."

Korosi called for collective action to tackle the challenges.

"We are all in agreement on the main challenges. We want a peaceful post-COVID world with increased trust, where we can work together to mitigate and adapt to climate change," he said. "To make progress, during the whole session ahead of us, we need to build on what unites us. We also may wish to seek ways of how to focus on the most burning challenges and frame them in terms of crisis management and transformation."

"In order to deepen solidarity, we must build trust," he added.

Korosi said he plans to launch a series of consultations with many actors,

including the scientific community, after the conclusion of the general debate, with the aim to strengthen universally accepted and owned foundation for action.

"Our opportunity is here and now. Let us act," said Korosi.

The general debate is an annual gathering of heads of state and government as well as other high-level representatives of UN member states at the beginning of the new session of the General Assembly.

This year's general debate is the first time since the start of the pandemic that world leaders are asked to make their statements in person in the General Assembly Hall, but was impacted by the funeral of British Queen Elizabeth II on Sept. 19, as the original list of speakers for the debate had to be extensively modified to accommodate the late arrivals of dignitaries who traveled to London for the funeral.

Traditionally, the United States, as the host country, speaks only after Brazil on the first day of the debate. This year, U.S. President Joe Biden spoke on Wednesday, the second day of the debate. Senegalese President Macky Sall became the second head of state to speak, and Nauru was the last member state to take the floor this year.

Xinhua

US is 'largest spreader of disinformation'

THE United States is "the largest spreader of disinformation", Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said, adding that the disinformation it has fabricated is being seen through and rejected by more and more people.

Wang (pictured) made the remark on Monday at a daily news conference when a reporter sought his comments on a report issued by the Stanford Internet Observatory in August.

The observatory said it has found in a joint investigation "an interconnected web of accounts" on social media platforms that "used deceptive tactics to promote pro-Western narratives".

"These campaigns consistently advanced narratives promoting the interests of the United States and its allies while opposing countries including Russia, China, and Iran," the observatory said.

Wang cited the report, and said, "Many US media have disclosed that these fake accounts are suspected to have been managed by the US military with a purpose to

conduct secret information warfare."

The US has fabricated and spread disinformation since the Cold War, when the Central Intelligence Agency launched Operation Mockingbird to manipulate public opinion, according to Wang.

In recent years, the country has been slandering China by claiming that "genocide" and "forced labor" exist in China's Xinjiang Uyghur autonomous region, he said.

The US has been "spreading disinformation to glorify aggression and interference as promoting democracy, plundering as upholding justice and devastation and killing as protecting human rights", the spokesman said.

On the other hand, the US, which has set up a large number of fake accounts and created anti-China narratives, has been smearing China by pushing social media platforms to ban Chinese netizens' accounts, labeling Chinese media and accusing China of "inciting anti-US sentiment", Wang said.



"People of the world are clear-eyed and will not be fooled," he said. "Be it 'weapons of mass destruction' in Iraq, the 'White Helmets' in Syria or 'genocide' in Xinjiang, they have all become hallmarks for the US' failing credibility," he said.

In another development, Wang confirmed on Monday that China and the Democratic People's

Republic of Korea have decided to resume railway freight transport between Dandong, Liaoning province, and the DPRK city of Sinuiju.

Both sides will continue to strengthen collaboration to guarantee the safe and stable operation of the rail freight transport, Wang said.

Xinhua

Canada to remove all COVID-19 travel restrictions from Oct 1

OTTAWA

CANADA will drop all COVID-19 restrictions for travelers from Oct 1, including vaccination and masking requirements for flights and trains, the government said on Monday.

The move is likely to boost the Canadian travel industry, already booming after months of lull during the pandemic.

Canadian carriers were also pressing for an end to mask mandates on flights, citing thousands of incidents of non-compliance this year alone.

"As Canadians and international visitors look to make travel plans, the long-awaited removal of all remaining measures effective Oct 1, 2022 will further expedite recovery for our industry and the Canadian

economy," Canada's second-largest carrier WestJet Airlines said in a statement.

The decision to end restrictions was based on Canada's vaccination rate, availability of newer vaccines and treatments and data showing the country had passed the peak of the latest wave of coronavirus infections, the government said.

More than 90 percent of Ca-

nadians over 12 have taken the primary series of a COVID-19 vaccine. This month, Canada authorized Moderna Inc's bivalent COVID-19 shots for adults, the country's first Omicron-adapted vaccine.

"Thanks largely to Canadians who have rolled up their sleeves to get vaccinated, we have reached the point where we can safely lift the sani-

tary measures at the border," Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos said.

Duclos said the government was prepared to reinstate restrictions if needed.

"Obviously we have no hope to reintroduce some of these measures but if we need to protect the safety of Canadians, we will have to," he told reporters in Ottawa.

Agencies

Hurricane Ian begins to lash Cuba with heavy winds, rain

BATABANO

THE first strong winds ahead of Hurricane Ian began to pound Cuban coastal villages late on Monday as officials rushed to evacuate residents, secure boats and batten down homes amid warnings of a life-threatening storm surge.

The fast-growing storm is centered about 250 km south-east of Cabo San Antonio, in far western Cuba, but has jumped in intensity in recent hours with maximum sustained winds of 155 kmph, making it a Category 2 hurricane on a five-step scale.

"Devastating wind damage is possible where the core of Ian moves across western Cuba," the center said.

The storm is forecast to strengthen into a Category 3 hurricane that will soak Florida, where residents are stockpiling supplies and filling sandbags.

Residents of Batabano on Cuba's south coast worked with many fewer resources than in Florida as the storm closed in, threatening the fishing village of precarious wooden and concrete block houses perched just a few paces from the roiling sea.

"We are here saving human lives, going house to house, taking out the elderly and children," said local official Suleika Roche, 43, aboard a bus that was transporting residents to high ground.

The storm is set to plow north across the island as it advances into the Gulf of Mexico, but forecasts put its track well west of the Cuban capital of Havana, where a direct hit could cause catastrophic damage to the city's antiquated infrastructure.

Cuba is already suffering an economic crisis that has led to long lines for food, fuel and medicine, as well as regular blackouts countrywide. Most grocery store shelves are already largely bare.

"I'm buying bread now because later I won't be able to leave my house," said Havana resident Guillermo Gomez, 79, as he waited in a line that stretched several blocks for a few pieces of bread. "The water will be up to my knees."

On the capital's waterfront Malecon boulevard, some residents boarded up windows. Others, lacking boards, taped them to keep them from shattering, while others simply removed the glass altogether.

Juan Ruiz, a custodian for a coffee shop looking over the Straits of Florida, said the business had stripped all its merchandise and equipment the night before, preferring to work with the sea instead of fighting it.

"We've been preparing since Saturday," Ruiz said. "The sea always surges here."

Cuba's government called off interprovincial train and bus travel across the western half of the island ahead of the storm. Officials said they were also monitoring aging dams, many of which were already nearing capacity before the storm.

The storm appears poised to cut a swath across the tobacco-growing province of Pinar del Rio, a more lightly populated area of the island dedicated primarily to farming and fishing.

Officials in Pinar del Rio said they would evacuate 24,000 people from the province ahead of the hurricane.

Fertilizer, charcoal and farm animals had been moved to secure locations, officials said, and infrastructure that the region's tobacco industry protected.

Forecasters said that once Ian left western Cuba, the storm could make landfall north of Tampa Bay early on Friday or turn northwest toward Florida's Panhandle.

The Biden administration declared a public health emergency for the state on Monday and said it was working with local officials to provide support.

Both Cuba and Florida have in recent years seen wetter, windier and more intense hurricanes, which some experts attribute to climate change.

There is also evidence that climate change is causing storms to travel more slowly, dumping more water in one place.

Sanctions turn Ukraine conflict into 'global economic war' - Hungary's Orban

BUDAPEST

THE Western countries' sanctions against Russia have turned the "local" conflict between Russia and Ukraine into a "global economic war," Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban said here on Monday.

An increasing number of countries across the world is becoming "victim" of the conflict in Ukraine, Orban said at the opening of Parliament's autumn session. He said that the United States and the European Union (EU) were supplying Ukraine with weapons and money, but Russia's reserves of material and men were "endless." According to Orban, the "EU's bureaucrats" promised that the sanctions would hurt Russia and bring an end to the conflict, but none of that happened. "European people have become poorer (because of the sanctions), while Russia has not fallen to its knees," he argued.

CHINA has decided to launch its domestic procedure to ratify the UN Firearms Protocol, announced the country at the general debate of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly on Sept. 24.

The UN Firearms Protocol is one of the important protocols of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, as well as an important international legal document regarding the control of small arms and light weapons.

China's decision fully indicated the country's firm determination to implement the Global Security Initiative and safeguard international and regional peace, and mirrored the country's sense of responsibility in safeguarding true multilateralism and commitment to enhancing global security governance.

The abuse of guns is becoming an increas-

China joins hands with rest of world to advance international process of firearms control

ingly serious problem across the world. Illegal manufacturing and smuggling of firearms has not only killed massive civilians, but also encouraged armed conflicts, terrorism and transnational organized crime. It directly concerns the social stability and safety of all countries.

African and Latin American countries, long troubled with the abuse of guns, are calling for the international community to enhance gun control.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres once said disarmament of conventional weapons could "save lives," and a substantial reduction in illicit financial arms flows is taken as a benchmark in the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

With a high sense of mission and responsibil-

ity, China has always put guns and explosives under strict control and has been cracking down on related crimes. The Chinese government addresses both the symptoms and root causes and implements multifaceted measures. It adopts a "zero tolerance" attitude toward crimes related to guns and explosives. Besides, the Chinese people also play an important role in eliminating the threats from guns and explosives.

Thanks to the country's ceaseless efforts, China has made remarkable achievements in gun control, becoming one of the safest countries in the world that sees the lowest rate of gun-related crimes. China firmly opposes the illegal manufacturing and trafficking of guns and actively supports the multilateral process of the control of small arms and light weapons. The country

always acts responsibly in arms exports. It fulfills international obligations and never sells its arms to non-state actors.

China faithfully follows the UN Program of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons. It takes an active part in the activities combating illegal trafficking of guns launched by the World Customs Organization and the International Criminal Police Organization, and is providing assistance to the best of its capacity for Africa regarding the latter's "Silencing the Guns" initiative. At present, the abuse of guns is still a serious problem troubling the world, and

firearms control is in a critical "rise-or-fall" stage. Every country should clarify responsibilities, enhance domestic gun control and expand international coordination and cooperation.

For a long time, the U.S. has maintained the world's largest holder of privately owned firearms and been deeply troubled by domestic gun violence. It is also one of the largest sources of gun trafficking. The country refuses to join the UN Firearms Protocol or other international documents of firearms control and has withdrawn from the Arms Trade Treaty, which has seriously impacted the multilateral efforts made by the international society to control conventional weapons.

People's Daily

With flowers, gun salute, Japan bids farewell to divisive Abe

TOKYO

WITH flowers, prayers and a 19-gun salute, Japan honored slain former prime minister Shinzo Abe yesterday at the first state funeral for a former premier in 55 years - a ceremony that has become as controversial as he was in life.

The ceremony started at 2:00 pm (0500 GMT), with Abe's ashes carried into the Nippon Budokan Hall in central Tokyo by his widow, Akie, to music from a military band and the booms of the honour-guard salute, which echoed inside the hall.

Thousands of mourners flooded to designated spots near the venue from early morning to pay their last respects.

Within hours, about 10,000 people had laid flowers, television showed, with more waiting in three-hour long queues in sultry, unseasonal heat.

"I know it's divisive and there are a lot of people against this, but there were so many people lined up to offer flowers," said Yoshiko Kojima, a 63-year-old Tokyo housewife.

"I felt that now the funeral is actually taking place, many people have come out to pray for him."

Abe's killing at a July 8 campaign rally set off a flood of revelations about ties between lawmakers in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) he once ran and the Unification Church, which critics call a cult, sparking a backlash against current premier Fumio Kishida.

With his support ratings dragged to their lowest ever by the controversy, Kishida has apologized and vowed to cut party ties to the church.

But opposition to honoring Abe with a state funeral, the first such event since 1967, has persisted, fed by an US\$11.5-million price tag to be borne by

the state at a time of economic pain for ordinary citizens.

In one part of downtown Tokyo, protesters waved signs and chanted "No state funeral" to the tune of a guitar.

Inside the Budokan, better known as a concert venue, a large portrait of Abe draped with black ribbon hung over a bank of green, white and yellow flowers.

Nearby, a wall of photos showed Abe strolling with G7 leaders, holding hands with children and visiting disaster areas.

A moment of silence was followed by a retrospective of Abe's political life and speeches by leading ruling party figures, including Kishida and Yoshihide Suga, Abe's successor and Kishida's predecessor as prime minister.

In remarks representing Abe's friends, Suga noted that many people in their 20s and 30s had showed up to offer flowers.

"You always said you wanted to make Japan better, that you wanted young people to have hope and pride," Suga said, his voice trembling.

Abe's widow, dressed in a black kimono, wiped away tears as Suga spoke.

Divisive figure

Japan's longest-serving prime minister was a divisive figure who was dogged by scandals.

An unapologetic nationalist, Abe pushed the country toward a muscular defense posture that others criticized as too hawkish.

About 4,300 people attended the funeral ceremony itself, along with at least 48 current or former government figures, including US Vice-President Kamala Harris and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"It was he who coined the term free and open Indo-Pacific," Harris told re-



Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida bows at the altar during a state funeral for former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe at Nippon Budokan in Tokyo yesterday. AP

porters after the funeral, referring to a concept that has become the cornerstone of Asian security. "We cherish those principles and we stand by them. It is part of the bond that forms the alliance." Russia's ambassador to Japan, Mikhail Galuzin, also attended.

Some 20,000 police were deployed, nearby roads were closed and even some schools shut as Japan sought to avoid the security blunders that led to Abe's shooting with a homemade gun by a suspect who, police say, accused the Unification Church of impoverishing his family.

The state funeral for Abe, who received a private funeral days after his assassination, was the first for an ex-premier since one in 1967 for former prime minister Shigeru Yoshida.

Kishida has explained the decision as a way of honoring Abe's achievements, as well as standing

up for democracy, but ordinary Japanese remain divided. Only 30 percent of respondents in a recent poll by TV Asahi agreed with hosting the funeral, against 54 percent opposed.

Even without the recent revelations about the Unification Church, it would be hard to imagine any circumstances where a majority of Japanese would favor honoring Abe with a state funeral, said Tobias Harris, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress and the author of a biography of the former premier.

"He was someone who almost welcomed and invited controversy and saw his mission as overturning a longstanding consensus or set of consensus" about how Japan was run, Harris said.

Many Japanese were "attached to the postwar regime that he wanted to overturn", Harris said.

Agencies

Putin told Erdogan he remained ready for talks with Ukraine - Kremlin spokesman

MOSCOW

IN a conversation with Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Russia remained ready for negotiations with Ukraine, but as the situation changes their conditions also change, Russian presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov told the media yesterday.

"The President said that, of course, Russia remains ready to negotiate, but as the situation changes, so do the conditions," Peskov said.

Earlier, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said that in a conversation with Erdogan in Samarkand Putin admitted that a resumption of the dialogue with Kiev remained a possibility.

The Kremlin spokesman added that with regard to negotiations, the principles remained unchanged. Putin asked Erdogan to remember that it was the Ukrainian side that had abandoned the negotiating track.

"In general, the principle remains the same, just as all goals of the special military operation. It was also stated at the talks that the Ukrainian side had completely left the negotiating track. For this reason the special military operation continues," Peskov said. Agencies



The President said that, of course, Russia remains ready to negotiate

Experts call for efforts to shore up South Sudan peace process

JUBA

THE United Nations-appointed human rights experts have warned that South Sudan's peace process needs urgent attention to prevent violence from escalating.

Yasmin Sooka, the chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan, on Monday called on the

international community to swiftly pay more attention to the escalating violence proliferating at a local level all over South Sudan.

Sooka said its critical donors and member states continue to monitor the peace agreement and security sector reform and ensure constitutional legislation is pushed through before elections.

"Without these steps, we are likely to see millions more South Sudanese displaced or crossing borders, creating havoc for neighboring countries and aid agencies," she said in a statement issued in Juba, the capital of South Sudan.

The UN experts said the parties to the 2018 Revitalized Peace Agreement for

South Sudan signed onto a further two-year extension of the transitional governance arrangements, postponing elections until late 2024.

The Peace Agreement included a national consultation process on establishing the Commission on Truth, Reconciliation, and Healing. Consultations were held in mid-2022 but excluded mil-

lions of refugees who had fled fearing for their lives, along with large portions of the country, including those areas under opposition control.

The UN experts said after four years, none of the three proposed transitional justice bodies have come into being -- the Commission on Truth, Reconciliation, and

Healing, the Hybrid Court, or the Compensation and Reparation Authority. Andrew Clapham, a member of the team, said survivors in South Sudan, particularly those of repeated incidents of sexual violence told them that criminal accountability is the only way to guarantee their safety and peace in the country.

Xinhua

China celebrates fifth Chinese farmers' harvest festival

Sept. 23 this year marked the fifth Chinese farmers' harvest festival. Celebration activities were held in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan province and Changping district, Beijing, to share the joy of harvest.

"I had another bumper harvest this year from my nearly 7,000 mu (467 hectares) of rice," said Cheng Liankun from Xiaozhujia village, Ning'an, northeast China's Heilongjiang province, who is now selling his rice through livestreaming.

According to statistics released by the National Bureau of Statistics, China's summer grain output increased 1 percent year on year to 147.4 billion kilograms. The total output of early rice was around 28.1 billion kilograms, up 105 million kilograms from that in 2021.

At present, autumn grains are in good growth in most parts of the country, which lays a solid foundation for autumn harvest.

The firm basis of agriculture, as well as the sound development of issues related to agriculture, rural areas and farmers, offer firm support for China in stabilizing the macro economy and keeping major economic indicators within an appropriate range. As a result, China is confident in coping with domestic and international challenges.

China is a major agricultural nation that enjoys a long history of farming culture. It always regards agriculture as a basis for national stability and people's happiness.

In recent years, the country has constantly improved its policy system supporting the development of agriculture, rural areas and



Farmers sun-dry corns and peanuts in Panji village, Yangyi township, Ningling county, Shangqiu, central China's Henan province on Friday. (Photo by Lv Zhongxiang/People's Daily Online)

farmers.

It implements the rural vitalization strategy, puts agriculture and rural areas first in development, and has fostered an atmosphere in the whole society where agriculture, rural areas and farmers are cared for.

More attention was paid to, more investment was made and more parties engaged in the development of agriculture, rural areas and farmers. China has achieved historic progress in its agricultural and rural development.

At present, the contribution rate of agricultural technology progress to economic growth in China has reached over 61 percent, and the coverage rate of improved crop varieties has exceeded 96 percent.

Besides, 72 percent of crops in China are comprehensively

planted and reaped by machines, and over 900 million mu of high-standard farmland has been built across the country.

China's agriculture, empowered by new machines and models, as well as new industries and businesses, is embracing high-quality development. Agricultural technologies have become a powerful engine and fundamental force in maintaining food security and the supply of important agricultural products.

The Chinese farmers' harvest festival is a day for not only the farmers, but also all Chinese people.

A featured promotion activity was held in Beijing that day to introduce citizens to agricultural brands. An exhibition was held in Chengdu to demonstrate the

outcomes of China's agricultural modernization. In Heilongjiang province, farmers attended a grand outdoor party to celebrate the festival, where farmers sing, paint and read poetry to celebrate the harvest.

These activities made people realize that national stability and food security are of vital importance and increased care for agriculture, rural areas and farmers.

The festival is an opportunity for the countryside to demonstrate its featured products, beautiful scenery and great traditional cultures, and to bring in market economy thoughts, suitable technologies and modern production factors. China will achieve better progress in rural vitalization and make the countryside richer, happier and more beautiful. People's Daily

US VP Harris pledges to consult S. Korea over EV subsidy concerns

TOKYO/SEOUL

US Vice-President Kamala Harris told South Korea's prime minister yesterday that Washington will work to address Seoul's concerns over recently enacted electric vehicle subsidies that could disadvantage Asian automakers.

The US\$430 billion "Inflation Reduction Act" bill enacted in August includes a host of US President Joe Biden's priorities, including investments to roll back climate change and make Washington a world leader in the EV market.

Among the law's provisions are requirements that EVs be assembled in North America to qualify for tax credits. The law also ends subsidies for other EV models and requires that a percentage of critical minerals used in those cars' batteries come from the United States or an American free-trade partner.

Harris, visiting Japan, met with South Korea's Han Duck-soo and "underscored that she understood (Korean) concerns regarding the Act's tax incentives for electric vehicles,

and they pledged to continue to consult as the law is implemented," the White House said.

"The vice-president and prime minister discussed our shared work to address the climate crisis, including the historic investments made in clean energy under the Inflation Reduction Act," the White House added.

Biden has sought to deepen business with South Korea as part of a bid to increase US manufacturing jobs.

Korean officials see the new requirements as a betrayal after South Korean companies agreed to make major investments and build factories in the United States.

Heavily industrialized South Korea worries will set back Hyundai Motor Co and its affiliate Kia Corp in the world's largest consumer market. Cars are South Korea's third-largest export.



South Korea's Prime Minister Han Duck-soo (L) speaks as US Vice-President Kamala Harris listens during a bilateral meeting in Tokyo yesterday. AP

SPORT



Floyd Joy Mayweather Jr.

Mayweather turns global megastar with unfulfilled role in Africa's boxing

By Correspondent Ernest Mwanwaja, Morogoro

IN the early hours of Sunday, Tanzania's boxing fanatics were entertained to one of this year's highly technical boxing matches.

With his age-defying performance, Floyd Joy Mayweather Jr. successfully maintained his unbeaten run in both championship and exhibition fights.

On Mayweather's fourth exhibition fight, following his retirement in 2017, he pit himself against a formidable, young Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighter Mikuru Asakura.

Some may still struggle to understand how Mayweather could possibly fight someone from a different combat sport category.

Well, this is not the first time that he crosses his dominance over to the MMA's domain.

Prior to this he fought and defeated MMA superstar, Conor McGregor, in 2017 and later on defeated a much bigger YouTube star Logan Paul in 2021.

He also faced and knocked out a younger and energetic kickboxer, Tenshin Nasukawa, in under three minutes in 2017.

However, one thing to note is that in all these crossover fights only boxing rules were applied.

The outcome of the Sunday fight which took place at Saitama Super Arena in Japan was not different for Mayweather.

It only took him two rounds to confirm to the world that, like wine, his already excellent boxing skills keep getting better with time.

His level of agility, game intensity, and ferociousness are uncharacteristic of a boxer of his age.

People would have probably asked themselves as to why Azam TV, one of Tanzania's Television stations, has invested considerably for a live

coverage of this fight.

Well, this is about Mayweather, not just another boxer. Mayweather is a boxer whose achievement has not been equaled or surpassed by any other boxer, dead or alive.

At his retirement back in 2017 Mayweather had 50 wins out of 50 fights and in the process, he managed to collect a total of 12 world titles and the lineal championship across four different weight classes.

But it is not a simple count of fights alone that gives Mayweather an edge in boxing history, it is the style that comes with it.

While Mohammad Ali could 'fly like a butterfly and sting like a bee', it is Mayweather's shoulder roll, speed, and punch combination that made the seemingly unbeatable fighters look like ordinary boxers.

Well, the aim of my discussion today hardly targets narrating Mayweather's resume, as this space would not be enough for that.

The interest is rather in the answer to the question what role has he played in the development of the sport in Africa?

Despite his earlier controversial views about the continent, Mayweather has recently showed intimate attachment to Africa.

And to prove this he had either formal or business visits to South Africa in 2014, and most recently, to Nigeria in May 2022.

While in Nigeria Mayweather committed himself to promoting the sport through development of a modern boxing academy in the country.

And in addition to many areas of collaboration that he discussed with boxing authorities in South Africa, he hinted on having an exhibition fight just like he did in Japan twice.

To be continued tomorrow

Geita Gold FC in pursuit of first win in 2022/23 NBC Premier League

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THIS season's Premier League side, Geita Gold FC has revealed it is looking forward to end its winless streak in the showdown when it confronts Dodoma Jiji FC at Liti Stadium in Singida on tomorrow.

The Thursday encounter promises to be more entertaining as both side are winless in the NBC Premier League.

Geita Gold FC is now sitting 12th with three points from four Premier League games while Dodoma Jiji FC is placed 14th with two points and has taken part in the same number of games.

Hemed Kivuyo, Geita Gold FC information officer, said the team is working hard for the game as it is targeting to bring happiness to fans and supporters of the club.

"Performance during training has been great, the players are working hard as they want to bring smiles to our supporters and fans, we know our opponent will come hard on us but we will take on them," he said.

In the four NBC Premier League games played, Geita Gold FC lost 3-0 to Simba SC, and notched draw with Azam FC, Kagera Sugar and Singida Big Stars FC.

The Geita club's only win this season

came in 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup first preliminary round's return leg match against Hilal Al Sahil FC of Sudan held at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on September 17 and ended in 2-1 win for the Tanzanian club.

Kivuyo stated they are preparing to banish their less convincing performance that has been tormenting them in the past four NBC Premier League games.

"Winning our next week game will be a morale boost and motivation to hunt for more wins, earning a first win in the NBC Premier League will help the team regain its confidence," he said.

Dodoma Jiji FC has also not registered any win, it lost 2-1 to Tanzania Prisons, went down 3-1 to Mbeya City FC and posted goalless draws with Singida Big Stars FC and Kagera Sugar.

Masoud Djuma, Dodoma Jiji FC head coach, was reported in the local media saying he will use the international break to prepare his charges.

"In the ongoing Premier League, our performance has not been good, we have not won any game, it is worrisome but I will use the international break to prepare my team so that we can go back to our winning ways," he said.

SPORTS

Serengeti Girls venture forth in search of football glory

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

IN what was a really historic first for local women's football, the national U-17 women's football team, fondly dubbed the Serengeti Girls, heroically qualified for this year's FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup earlier this year, much to the sheer pleasure of many Tanzanians.

Indeed, the significant development was a pleasing jolt to numberless Tanzanians who were cheerfully astounded by the fact that the Serengeti Girls were able to remarkably pull off such a daunting feat.

In order to fittingly prepare themselves for the weighty task at hand, the Serengeti Girls, last Sunday, jetted off to Southampton, England where they will set up a two week training camp before heading off to India, who are the hosts of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup this year.

It is hoped that the Serengeti Girls will be able to play a few football friendlies that could potentially uncover a few weaknesses in the team's game which require urgent attention.

So, as the team goes about readying themselves for the blockbuster football spectacle, one can only hope that Lady Luck smiles down on them in their maiden appearance at the prestigious football event.

Let us now dive into the 'gentlemanly game' (cricket's nickname) where the Africa Twenty20 cricket cup just wrapped up late last week in Benoni, South Africa.

The greatly esteemed cricket tournament put on full dazzling display the cracking cricketing skills of some of the leading lights in continental cricket.

Apart from our national men's cricket team, the Africa T20 Cup featured countries such as Botswana, Ghana and Uganda among others.

And, to the sheer ecstasy of many Tanzanians, it is exhilarating to report that our national men's cricket team



Minister for Culture, Arts, and Sports, Mohamed Mchengera (2nd L), presents dummy check of 40m/- to Tanzania's U-17 girls soccer squad 'Serengeti Girls' skipper, Noela Luhala (2nd R) in Dar es Salaam recently. The cash was presented by the National Insurance Company (NIC) during an occasion for bidding the squad farewell prior to jetting off to England to prepare for the U-17 Women's World Cup which will take place in India. Others are Ila District Commissioner Ng'wilabuzi Ludigija (R), and NIC's Chief Executive Officer, Eirehema Doriye. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

produced a stellar overall performance at the exciting event.

Indeed, in stunning fashion, Tanzania advanced all the way to the climax of the showpiece event where they disappointingly lost to Uganda by eight wickets.

Despite tasting the bitterness of defeat, though, it could be argued that Tanzania had amply demonstrated that they are one of the continent's truly classy cricketing sides.

Let us return now to the 'People's Game' where the sport's biggest event, the football World Cup is just around the corner.

Indeed, the quadrennial football extravaganza in Qatar will feature five African teams take a stab at attempting to clinch the world cup trophy that will be very much up for grabs.

The continent's fabulous five flag-bearers at the Qatar world cup are Ghana, Cameroon, Morocco, Tunisia and Senegal.

Interestingly, all five teams have experienced the pressure cooker atmosphere of the World Cup during previous appearances at the mammoth global event.

Nevertheless, it is a deeply regrettable fact that no African team has been able to advance to the semi-finals of the World Cup since the inaugural edition of the competition in 1930.

Indeed, our botched efforts to reach the semi-finals are particularly infuriating especially when one recalls that many of the continent's brightest football gems today ply their trade overseas.

Thus, one hopes that our five African representatives will produce memorable and eye-catching football displays that will hopefully see a few of them advance very far in the gargantuan football festival.

Dar swimmer excels in 2022 National Open Swimming Championships

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM'S FK Blue Marlins Club's up-and-coming swimmer Lorita Borega has beat the rest of the competitors in her age category to finish first in this year's National Open Championships took place at the International School of Tanganyika (IST) swimming pool, Masaki.

Lorita who competed in the nine and 10 years old category collected 116 points to beat other 16 swimmers in the thrilling event.

Apart from the achievement, Lorita, a Standard Six pupil at the Dar es Salaam Independent School (DIS) won five gold medals and one silver in the event that involved about 200 swimmers from various clubs in Mainland Tanzania, Zanzibar, and Uganda.

The FK Blue Marlins Club swimmer won gold medals in 50m Butterfly, 100m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle, 100m Individual Medley (IM), and 100m Freestyle. She also won silver medal in 50m Breaststroke.

According to the competition's results, Lorita broke four national records in the event that was

supervised by Tanzania Swimming Association (TSA).

Lorita clocked 35.27 seconds to break Sydney Hardeman's record of 37.38 seconds that she recorded in 2018 in Butterfly before overwriting record set again by Sydney in 2018.

The FK Blue Marlins Club swimmer recorded 1.23.60 minutes in 100m Butterfly against Sydney's 1.24.24 minutes in the 2018 competition.

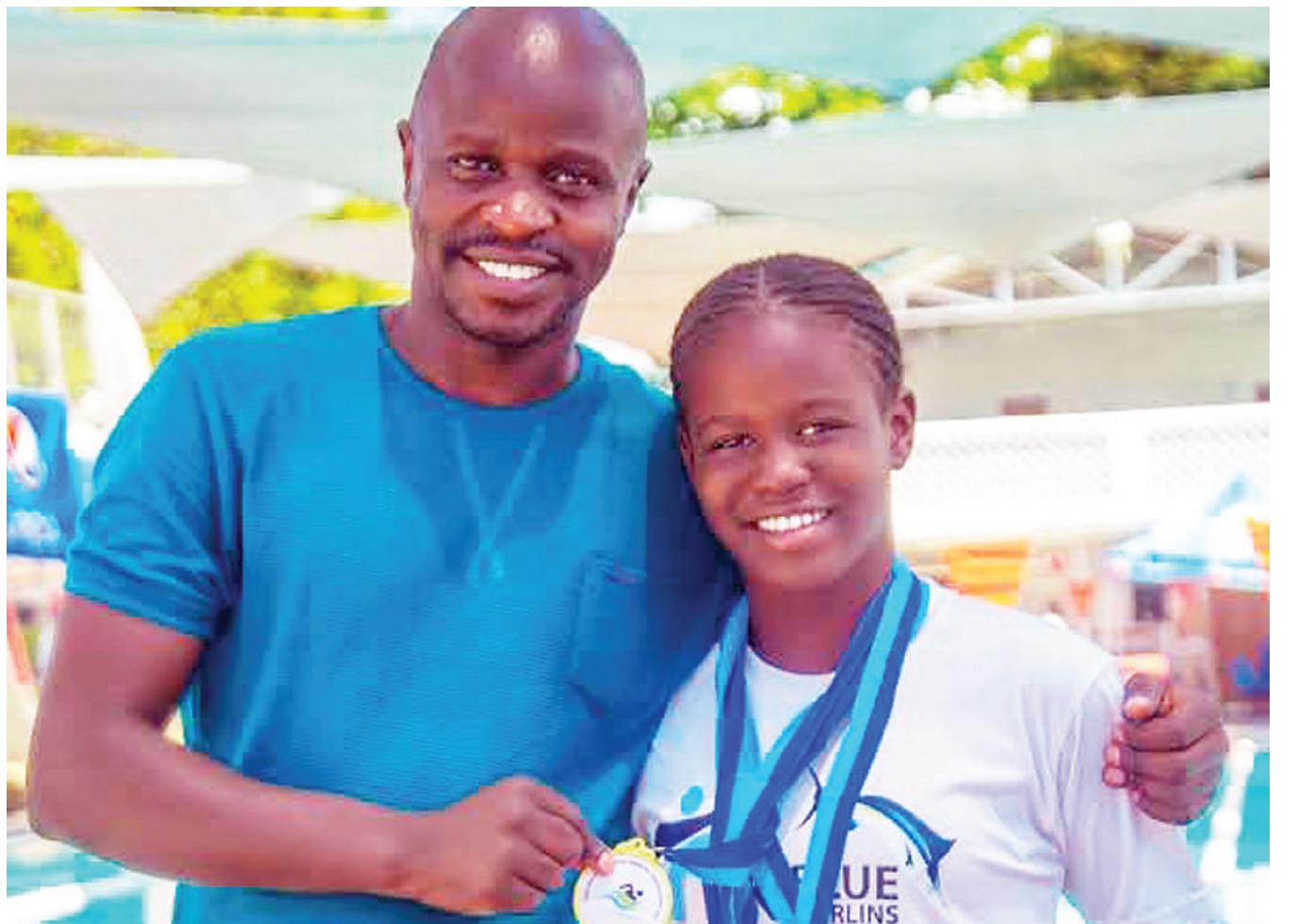
The results also show that Lorita set record in 50m Freestyle with new time of 32.62, and 1.11.60 minutes in 100m Freestyle to beat Crissa Dillip's records set in 2021. Crissa recorded 32.72 seconds and 1.11.62 minutes respectively in the events.

Speaking yesterday, Lorita said her success in swimming has been brought about by training from her coaches, Susu, Msabila, FK Blue Marlins Club, as well as DIS teachers who have been forefront of making sure she did well in both sports and academic.

"The competition was very tough due to the fact that all swimmers targeted the best results. I faced strong oppositions from other swimmers and that prompted me to use various techniques to end first in my age category," Lorita stated.

She explained that she gears towards keeping on dominating her age group as well as representing the country well in the international competitions.

"I have targets that will enable me to do well internationally. This is not the end of my career... I have the mission and vision of being a great swimmer," she said.



Dar es Salaam's FK Blue Marlins Club's swimmer Lorita Borega (R), is pictured with her father, Lameck, after she had clinched trophy and medals in this year's National Open Championships which took place at the International School of Tanganyika (IST) swimming pool, Masaki recently. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

NBA camps open; some go abroad, Spurs plan a trip to Uvalde

By TIM REYNOLDS

GREGG Popovich and the San Antonio Spurs know they cannot erase the pain that the residents of Uvalde, Texas have felt since May 24.

They can, however, continue reminding the city of 16,000 people that they're not forgotten.

The Spurs are planning what they're calling a community impact event in Uvalde on Oct. 8; details are still being finalized, but it seems likely the entire team and Popovich will be making the 85-mile trip from San Antonio to the place where 21 people – 19 of them students – were killed at Robb Elementary School by a gunman four months ago.

Popovich, a five-time champion coach during his Spurs tenure and the NBA's all-time leader in coaching wins, has spoken out often about his desire for tougher gun control laws. He also spoke at an event in Uvalde in June, and the Spurs are one of many teams who have pledged support for the community.

The NBA previously announced the formation of the "Sport for Healing Fund," created to provide "long-term support for the Uvalde community by creating and investing in trauma and healing-centered care for youth and families." The NBA, along with the Spurs, Dallas Mavericks, Houston Rockets and the NHL's Dallas Stars, made the initial contributions to the fund, which will look to connect with children through sports and building safe places like community outdoor play areas.

PRESEASON CHAMPS

Golden State was the best team in the postseason, as proved by the Warriors winning their fourth NBA title in the last eight years.

They were the best team in the preseason, too. That's rare.

The Warriors went 5-0 in preseason games last season. They became just the second team in 26 years to win an NBA championship after having the best preseason record. The other team on that list was ... the Warriors, in 2016-17.

Golden State was one of five preseason unbeaten last year, with Dallas, New York, Chicago and Sacramento all going 4-0.

Most training camps around the NBA start on Tuesday. This season's NBA preseason slate of games starts Friday in Saitama, Japan – a 6 a.m. Eastern, 3 a.m. Pacific, 7 p.m. local time start between the Warriors and the Washington Wizards. It's the first of 70 preseason games on the schedule.

The league is going to 10 places that don't have NBA teams – Saitama; Seattle; Edmonton; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Las Vegas; Greensboro, North Carolina; Ontario, California (35 miles from Los Angeles, the home of the Clippers' G League team); Montreal; Birmingham, Alabama; and for the first time, Abu Dhabi, for a pair of matchups between Atlanta and Milwaukee.

Also on the schedule – two non-NBA teams, the Adelaide 36ers of Australia (they'll play Phoenix and Oklahoma City) and Maccabi Ra'anana of Israel (they'll play the Clippers, Portland and Oklahoma City).

The Clippers will be the home team for the two games in Seattle, one against Portland, the other against Maccabi Ra'anana.

Seattle, of course, has NBA his-

tory, and hopes of more when the NBA gets around to expansion. It's also near where Clippers owner Steve Ballmer has an estate.

"I haven't been there since I played in 2008, I think it was," Clippers coach Tyronn Lue said. "Just to go back there and Mr. Ballmer, kind of see his offices and how he lives ... I'm excited to go there."

Washington and Atlanta do not have a true home game on their preseason slates; the Wizards will be called "home" for one of the games in Saitama against the Warriors, and the Hawks are the designated home team for one of the games in Abu Dhabi against the Bucks.

And for whatever this is worth – let's be real, it's preseason, so not much – Chicago has the league's longest active preseason winning streak. The Bulls have won seven consecutive exhibitions, one more than Golden State and New York.

On the other end of that spectrum: Portland, which has dropped seven consecutive preseason games, the longest such streak in the league.

HITTING THE ROAD

Most teams are holding training camps at their home facilities, but a few are already hitting the road for their first trips of the season.

Denver is headed to San Diego for camp. Houston is going to McNeese State in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The Los Angeles Clippers will open practice in Las Vegas, at UNLV.

Philadelphia is holding camp at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. Portland headed south to Santa Barbara, California and workouts at UCSB.

Perhaps the two most ambitious trips, though, are the ones by Toronto and Miami.

The Raptors took a five-hour flight from Toronto to Victoria, British Columbia for their camp.

And the Heat were in the air for only 35 minutes, but passports were required. Miami is holding camp in Nassau, Bahamas, about 185 miles away from the team's home.

REMEMBERING RUSSELL

The NBA celebration of Bill Russell's life will continue all season, and beyond. And the feelings about Russell obviously stretch well past Boston, too.

Case in point: Toronto.

Raptors guard Fred VanVleet paid tribute to Russell before his team left for training camp, saying "it's hard to find a better icon and a better ambassador for the game and just for humanity."

"It's hard to put into words what exactly he meant," VanVleet said. "Just an incredible human being and a guy that definitely needs to be held up in the highest respect until the end of time. He had an incredible journey, an incredible life and meant so much to so many people."

KEY DATES

All camps will be open Tuesday; the Wizards, Warriors, Bucks and Hawks could start earlier because of their looming international travel for preseason games.

Preseason games go through Oct. 14. Teams can have up to 20 players on their roster during training camp, but must cut down to 17 (which includes a maximum of two two-way players for each team) by 5 p.m. Eastern on Oct. 17.

The regular season starts Oct. 18.

AP

Italy advances in Nations League; England, Germany draw 3-3

By STEVE DOUGLAS

PART one of the healing process is complete for Italy.

Looking to regain respect after failing to qualify for a second straight World Cup, the Azzurri advanced to next year's finals tournament in the Nations League by winning at Hungary 2-0 thanks to goals by Giacomo Raspadori and Federico Dimarco on Monday.

By topping a group also containing England and Germany, the Italians joined the Netherlands and Croatia in qualifying for the final four, which will be hosted by the Dutch in June.

Portugal or Spain will complete the lineup when they face off on Tuesday.

Unlike Italy, England and Germany will be going to the World Cup in Qatar in less than two months and they'll head to the Middle East on the back of a wild 3-3 draw at Wembley Stadium, where all the goals were scored in the second half.

Trailing 2-0, England scored three goals in a 12-minute span from the 71st – through Luke Shaw, Mason Mount and Harry Kane's penalty – only for Kai Havertz to pounce on a fumble by England goalkeeper Nick Pope to equalize in the 87th.

England's winless run stretched to six games, with Gareth Southgate's team finishing its Nations League campaign without a victory and relegated.

Germany isn't in much better shape ahead of the World Cup, with just one win in its last seven games.

Italy won Group A3 with 11 points, one more than Hungary, which went into the game in Budapest needing only a draw to reach the Nations League final four for the first time.

ITALY RECOVERS

The Italians are finding it easier to qualify for Nations League finals than World Cups.

They also got to the 2021 tournament, losing to Spain in the semifinals on home soil in their first few months as the reigning European champion.

Plenty has changed in the team



Hungary's Attila Szalai, second right, and Hungarian goalkeeper Peter Gulacsi, second left, in action against Italy's Leonardo Bonucci, right, during the UEFA Nations League soccer match between Hungary and Italy, at the Puskas Arena in Budapest, Hungary, Monday, Sept. 26, 2022. (AP)

since beating England in the European Championship final at Wembley last year, not least up front where Raspadori is making his mark.

Three days after scoring the winner against England in Milan, the Napoli striker put Italy ahead after Adam Nagy's back-pass came up short.

Wilfried Gnonto challenged goalkeeper Peter Gulacsi for the ball, which bounced free and Raspadori was alert to round Gulacsi and convert his finish in the 27th.

Gianluigi Donnarumma produced a string of diving stops – including a triple save in a matter of seconds – before Nicolò Barella played a ball through at the other end to Bryan Cristante, who crossed for Dimarco to score from close range for his first goal for Italy.

Late pressure from Hungary failed to yield a goal.

"We were excellent for 70 min-

utes, the last 20 I didn't like too much," Italy coach Roberto Mancini said. "We're happy – it's important to have reached the Nations League final four for the second time."

MAGUIRE UNDER SCRUTINY

Under pressure for his starting place in England's team, Harry Maguire didn't help his cause against Germany.

The Manchester United center back was at fault for Germany's 52nd-minute opener from the spot by Ilkay Gundogan – Maguire initially gave the ball away to Jamal Musiala, then clumsily fouled the teenager in the area moments later – and was then dispossessed in midfield to allow the Germans to break, culminating in a curling finish from the edge of the area by Havertz.

Maguire has lost his starting spot at United but Southgate has

retained his faith in the defender, who typically plays better for his country than his club. It was a tough night all around for England's center backs, with John Stones forced off with a suspected hamstring injury.

England did well to fight back, with Kane's penalty taking him to 51 goals for England, two off Wayne Rooney's national record, but yet another mistake proved costly.

Pope, filling in for the injured Jordan Pickford, spilled Serge Gnabry's weak shot and Havertz was on hand to tap in from close range.

"A couple of errors have cost us the goals," Southgate said, "but I'll focus on the fact they played with tremendous spirit and showed a belief that we haven't shown in the last few games."

There was a well-observed period of silence before kickoff as a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II, who died this month. Players from both teams wore black armbands.

France's World Cup title defense is already a chaotic, snowballing mess

By Henry Bushnell

THE France men's national soccer team is no stranger to madness. In the 21st century alone, its greatest hits include a sex-tape blackmail case, a player mutiny, racist quotas and a headbutt. But never before have controversies coalesced into a pre-World Cup storm quite like the one brewing right now near Paris.

In their prep for Qatar 2022, Les Bleus have won just one of six games. They lost their second-straight to Denmark on Sunday, and look, on paper and in practice, like imposters of the All-Star team that conquered all comers four years ago.

Results, however, are the least of their problems. Over the last two months, there's been a scary extortion case and accusations of witchcraft; a photoshoot boycott and a dispute between the team's brightest star, Kylian Mbappé, and the French Football Federation over image rights; reports of sexual abuse cover-ups and harassment within the federation; and a raft of injuries that have reduced a once-absurdly-deep squad to an alarmingly average one.

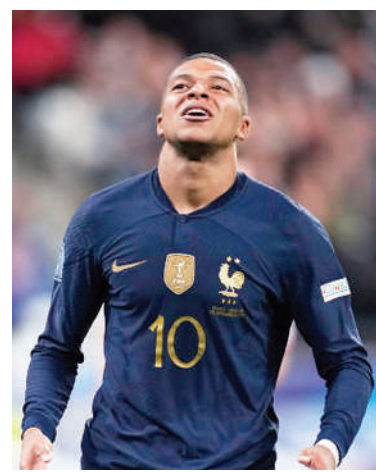
Defending World Cup champs have a habit of imploding. The last three, and four of five this century, have failed to progress beyond the group stage. The implosions, though, typically climax during the tournament, and on the field. France's, on the other hand, appears to already be underway, and it knows no bounds.

"The atmosphere is heavy," head coach Didier Deschamps admitted earlier this month.

There is still time, of course, for heaviness to ease, and for reams of talent to rise to the surface. But given the characters involved and the historical precedent, nobody is betting on that.

Injuries galore for France

Back in 2018, and in the surrounding years, Deschamps could have fielded two distinct squads capable of challenging for a World Cup. At the moment, he is struggling to build one, because his starting 11 and reserves



Kylian Mbappé is just about the only thing France has going for it ahead of the 2022 World Cup. (AP Photo)

have been decimated by injury.

Among the absentees this month were Paul Pogba, N'Golo Kante, Karim Benzema, Kingsley Coman, Adrien Rabiot, Theo Hernandez, Lucas Hernandez, Presnel Kimpembe and Hugo Lloris. Their absences opened doors to up-and-comers and fringe players – some of whom were also struck down by ill-timed strains or knocks. Ibrahima Konaté, Boubacar Kamara and Lucas Digne also missed out on two September games. And then, in the first, Jules Kounde and Mike Maignan, Lloris' deputy at goalkeeper, joined the overflowing list – a list that, on its own, could probably win a World Cup.

Most of the injuries, including Kante's and Benzema's, should heal in plenty of time for Qatar. The chief doubt is Pogba, who sustained a meniscus injury in July. He initially opted against surgery, and attacked a rehabilitation process that put him on track to return before the World Cup. After some anti-gravity-treadmill running and training-ground tests, however, he consulted doctors and underwent an operation. Juventus coach Max Allegri now says that Pogba won't play for his club until after the World Cup. It's unclear how fit he'll be by November.

The other injuries, though, are relevant in that they robbed Les Bleus of their only meaningful time to jell before Qatar. Their June international window was marred by the absence of Deschamps, who was mourning the death of his father. Their September window featured the likes of Jonathan Clauss, Youssouf Fofana, Benoît Badiashile, Adrien Truffert and Randal Kolo Muani – players who, in all likelihood, will have no role to play in the World Cup title defense. The full squad won't gather again until a week before its World Cup opener. Its attempt to repeat will depend on its ability to evolve, something that six decades of predecessors have so often failed to do. The last back-to-back men's World Cup winner was Brazil in 1958 and 1962.

Its ability to evolve, though, has been hampered, if not outright impeded, by its current incompleteness – and, perhaps, by the countless off-field issues that demand its energy and attention.

French Football Federation's toxicity and dysfunction

Some of the issues stretch far beyond the current men's national team. Noel Le Graet, the dinosaurian FFF president, who in the past has denied the existence of racism in soccer, has been accused of sexual misconduct and harassment of federation employees.

Le Graet, now 80, has allegedly sent inappropriate messages to multiple female staffers, and fostered a culture in which misogynistic and harassing behavior is commonplace. Several women have left their jobs at the federation to escape it. Senior male officials allegedly, and repeatedly, have joked about women's appearances and dress.

The FFF has also reportedly attempted to systemically suppress multiple allegations of sexual abuse, including abuse of youth players, throughout French soccer.

The toxicity and dysfunction is wide-ranging, and often flies over the heads of current players. But it hasn't completely eluded them, and sometimes hangs over them. Mbappé, for example, has criticized Le Graet for ignoring complaints about the racist abuse he endured last year.

Gwiji by David Chikoko



Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry looks at the 4 Larry O'Brien trophies during Media Day at Chase Center in San Francisco, Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022. (AP)

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Deputy Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports Said Yakub (5th L), and Satish Kumar, Petrofuel (T) Limited's Chief Managing Director (4th L), pose for a photo with Alliance Caravans' cricketers upon completion of 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's final which took place on Sunday. Alliance Caravans emerged as the tournament's champions. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

Alliance Caravans lift 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tourney title

By Guardian Reporter

ALLIANCE Caravans showcased their mettle to defeat rivals, I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC, by four wickets and clinch the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament's title last weekend.

The final which took place at Leaders Club ground witnessed I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC notching 120/10 in 19.1 overs of the 20-over clash after it garnered a chance to bat first.

The club's opening batsmen, Abhik Patwa, and Vishal Patel, were in great form and played a pivotal role in the acquisition of the total.

The duo put up 48 runs in six overs once Alliance Caravans' Kassim Nassoro sent Patwa back to the pavilion, with the opener already notching 31 runs which includes six fours.

Fellow opener Vishal Patel held his own for several overs, notching 34 runs and turning out to be the cricketer with the most runs.

Patel had pushed I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's total to 104 runs after 15.1 overs when he was sent back.

Alliance Caravans had already garnered five of I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's wickets once the latter reached a triple-digit total.

The batting squad's efforts to improve its total experienced a setback given there were two early dismissals of Riziki Kiseto and Dhrumit Mehta, as Alliance Caravans' bowling unit sought to keep the opponents in check.

Harsheed Chohan took the crease to bring stability in the innings with solid knocks, posting 26 runs.

With the rest of the I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC's cricketers exiting in quick succession, setting up a challenging target happened to be a tall order. Akhil Anil, Jitin Pratap Singh, and Nassoro took two wickets each as Alliance Caravans limited I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC to a modest score.

Needing 121 runs to come out with the win, I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC put on impressive displays with the bat and notched 121/6 in 19.2 overs.

The impressive Anil led the successful quest for victory with his 32 runs which included six boundaries.

There were meaningful showing that fellow cricketers, opener Nandakishan Pottachira, Adersh Dileep, and Jitin Pratap Singh, also put to show for the eventual winners.

Pottachira posted 28 runs, Jitin Pratap Singh notched 25 runs, whereas Dileep made certain of a win with his 12 runs not out. Nassoro chipped in with 10 runs in the solid chase.

I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC had booked a place in the showpiece's final having commanded a 28-run win over Alliance Caravans in the first of the last-four ties, termed 'Qualifier 1', on September 11.

Alliance Caravans later garnered qualification for the final having posted a 100-run victory over DTB Gymkhana in the semi-final, termed 'Qualifier 2', which took place Sunday.

I&M Aurobindo AKSC Vinu Kumar was adjudged the Player of the Tournament, Champion of the Champions' prize was handed over to Nassoro of Alliance Caravans, Jatin Darji of Novum Strikers won the Best Batman honour. Alliance Caravans' Nassoro won the Best Bowler prize, the Best Emerging Player honour was won by DTB Gymkhana's Mohamed Yunus, and Akhil Anil of Alliance Caravans was voted Man of the Match in the final.

Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of the tournament, while co-sponsors of the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, and Pepsi.

Other sponsors are Aruti, Pigabet, Black and Decker, Harab Motors, All Season Hotels, Novum Energy, Diamond Trust Bank, I&M Bank, Aurobindo Pharmacy, Azania Bank, and Horizon Teleports.

Jiuzhou, Flashnet, Ashton Media, Rotana, Aura Suites, Bank of India, Datamanics, Samaki Samaki, A One Bottlers, Africarriers, and GI Security complete the showdown sponsors' list. The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, which has participating outfits locking horns in 20-over formated duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

It is the only cricket competition organized by a private entity under the affiliation of the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) and the DC.

Mkwasa vows to end Yanga's long winning streak in Premier League

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

RUVU Shooting head coach Charles Boniface Mkwasa has vowed to break Young Africans SC's unbeaten record held since last season's Mainland Tanzania Premier League.

The two outfits will face each other in this season's NBC Premier League fifth-round tie on October 3 at the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium, with Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, looking deadly with the quality of players they possess.

Coach Mkwasa who once served Yanga as a player, head coach, and then secretary-general noted that he continues to prepare his team for the game while believing that his players will be able to break the record of their opponents.

Mkwasa realizes that Yanga has changed and has a strong squad unlike the one that took part in the top flight three seasons ago, but that does not bother him, other than believing that the preparations he is embarking on will be the saviour to break the opponents' record.

The gaffer revealed: "I do not deny that Yanga has changed a lot at the moment compared to the last three seasons, but this is football."

"I believe they are organizing themselves to keep on doing well, we are well prepared and ready to upset their record," Mkwasa added.

The gaffer noted: "We realize it's not going to be easy, they are in high spirit compared to us because we have already dropped six points from possible 12 while they have dropped two from possible 12, we need to be energetic and play as a team for 90 minutes".

Ruvu Shooting has won two games, succumbed to two losses, and has no draw in four games to amass six points in the league log.

The Coast Region club will face high-flying Yanga that has collected 10 points from four clashes with one draw coming in the clash against Azam FC.

In the head-to-head meeting between the two teams in the last 11 games, Ruvu secured one win against Yanga in August 2019 in a 1-0 away victory, Yanga has emerged victorious in nine games, two clashes were draws.



Ruvo Shooting head coach, Charles Boniface Mkwasa.

Yanga announces new Chief Executive Officer



Yanga's new Chief Executive Officer Andrew Mtine. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans SC has announced the appointment of Andre Mtine as the club's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

The Zambian comes to Young Africans SC, alias Yanga, with a wealth of knowledge having worked previously in high-level roles for various clubs in Zambia and DR Congo.

He served on Zambia's Nkana's executive committee during their greatest era in the eighties.

When he served on the Power Dynamos' executive committee from 2000 to 2004, the club won the league in 2000 and five cup competitions to keep its status as a leading contender in the domestic game.

He also had the distinction of serving on the CAF Finance Committee. He was also an important part of the management at TP

Mazembe and ZESCO United where he served as their technical advisor.

Mtine was unveiled to the public by Yanga's president Hersi Ally Said at a club press held at Serena Hotel on Tuesday morning.

"I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you Andre, to this club, the biggest club in Africa, the most decorated football club in Tanzania, the club that has the history above all, the club that has been in every part of our independence, the fight for our independence, the club that raised the football of Tanzania to the next level and the club is Yanga. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our CEO," Said noted upon introducing Mtine.

Mtine highlighted his vast experience working with top-flight football clubs in Africa for more than two decades.

"It is indeed a pleasure and honour for me to be standing here today as the new CEO of Young Africans football club."

"Young Africans football club, as the

president has said, has a tremendous history and people were asking me why Yanga? And I said 'Yanga ni timu kubwa'."

"Without the history of Yanga, those who were part of the formation of Yanga in 1935, those who managed Yanga going forward, I would not be standing here and indeed the current leadership."

"This club grew from nothing to something and for this I am grateful and I have this opportunity to work with Yanga."

"I want to say that I indeed have been in football for many years as a club administrator, as a coach. Many don't know that I have this background as an executive member of the Football Association of Zambia, as treasurer of the Football Association of Zambia."

Mtine revealed: "As match commissioner for CAF, I came here many years ago and commissioned the match of Moro United. I have been at Nkana as an executive member and on the board of directors, Power Dynamos as an executive member to mention a few teams in Zambia."

Flexibles by David Chikoko

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