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President Samia Suluhu Hassan presses a knob in Dodoma city yesterday to launch a national education and mobilisation programme to be implemented as part of the countdown to the National Population and Housing Census scheduled for next year. Photo: State House

Help out with sensitisation, Samia advises stakeholders

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has called upon census stakeholders to play an active role in public sensitization before the national activity slated for August next year.

Officiating at an event in the capital to launch the strategy for promotion, sensitisation and public education, the president listed key stakeholders as including religious leaders, media entities, artists and the development community.

She said the exercise can only be a success if stakeholders fully participate in the sensitization campaign, underlining that the National Population and Housing Census will help the government with basic information for vital decisions in the quest for social and economic development.

The sixth countrywide population and

housing census will provide the framework for implementation of projects in various sectors, including education, health and infrastructure building, she stated

The first such census was conducted in 1910 under the German rule, while the first post-independence census was conducted in 1967, three years after the union of Tanganyika and Zanzibar. The exercise has since then been organised on average after ten years, conforming with international best practices, she explained.

"Our aim is to know the actual number of citizens and where they live; through census we will also know people's age, gender, quality of houses and where they work," the president affirmed, noting that such information will help the government to ascertain the growth of the population, migration from rural to urban areas and update the map of

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Govt due to begin maize purchasing

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

THE National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) and the Cereals and Other Produce Board (CPB) will next week start purchasing 90,000 tonnes of maize, a few days after receiving 50bn/- from the Treasury.

The exercise will centre in the Southern Highlands regions of Ruvuma, Rukwa, Njombe,

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Bank sector liquidity sufficient, states BoT

By Guardian Reporter

BANK of Tanzania (BoT) evaluation of commercial banks and other financial institutions in pursuit of its monetary policy mandate has given positive signals for the state of the financial sector in the country.

The central bank said in a statement issued to the media yesterday that there was adequate financial fall back resources in the banking sector during the review period, expressing satisfaction

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Newly appointed Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji has an audience with officials in the ministry shortly after being sworn in by President Samia Suluhu Hassan in Dodoma city on Monday. She is with deputy minister Kundo Mathew (R) and permanent secretary Dr Zainab Chaula. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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Songwe, Mbeya, Katavi and Iringa, extending to Dodoma and Manyara also having grain stockpiles

Agriculture minister Prof Adolph Mkenda told journalists here yesterday that NFRA will purchase the crop in seven regions at a price of 500/- per kilogram and CPB will purchase in six regions depending on the price available in the market.

"NFRA will purchase maize in Ruvuma, Rukwa, Njombe, Songwe, Mbeya, Katavi and Iringa while CPB purchasing in Rukwa, Katavi, Njombe, Songwe, Dodoma and Manyara.

The maize will be purchased through Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society (AMCOS) and other registered agro-sector groups, and also purchase from small holders amounts not exceeding 300 sacks of maize or 30 tonnes of the produce.

"We want the funds issued by the government to be used properly to meet the intended goals. We want the funds to reach every farmer who cultivated maize this

year. We will closely monitor to ensure that all these measures are implemented," he said. Six million tonnes of maize was produced this year, doubling the surplus compared to the previous year, the minister noted, acknowledging surpluses in the local market and neighboring states of Zambia and Zimbabwe led to a drastic drop in price, affecting farmers' earning prospects and plans for next season.

Farmers have been affected by the lack of a reliable market, with some failing to realise subsistence needs up to the next harvest after selling the produce, he stated.

NFRA chief executive officer Milton Lupa urged farmers to remain calm as the agency makes an effort to reach all of them, even in outlying areas.

Dr Anselm Mushi, the CPB director general said they are going to ensure that they purchase the maize as instructed by the ministry, and seek out markets, as the board is setting foot in assured markets in Kenya, South Sudan, Comoro, Burundi and Rwanda.

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with the interest rates charged by commercial banks.

The money trading charge in the financial market has remained between three and five per cent during the first quarter of 2021, while the economic situation, including local and external fiscal balances, was positive, it said.

Monetary policy implementation was satisfactory for July and August, the statement noted, indicating that loans to the private sector grew by 4.1 per cent for the year ending July 31, from 3.6 per cent in the preceding period.

The BoT monetary committee identified indications of global economic growth continuing to strengthen as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic subsides, though at a crawling pace.

Economic growth for the

Bank sector liquidity sufficient, states BoT

Mainland and Zanzibar for the first quarter of 2021 was also satisfactory, it affirmed, noting that Mainland growth rate stood at 4.9 per cent compared to 5.9 per cent in the same period for 2020.

This was largely contributed by construction, transport, agriculture, industrial production and mining, it stated, noting that for Zanzibar, the economy grew by 2.2 per cent compared to 2.5 per cent for the first quarter in 2020.

Inflation remained within a three to five percent margin reflecting stable national targets, while the tourist sector continued to be affected by challenges arising from

Covid-19, it further noted, hinting that gold sales increased, reaching USD 3bn for the year ending July 2021.

Foreign reserves continued to stay within accepted regulatory levels, reaching USD 5.5bn, thus enough to cover six months of imports, it added.

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social services demand as a whole.

"It becomes difficult for the government to work on the various challenges without proper statistics. We need to have numbers to find solutions to unemployment problems and be able to assist with special needs including for the disabled," she emphasised

Information availed through the census will enable investors to make decision on where to put their money and the type of businesses suitable in particular regions, she said, expressing satisfaction with census preparations so far.

The national census committee led by Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa had done a good job with preparation of a sensitisation and public education strategy towards the successful implementation of the exercise, the president declared

She was affirmative that Tanzanians will turn up in good numbers, and those responsible must ensure the counting exercise is implemented efficiently and at a low cost.

Vice President Dr Philip Mpango called upon Tanzanians to fully participate in the national census as it will help the government to

know workforce numbers and take that into account to make decisions when planning for social and economic development.

Premier Majaliwa leading the census supervision said the government is determined to find permanent solutions for employment challenges. Getting the right numbers of people and habitats would help the planning authorities accordingly.

"We will professionally supervise the sixth population and housing census to ensure all the people sleeping in the premises the night before are counted," he added.

HakiElimu congratulates govt on initiative to solve challenges faced by some special-needs pre-schools

By Correspondent James Kandoya

HAKIELIMU, a non-profit organisation, has recommended the government's implementation of a draft capitation grant formula to address challenges facing inclusive pre-primary schools for children with disabilities.

HakiElimu Executive Director Dr John Kalaghe made the remarks in Dar es Salaam yesterday when addressing education stakeholders through a virtual conference at the official launching of a report dubbed 'A Study on Access to Inclusive Pre-Primary Education for Children with Disabilities'.

He said the study aims at highlighting the contextual and institutional factors that prevent children with disabilities from accessing and participating in inclusive pre-primary education.

Currently, there is no special funding for pre-primary school children with disabilities a situation that affects their performance, he said.

Dr Kalaghe said findings from primary school heads revealed that the capitation grant received did not accommodate pre-primary school children.

Besides, the capitation grant is not equity-based. Thus, there was no special funding for pre-primary school pupils from the government.

"We call on the government to implement the approved capitation grant draft for funds to be issued according to the needs," he said, noting the pre-primary school with

disabilities budget cannot be the same compared to other schools.

He said there is a need for the increase in public expenditure to implement and support inclusive pre-primary education.

The draft capitation grant formula considers the allocation of targeted funds for children with special needs in schools, among others. The grant will also provide additional resources to cater for special educational needs to schools.

Dr Richard Shukia, a lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam said the increase in public expenditure would help to implement and support inclusive pre-primary education in the country.

In his report entitled 'Access to inclusive pre-primary education for children with disabilities in Tanzania mainland' which was conducted in ten regions, Dr Shukia said there is a need to strengthen public-private partnership to collaboratively promote best inclusive practices and address barriers in continued efforts to meet the educational needs of pre-primary school children with disabilities.

The study was conducted in Dar es Salaam, Dodoma Kilimanjaro, Njombe, Tanga, Mbeya, Tabora and Lindi regions.

He pointed out other challenges such as limited funding targeting children with disabilities, inadequate number of professional teachers, lack of adapted infrastructures, special classrooms, instructional practices and adapted teaching-learning materials (Braille).



Livestock and Fisheries deputy minister Abdallah Ulega addresses residents of Nanjilinj village in Kilwa District yesterday, chiefly on disputes pitting herders against other villagers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Street children in urban centres now number 35,919 - government

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THE government has said there are 35,919 street children in the country, a number that threatens security in the community due to some of them joining criminal gangs.

The observation was made here yesterday by Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elders and Children Permanent Secretary Dr John Jingu, at a meeting that discussed the problem of street children in Dodoma City.

He said the number is too high for the country's various urban centres

and have been fending for them, whereas at other times reared by some people with unacceptable behaviour and forced to join criminal gangs.

"It is a problem for the community development everywhere, here in Tanzania we have so many of them in our urban centres, and their number has now reached 35,919 and increasing, according to statistics provided by the ministry," he said.

He said if the children continue to remain in the streets, a huge problem will be created in regard

to community development due to their own upbringing, and added that this was not acceptable at all.

He said the meeting will discuss in depth the issue and look for the causes of having these children in the streets.

For his part, acting Commissioner for Community Development, Shilungu Ndaki, said the meeting aims to have in place strategies to find solutions to the huge teaser.

He said by March this year 1,506 children were joined up with their families, adding that the homes of more than 90 per cent of the parents

are known.

Earlier, The Resident Director of PACT Tanzania, Mariana Balampama said the institutions has been working to eradicate the problem by identifying the children and send them back to school, providing them with vocational training as well as joining them up with their families.

She said in the last five years, more than 8,300 children were reached by involving other institutions, adding that the permanent solution to the problem needs great cooperation among various sectors.

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

Envoy happy with Tamwa work in GBV fight

DEPUTY Head of Mission, Embassy of Finland in Tanzania Sari Uusi-Rauva has expressed her satisfaction with the wise use of resources given to the Tanzania Media Women Association (Tamwa- Zanzibar) in scaling up the fight against gender-based violence in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

The envoy made the call here soon after visiting Tamwa-Zanzibar headquarters in Tunguu area, Central District of Unguja,

and thereafter received a report on the implementation of the GBV project in Isles.

She said the Finish embassy in Tanzania is proud to work with Tamwa throughout the three years of project implementation as it has shown significant changes in society.

Sari said through the report it was a great comfort to see people talking about the success of the project including their children

giving evidence and eventual conviction of those responsible.

Earlier Tamwa-Zanzibar director Dr Mzuri Issa said before the implementation of the empowerment project for the elderly and victims of abuse it became very difficult for some of them to come to court and give evidence.

Dr Mzuri said through the project the

15,000 people in various parts of Unguja and Pemba.

He said great efforts were made to build the capacity of the project's beneficiaries to stand up and provide the required evidence while tracking their cases while on the part of journalists to identify the best ways to report and protect the victims. He said that for the entire three years a total of 1,377 cases were reported in different police stations across the Isles and out of those cases, 403 were rape cases.

According to him, 163 cases went in court and reached conclusion, while 581 cases are still in police stations, 198 are still in court and 92 were dismissed for various reasons.

victims of abuse were empowered and eventually testified before the court without fear, leading to many of the perpetrators to be convicted.

Tamwa-Zanzibar Research and Evaluation Officer Mohamed Khatib said the three-year project from 2019-2021 brought together various groups including the parents of the victims, their children and some journalists with the aim of building their capacity in the fight against violence.

He said initially the project aimed to reach about 12,000 beneficiaries but they exceeded the target and reached about



Umyy Nderiananga (2nd-L), Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office (Persons with Disabilities) presents a motorcycle to Bakuli Stanley from Dodoma Region's Bahi District Council cluster during the distribution of 65 motorcycles in Dodoma city at the weekend. The event was organised by the National Council of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NACOPHA) through a project known as Hebu Tuyajenge - with funding from USAID. The project covers 65 councils in 22 mainland Tanzania regions. Left is NACOPHA-Tanzania CEO Deogratius Rututwa. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt issues order on construction of 17.1bn/- Dodoma model school

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

EDUCATION, Science and Technology deputy minister Omary Kipanga has demanded that the construction of a model secondary school at Iyumbu in the national capital be completed by February 2022.

Kipanga issued the instructions here at the weekend during his inspection visit to the school as well as the Vocational Training College for the Central Zone under construction at Naila in the city.

He said the construction work of the model school will cost 17.1bn/- under Suma JKT and directed them to make sure it is completed by February next year.

He said since the government introduced

free education, there has been an increase in students enrollment in schools hence need for constructing more schools and classrooms.

Giving his report on the project, Deputy JKT Operations Commander Major Geoffrey Ngole said the work started in July 2020 and will be complete by February next year.

He said the school complex includes the main building, girl students' dormitory to accommodate 500 students, and boys' dormitory also to accommodate 500 students.

He said other structures include dining room, 10 staff quarters, teachers' houses and sports grounds.

At Naila Vocational Training College, Kipanga said when completed, it will have the capacity to take in 3,000 students while 1,500 will be enrolled in the first phase.

He said the government has provided 17.9bn/- and the work that started July this year, will take 18 months to complete.

He said the government is set to construct technical colleges in all zones countrywide considering the budget's availability.

For his part, an assistant engineer from BICO Contractors, Aliku Nziku said the project is in line with the government's plans to increase the number of experts in laboratory technology.

He said the project is being constructed by CRJE Limited under BICO's supervision.

US business delegation to visit East Africa next year

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

A BUSINESS delegation from US is set to visit East Africa in October next year to learn more about the investment opportunities in the bloc.

Senior Commercial Officer from US Commercial Service, Ken Walsh said this yesterday when he visited the Arusha-based East African Business Council (EABC).

Walsh and his host EABC chief executive officer, John Kalisa agreed on areas of partnership to boost East Africa -USA trade and investment ties.

In his remarks, Kalisa said: "EAC is open for investment and there is high political goodwill from the EAC Heads of State on promoting a business- friendly environment for investors in the region."

He elaborated that the EAC offers a market of 177 million consumers and applauded the recent ratification of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement (AfCFTA) by the United Republic of Tanzania. He stated that the EAC bloc will soon commence trading and accessing the 1.2 billion African market.

The EAC bloc benefits from preferential market access to the US under African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). In 2015, EAC and US signed agreement on trade facilitation, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) and technical barriers to trade (TBT). The EAC also initiated negotiations on EAC-US Investment Treaty and inaugurated EAC-US Commercial Dialogue.

According to International Trade Centre, in 2019 EAC imported goods valued USD.1.124 billion from the USA and exported USD.704 million. This value has declined to 963,010 and 681,299 respectively in 2020 due to disruptions by Covid-19 pandemic.

Kalisa urged for extension of the AGOA and kick start the negotiations of EAC-US Free Trade Agreement in order to attract more investment into East Africa. He stated that AGOA has integrated the EAC bloc's apparel sector into the global value chains.

Other areas discussed set to boost trade and attract more investment between East Africa and USA include investments in industrial parks, special economic zones, export processing zone, strengthening regional value chains to increase productive capacity, capacity building for women and young entrepreneurs on access to US market via AGOA, protection of East African natural capital, implementation of EAC-US Commercial Dialogue; rolling out of EAC AGOA

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Farmers called upon to contribute to revamping of irrigation scheme

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

RICE farmers under Mwendamtitu Irrigation Scheme in Mbarali District, Mbeya Region, have been called upon to contribute to the cost of revamping the scheme's infrastructure to ease the water scarcity challenge threatening their crops.

The call was given at the weekend by the district's agricultural officer, Jamson Mwilana at the event to mark Rice Farmers Day in the district held at Mwendamtitu Village.

He said every year the scheme is affected by droughts that have affected the crops due to sand blocking water canals, and sometimes the work to unblock the canals is hampered due to lack of funds. "Farming needs technology and friendly infrastructures, you should not entirely depend on rains in rice production, look for other sources of water," he said.

He said the farmers are the scheme's beneficiaries hence they should contribute in servicing its infrastructures.

The scheme's coordinator, Bruno Mgumba said the farmers are supposed to contribute 50,000/- per acre per farmer and that these rates has been set by the government.

He said the government set the rates in consideration of the rice selling prices.

He said the cost to run irrigation schemes is high in some places but in regard to Mbarali District, the cost is low in many schemes due to geographical considerations.

"70 per cent of the cost is used to revamp the infrastructures and 30 per cent as operation cost, the problem arises when some farmers refuse to contribute while others do not do so in time," said Mgumba.

Some farmers using the scheme said local farmers contribute to the cost without any problems, but the problem lies with farmers from outside the area who rent farms from local farmers.

They said due to the nature of the scheme's infrastructures, the 50,000/- needed to revamp the infrastructures was small.



Patrobas Katambi (R), Deputy Minister State in the Prime Minister's Office (Labour, Youth and Employment), has word with a Tanga resident found at a rehabilitation centre for drug addicts during yesterday's visit to the city by a delegation comprising members of the Parliamentary Committee on Aids, Tuberculosis, Drug Abuse and Non-Communicable Diseases. Photo: Correspondent Oscar Kasimiri

By Guardian Correspondent,

Dodoma

TCDC readying to operate electronically - Dr Ndiege

THE Tanzania Cooperative Development Commission (TCDC) has said it will begin to collect various reports on cooperatives electronically to enable them operate in a modern way.

This was revealed here at the weekend by the Registrar of Cooperatives who doubles as TCDC CEO, Dr Benson Ndiege during a task meeting for cooperatives stakeholders from various regions nationwide.

He said as for now it was essential time to have modern cooperatives and do away with age long operations in order to have cooperatives that touch all groups.

"We must change, we have cooperatives that involve the youth, elders, women and workers from all groups - fisherman, media people, and

we should no longer remain with the old cooperatives system.

"What we need now is the trust in the cooperatives, if people lose trust, nothing will be done. In villages no one will listen to you if the cooperative you run does not provide farmers with fertilizers and other farm inputs even though in the past you were doing so," he added.

However, he said cooperative officials must begin providing various services to their members including health insurance to enable them see the importance of being members in the cooperatives.

"We want to see cooperatives using the market system to see how they can assist farmers to access the

markets for their harvests, TCDC is ready to operate together with its stakeholders to make sure the markets are available," Dr Ndiege added.

He said there was the nagging problem of theft in the cooperatives and that in the next five years they will severely deal with all who will steal from the cooperatives.

In regard to the adoption of the electronic system in cooperatives, he said already it has started and they will make sure they keep proper records and call upon stakeholders for assistance.

For her part, the chairman of Tanzania Cooperatives Alliance (TCA), Theresia Chitumbi said the meeting is a platform for ushering the new cooperative movement that will be run in a modern way.

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

THERE are presently 1,600 acute cases of tuberculosis (TB) in the country, while 74 die every day from the disease.

This was revealed here at the weekend by Dr Saitole Laizer, on behalf of the government chief medical officer at the launching of the association of stakeholders in the fight against the disease in the country, saying the deaths are equivalent to a bus full of passengers.

Dr Laizer said the main cause of the disease is the decreased body immunity, including among people with diabetes, cancer and acute malnutrition in vulnerable groups.

"During last year alone, 445 patients of acute TB were identified," he said and added that one obstacle that contributes in having such a big number of TB sufferers is the difficulty in reaching vulnerable groups particularly drug addicts.

"We are thankful to the government for providing adequate funds that has enabled the purchase of five new vehicles at 80m/-

'Tanzania has 1,600 TB patients with 74 succumbing every day'

each to work in rural areas in examining sufferers who cannot go to hospitals," added Dr Laizer.

For his part, Dr Godwin Mollle deputy minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children said his ministry received 97bn/- to fight TB infections.

He said with the vehicles, they anticipate to reach many people to directly provide them with education so as to attain the government's aim to eradicate TB come 2030.

Speaking about the stakeholders' association, Parliament Speaker Job Ndugai said TB was among diseases that silently kill many people hence the fight against it must be enhanced.

In the meantime, government's chief medical officer Dr Aifelo Sichelwe warned people who provide misleading information on non-communicable

disease (NCDs) to stop doing it.

Addressing reporters here on Monday, he said recently there has been an increase of people misleading the public on NCDs.

"Such education is being conveyed via social media, especially in regard to diet, need for exercises to reduce weight and treatment for non-communicable diseases including diabetes, cancer and blood pressure," he said.

He said since these people are unqualified to do so, so they end up confusing members of the community through misleading information, and called on them to adhere to guidelines provided by the ministry of Health.

He also called on all people to undergo medical examination to know their health statuses as early as possible in order to receive the correct treatment at health centers.

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Godwin Mpinga (C, in jacket), northern zone secretary of an association crusading for the rights of passengers, pictured in Arusha city at the weekend sensitising bus passengers on their rights and precautions against Covid-19. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Mining officers urged to improve relations with other govt officials

By Guardian Reporter

MINERALS Minister, Doto Biteko has called on regional resident mining officers countywide to improve relationship between them and other government officials, including regional and district commissioners, ward executives and other village leaders.

He said since they represent the government in regions and districts they are stationed they should create exemplary legacies in their areas.

"If anything untoward happens, all of us bear the brunt, hence we should be serious in building up a good reputation of our ministry," the minister added.

The minister made the remarks when opening the Mining Commission's First Quarterly meeting for FY 2021/22 that aimed to discuss the improvement of various strategies to attain, or even surpass

revenue collection target of 650bn/- set by the government for the current financial year.

"This is a good thing and the Minerals Ministry supports you in these efforts to ensure the ministry contributes 10 per cent to the GDP by 2025," added Biteko.

He said the aim of President Samia Suluhu Hassan is to make the minerals sector to be the leading sector for the country's economic growth.

He called on the officials to use the meeting for exchanging of experiences from their operations in areas they come from.

"The ministry has been tasked to collect 650bn/-, a huge sum, but you must not despair, continue to work hard to make the sector become a leading sector for the country's economic growth," said the Minerals minister.

He also called upon the officers to mete

out justice and shun corruptive practices with miners as this will mar their reputation.

In regard to the revocation of mining licences, he said they should do so only after being satisfied that a licence qualifies to be revoked and in this they should not be swayed by external pressure.

He said in areas with minerals rush where mining licences have to be issued, this should be done with adherence to the laws.

"Assist Tanzanians by making them happy with the minerals sector, do your work justly and trustfully," he stressed.

Earlier, speaking before welcoming Minister Biteko, Minerals deputy minister Prof Shukrani Manya praised the mining officials present for their god work considering the huge areas they administer.

For his part, the chairman of Tanzania Mining Commission (TMC) Prof Idris Kikula called on the officials to work hard to make the institution have a unified concept.



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General Services Manager (GSM)

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Required Qualifications:

- Completion of secondary school; Advanced diploma in related field (i.e., procurement, logistics, management) or University degree in a related field is preferred.
- Five years serving in a similar management/supervisory position in the general services field including procurement and inventory management; property management; fleet management; logistical management; and management of clearing and forwarding processes.
- Practical demonstrated knowledge of procurement and inventory management best practices (US Government regulations in these areas preferred); working knowledge of fleet management (scheduling, fuel management and maintenance); and working knowledge of office and residential property management and maintenance.
- Computer literacy in Microsoft Office products (word processing, spreadsheets, Outlook email); Experience with inventory databases.
- Language: Fluent in English and Kiswahili.
- Valid Tanzanian driver's license for a minimum of 5 years; demonstrated ability to drive manual 4x4 vehicles.
- Must be able to obtain and maintain a medical clearance for driving.
- Must be able to obtain and maintain a security clearance from the U.S. Embassy.

Application Procedures

Applications must be received no later than 5:00PM on **September 30, 2021**. Please email a cover letter, CV, copy of your driver's license, certificates, personal address and contact information along with the names and contacts of references to TZ-DMO@peacecorps.gov with **Application for General Services Manager** in the subject line. If necessary, applications can be posted to the attention of: **Director of Management and Operations, Application for General Services Manager, U.S. Peace Corps Tanzania, P. O. Box 9123, Dar es Salaam**. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

Candidates may send an email to the address above with the following subject title: **Request GSM Statement of Work** for the complete job description (SOW).

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INVITATION TO BID PROVISION OF LIGHTNING ARRESTER TO KASULU TRANSIT CENTRE THREE (3)

Date: 13 September 2021
Ref: KSL/IOM/330 /21

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental organization established in 1951 and is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits both migrants and society.

In the framework of Provision of lightning arrester to Kasulu Transit Centre three (3) in Kasulu District, Kigoma Region, IOM Kasulu Sub Office invites sealed bid document from interested bidders for the Provision of lightning arrester to Kasulu Transit Centre three (3) in Kigoma region Kasulu District.

Instruction to Bidders:

1. Tender documents will be ready for collection from 14/09/2021 to 27/09/2021 starting at 09:00 AM- 3:00PM.
2. Interested bidders are allowed site visit daily from 10:00AM - 02:00PM from 14 - 26 September 2021 at IOM Kasulu Transit Center three (3), Kasulu District in Kigoma Region.
3. Access to premises require mask wearing by an individual(s)
4. Bid prices must be submitted in Tanzania shillings.
5. The Bid Forms shall be collected from and once completed submitted in a sealed envelope to the following addresses:

Procurement officer
International Organization for Migration
Dar es Salaam Office, Plot 1365
Slipway road off Chole road Msasani
P.O. Box 9270, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Or
Procurement Officer
International Organization for Migration
P. O. Box 303, Kasulu
Kasulu Kigoma

The enclosed bids form shall be submitted in original and duplicated copy and must be delivered by hand on or before the deadline of the bid submission date. The currency of the bid and figures should be clearly indicated to avoid ambiguity. Bids that do not fulfill this requirement will be disqualified.

6. Bids submitted after the closing date will not be considered.
7. Bid shall be valid for period of 90 (Ninety) calendar days after submission
8. IOM reserves the right to accept, reject or cancel any or all bids and to annul the selection process and reject all tenders at any time, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected companies.

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TANZANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS UNION



Tender No. TALG/PROC/021/2021 For PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF T-SHIRTS AND CAPS Invitation for Tenders

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 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-shirt and Caps	Pcs	80,000

3. Tendering will be conducted through the **Open 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), Tender Board, 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 **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 **Tshs 200,000/=** by depositing at NMB Bank account number 20606600115 payable to **KATIBU MKUU TALGWU**.
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1,500 people to benefit from free cataract surgery in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

ABOUT 1500 people are set to benefit from a free cataract surgery organised by the Lions Club Dar es Salaam aimed at combating low sight and blindness.

The club is also planning for an eye screening campaign across the country where more than one million people will be reached countrywide.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam at the weekend, president of the Club Violet Lusagana said more education is needed for people to take part in such campaigns.

She said that most Tanzanians are not used to checking their health despite the procedure being important to their lives.

"There is a problem with some people's perceptions of poor vision. Some patients have been deceived into believing that if they attend clinics or treatments their eyes will be removed," she said.

She said many are afraid to show up

even though the services are free.

The club which is involved in providing social services, especially in relation to eye health, has congratulated the people who showed up in the recent campaign in Tarime District, Mara Region and asked more to show up in other regions.

According to her, the campaign reached about 150 people who underwent eye surgery while another 500 received other services including eye sight tests and counseling. She said 200 people have already undergone eye surgery in Arusha while another 200 are expected to undergo another operation and extend the service to Bagamoyo District in Coast Region while urging the people of those areas not to be afraid to show up.

The Dar es Salaam-based rotary club has been providing free medical care and eye health care services to people with limited financial ability to pay for the treatment.



Selemani Jafo (2nd-R, foreground), Minister of State in the Union and Environment wing of the Vice President's Office, leads members of a task force detailed to oversee the environmental status of Dar es Salaam rivers on an assessment tour of a river in the region's Mbezi Kimara B suburb yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

'Reported cases of violence against women, children increase by 5 pct'

By Guardian Reporter

THE Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) said yesterday that incidences of violence against women and children that were reported at police stations increased by 5.7 per cent to 26,544 last year compared to 23,685 recorded in 2019.

LHRC Executive Director, Anna Henga made the revelation in Dar es Salaam when briefing journalists on the planned launch of 'Haki Marathon', an event aimed at raising awareness among Tanzanians on the importance of ensuring human rights as well as protecting women and children against violence.

The 2020 human rights report indicates that there were 36,940 incidents of violence that were reported at police stations in between 2015 and 2019 which is equivalent to 7,388 incidents that happened last year, she said.

"We have decided to introduce the special marathon that will attract over 1,000 people from within and outside the country. The event will be conducted virtually from October 17th to December

2020," said Henga adding the marathon is part of celebrations to mark the Human Rights Day which is observed by the international community every year on 10 December.

Henga said decisions to organise the online event follows the outbreak of COVID-19 whereas countries are now implementing measures to control its spread which includes social distancing, wearing face masks and washing hands with soap and running water or using alcohol based hand sanitizers.

She said those interested should register and pay for the marathon. She said registered participants from each of the countries will select their preferred dates to participate in the marathon.

He said the centre will later on provide information on where participants can collect their medals.

"Haki Marathon will have three different types of running distances ranging from 5 to 21 kilometres," said Henga noting the event is expected to sensitize Tanzanians on human rights issues and broader their understanding on human rights.

Jafo directs Dar authorities to work with newly formed environmental task force

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

MINISTER of State in the Vice-President's Office (Union and Environment) Selemani Jafo has directed authorities in Dar es Salaam city to provide support to the recently formed task force which is working on ways to prevent river and stream erosion.

Jafo urged them to work day and night to ensure city residents are not affected by floods during rainfall seasons.

He also tasked the National Environment Management Council (NEMC) to make sure the formed task force is facilitated financially to smoothly execute its duties.

The minister expressed satisfaction with the job well done so far whereas some 47 kilometres of different rivers in Dar es Salaam have been cleaned.

Jafo made the statement at Ulongoni A in Dar es Salaam yesterday when

speaking after concluding his one-day tour to inspect implementation progress for the project.

"The river cleaning project will save people from floods, the formed task force include members from the police force, Tanzania Rural and Urban Road Agency (TARURA), NEMC and all the municipal councils within Dar es Salaam Region," said Jafo.

He said the government spends a lot of money to build infrastructures and river banks to protect people residing near rivers and valleys. He warned that execution of sand at rivers threatens the lives of people, calling upon authorities to control the exercise.

"We will take stringent measures against anyone taking sand from the rivers for business purposes. Tanzanians should report such incidences to government officials to save people from a number of disasters including floods," he said.

He added that successful

implementation of the project in Dar es Salaam will pave way for similar projects in other regions. He said environment protection is a permanent agenda for the six phase government.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Angela Kibiriti, who is the member of the task force, said they have also provided education on environment conservation to many people especially those living near rivers and streams.

Kibiriti underscored the need for continued public education on environment protection as they need to have a common understanding on the matter to properly take part in conservation activities, thus preventing floods.

A number of houses were demolished by floods during the last rainfall season, saying victims have been reached and educated on how to protect themselves from disasters.

TANZANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS UNION



INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS

1. The Tanzania Local Government Workers Union invites bids from reputable and experienced Suppliers of goods and services for the Financial year 2022 as listed below:-

1	Printing Services
2	Supply of Computer and its Accessories
3	Supply of Stationeries
4	Supply and Repair Services of Air Conditioners and Fans
5	Motor vehicle Repair and Maintenance Services
6	Supply of Motor vehicle Tyres

2. Interested applicants may obtain further information from the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Tender Board, 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.

3. 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 2 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Tshs 100,000/=** by depositing at NMB Bank account number 20606600115 payable to **KATIBU MKUU TALGWU**.

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TANZANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS UNION



Tender No. TALG/PROC/0029/2021 For SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF GENERATOR Invitation for Tenders

14 September 2021

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 TALG/PROC/0029/2021.
2. TALGWU now invites sealed tenders from eligible Suppliers for supply and installation of a stand by generator.
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 and inspect the Tendering Documents at the office of the Tanzania Local Government Workers Union (TALGWU), Tender Board Secretary, 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 04:00pm** on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
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Mwanaidi Abdallah of Kwagunda ward in Korogwe District turns on a tap at the weekend to launch a water project funded by World Vision Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

Tanzanian students urged to take courses relevant for job markets

By Erica Kyomo, Tudarco

TANZANIAN students have been urged to take courses that will make them employable after graduating from colleges and universities.

A Dar es Salaam-based skills training trainer and tutor at the Institute of Heavy Equipment and Technology (IHET), Joachim Kageche, made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam during an interview with this paper.

Kageche noted that majority of Tanzanian students fail to grab opportunities available in the projects due to lack of essential skills citing as examples those attached to the implementation of various projects such as the construction of a crude oil pipeline from Uganda to the Tanga port in Tanzania, Julius Nyerere Hydropower Project

(JNHPP), the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) project that need well skilled workforce.

"We are witnessing a significant increase of young women, especially in the male dominated professions, which gives us great comfort as this shows how women are ready to grab opportunities, engaged in productive activities so as to burry gender gap, we will encourage them to also seize opportunities in the ongoing mega projects in the country," he mentioned.

An instructor in the forklift operation Chausiku Hassan admitted that after acquiring skills, she got a job in one of the largest industries in the country, something which she said gives him enough income to provide for her family and do other development things.

Nikasi Barinda who is an employee at the ongoing SGR project stressed that he had a big dream to be a patriotic youth who contributes heavily to building the country through their handicrafts and that dream has come true.

"I encourage my fellow young people not to hesitate to try any opportunity that comes; a good thing is to ensure that we improve our skills all the time so as to be employed. I'm now living my dream life, I am able to get all the basic needs," he advised.



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Cotton price at record high - Kafulila

By Guardian Correspondent, Meatu

SIMIYU Regional Commissioner David Kafulila has said that cotton price has this year risen to 1800/- per kilogramme, which is almost two times from the indicative price of 1,050/- set by the government through the Tanzania Cotton Board (TCB).

According to Kafulila, the price improvement of the crop has been fueled by robust measures taken by the government to fight dirty tactics done by dishonest traders to exploit farmers.

Speaking with residents at Mwaokoli village, Kisesa ward in Meatu District, Kafulila said this year's cotton price has gone up compared to all other seasons since the crop was initiated in the country.

"The government through President Samia Suluhu Hassan is committed to uplift Tanzanians' lives in various sectors including agriculture which include taking several measures to fight all kinds of exploitation of farmers and we have witnessed positive fruits this year in the cotton crop," he said.

He also said that the rise of the cotton price has not been caused by the rise of the crop's price in the global market as majority of people believe.

"The current cotton price in the global market is at US\$90 cents, this price was the same in 2013 and 2018. But the local price has never reached this year's price of 1800/-, so this surely shows how measures taken by the government as well as stakeholders contributed to the situation," he said.

Kafulila said that the government has controlled dirty tactics of cotton buyers including fighting third party agents of the crop, something that was affecting price of the crop and ended up putting farmers in worse situations yearly.

Farmers in the village also commended the government for taking the measures to support growth of the crop and its price. "We have never experienced this situation all those years spent in the field, selling cotton at the price of 1800/- remain a great surprise to us, we hope that we will be able to achieve our dream in farming," said John Maduhu, one of the cotton growers at the village.

He hailed the government's move to set up an indicative price of the crop, something which also brings competitiveness among buyers and thus encouraging more farmers to increase cultivation.

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Project : ACHIEVE Tanzania Project
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Job Description and Application Link:
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Application Deadline : Sunday – 23rd September 2021

Position : Curriculum Development and Training Advisor (1 position)
Project : ACHIEVE Tanzania Project
Position Location : Dar es Salaam
Contract Duration : 1 year (Renewable)

Job Description and Application Link:
<https://cvpeopletanania.zohorecruit.com/jobs/Careers/59404400004507048/Curriculum-Development-and-Training-Advisor?source=CareerSite>

Application Deadline : Friday – 17th September 2021

Position : Capacity Development and Grants Office (1 position)
Project : ACHIEVE Tanzania Project
Position Location : Dar es Salaam
Contract Duration : 1 year (Renewable)

Job Description and Application Link:
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Application Deadline : Friday – 17th September 2021

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If you believe you are the ideal person we are looking for, please submit your application online describing why you are the right candidate for this position and a curriculum vitae detailing your experience and three (3) professional referees from previous and current place of employment. Please send the application online (through the CVPEOPLE Tanzania link under each position) as only the applications sent online will be reviewed.

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KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation

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Please note that we only consider the applications that are received through the KNCV website. Applications that are sent to recruit email account are not taken into consideration.

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Samia is right: Small traders merit maximum help to grow

RESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan was on a balancing act this Monday, issuing a clear directive to district and regional commissioners to ensure that they oversee the operations of small traders more effectively, including so organising them as to ensure that they conduct their activities properly.

It will not be easy for administrators to do that, as the traders in question would wish to operate in areas where many people pass - which is precisely what commonly vexes urban authorities, that they make life impossible by filling all space available.

What the president emphasized, though, is that administrators should implement the reorganisation of the traders appropriately - without resorting to harassment.

So there are two areas of appropriate behaviour, which some fear that they are mutually exclusive - one being that of hawkers who claim near-permanent daytime 'residence' on urban streets and street pavements and not the marching ones.

Ensuring appropriate behaviour as relates to the issue on the part of district and regional officials has also proved hard to effect.

The reason is that administrators want to take effective measures which make the streets comfortable, but that demands kicking out all hawkers or retaining marginal numbers that don't reflect the huge demand for trading space.

If such a measure is really forcibly effected and the traders truly leave the streets, we still can be sure that they will sooner or later reappear. This is the choice the relevant authorities ought to address.

Most complaints about the 'havoc' resulting from the operations of small traders invading urban streets are genuine. But then there also the relentless calls to armies of 'jobless' rural and urban young men and women to hunt for a decent income without doing enough to "clear the

decks" for them in good time.

Many small traders based in sparsely populated areas outside major urban streets largely found too few customers for their comfort, so found themselves in some quagmire.

With the level of unemployment in the country and our inability to absorb as many youths as we would want into agriculture, some tolerance would come in handy as we see how best to help small traders in urban areas and elsewhere.

Only when district and regional administrators grasp that doing business where many people pass isn't a choice but a necessity will they put to effect the president's directive in a sufficiently imaginative manner.

One way is to follow what visiting Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto told our administrators in 2003 on the importance of having title deeds in making things work.

Indeed, batches of small traders need time to accumulate small amounts of capital in city centre areas - in turns. This would be courtesy of the relevant urban authorities.

Of course, this should not mean invading space reserved as bona fide shops, parking lots or pathways for pedestrians.

Issuing small traders with periodic trading permits or identity cards in prime areas could help the traders land loans payable within, say, six months.

It is our hope that the authorities will explore all these and more options, including Prof de Soto's "dream" so that small traders are accommodated in a manner that will not prove more of a problem than a solution with respect to the plight of the traders.

We don't have to seek to re-invent the wheel in this: there are successful "experiments" all around us to learn from. Meanwhile, let all concerned come to the rescue of small traders by fully heeding President Samia Suluhu Hassan's directive.

International Day of Democracy: Progress made despite challenges

TODAY (Sept 15) is International Day of Democracy, decreed by the UN General Assembly in 2007 and marked for the purpose of promoting and upholding the principles of democracy.

The resolution to that effect invited all UN member states, organisations and agencies to commemorate the Day in a manner that contributes to raising public awareness on this vital aspect of political life.

Democracy, looking at what the various political cultures around the world say, is universally respected but often treated casually.

An authoritative write-up on the marking of democracy worldwide says that democracies share common features, that there is no single model of democracy, and that democracy does not belong to any country or region.

This affirmation is an effort to underline the idea that democracy is a universal value, and at the time of independence some brilliant African leaders saw it as embedded in traditional ways of life.

Father of the Nation Mwalimu Julius K Nyerere declared back in 1962 that Africans had no more need of being converted to socialism or taught democracy.

He said that elders in Tanzanian society used to sit under a tree and talk until they agreed, suggesting that the need to give each the right to speak and be heard was true to all. Yet, as Mwalimu came to admit

just about two years later, it is one thing to believe in the principles of democracy and another to actually observe those principles - or resolutely uphold them in political culture.

The problem is that, while democracy is a value or an end in itself, in real life that isn't the case - as it is put to the service of the higher goal of acquiring political power.

In this latter quest, democracy is just one of those means, and if power is acquired it will not always be kept within the bounds of democracy. Thus getting political power and keeping it outdo democracy as a cardinal value.

Tied to this difficulty is the manner in which the quest for power puts gags on the interpretation of the cardinal formulation that democracy is based on the freely-expressed will of the people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems.

Within this demand is people's proper and transparent participation in all aspects of decision-making in issues which matter to their lives.

Again, the trouble is that democracy is not the only reference point in canvassing support for ability to make decisions or in the decisions that those in power make.

Africa is still battling limitations to observance of democratic culture and practice. It remains a painful journey, but we are making progress. We have no option but to soldier on.

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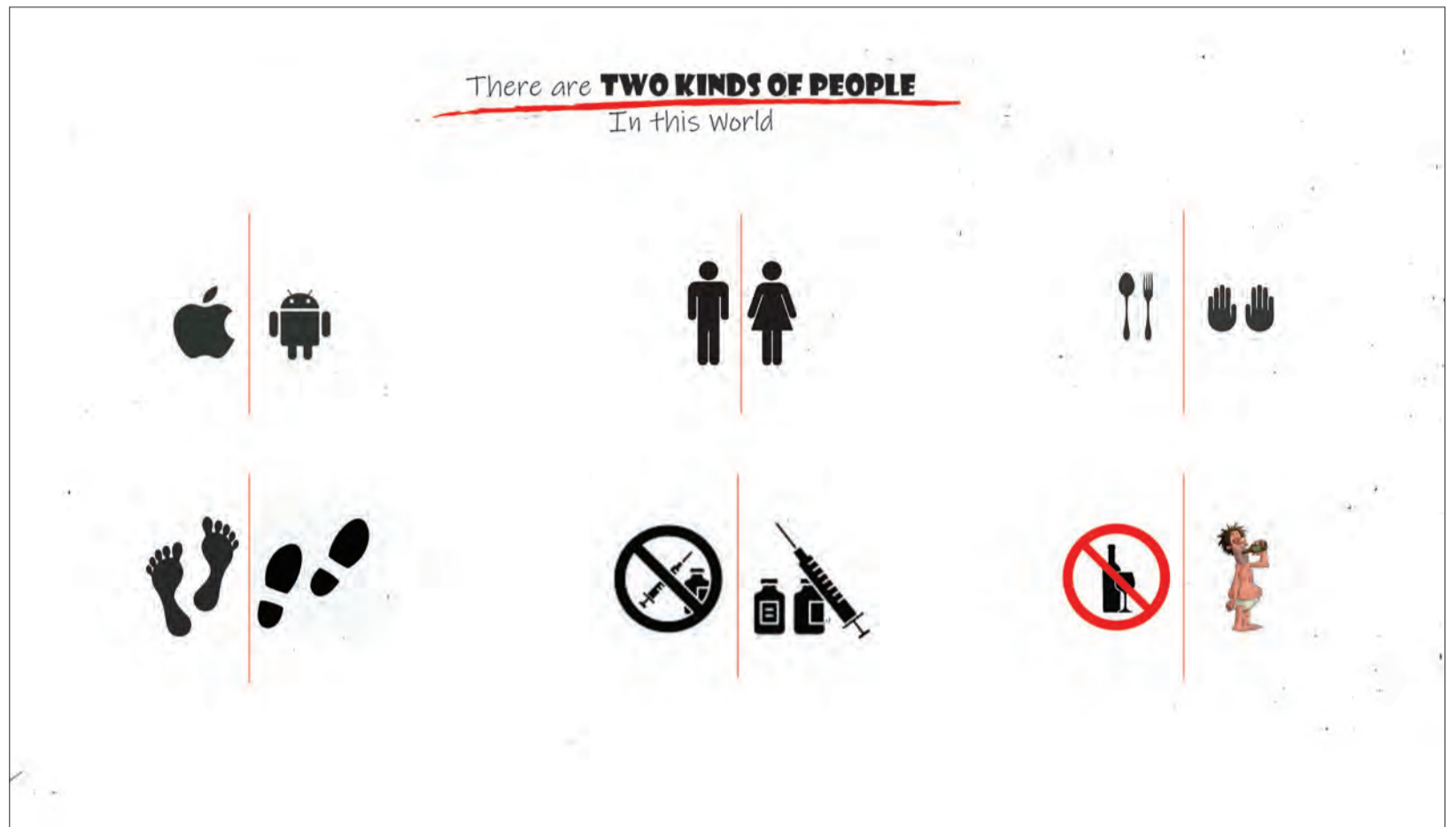
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By Josephine Tay

AS countries ramp up privacy regulations, developing data privacy-compliant platforms will help publishers avoid hefty fines while rewarding them with users who trust them and will consent to letting their information be used for advertising and other purposes.

During WAN-IFRA's recent Digital Media Asia conference, Ian Hocking of the South China Morning Post (SCMP) and Raju Chellam, Chief Editor at AI Ethics & Governance Body of Knowledge in Singapore, together with moderator Gabey Goh, discussed how privacy regulations are challenging digital advertising across Asia and what publishers can do to build audience trust.

"You are providing them with an environment and a platform in which they do trust and they want to give their consent and they see real value in," said Hocking, Vice President for Digital at SCMP.

"It's an opportunity to put the user first in the way you approach your platform. And it reminds you that you are in that service space, and you are trying to build something that goes beyond simply a transaction into something that really has value for both of you," he added.

Hocking said that when the European Union enforced the General Data Protection Regulation in 2018, "most people moved to legitimate interest, which enabled publishers to utilise user data as long as they opted in".

The regulation did not affect publishers as much as it did third-party intermediaries who were unable to get users to opt in, particularly those in the mobile space, he further noted.

Since then, data users have become more aware of privacy issues as "we were actively educating them about how that data were being used," Hocking said, adding: "That meant that it put pressure on platforms and publishers to really shape up and deliver something that was much more privacy-compliant."

In the Asia Pacific region, 21 countries have endorsed the APEC Cross-Border Privacy Regulations, which promote responsible transfers of personally identifiable information and are "a powerful means of demonstrating dedication to protecting subscribers' data," said Chellam.

The Body of Knowledge is a reference document developed with the expertise of industry professionals on the ethical aspects related to the development and deployment of AI technologies.

Singapore's Infocomm Media Development Authority has also established a Trusted Data Sharing Framework, which provides guidelines on the sharing of sensitive data.

Data privacy compliance: Value lies in earned trust and consent



Observing the framework would act as "a mitigating factor in case there is a data breach because you have taken due diligence," Chellam pointed out, adding: "This is what we call a signature document, which a lot of countries are now considering to implement in their own economies."

Breaching data privacy often means stiff fines and a loss of reputation, warned Chellam, also recalling that British Airways was fined £20 million last year for a data breach that affected more than 400,000 customers.

Since 2016, Singapore has also levied over US\$2 million to companies including Singtel and SPH Magazines for data breaches.

Regulation over data privacy is sure to increase as customer awareness increases, so publishers need to treat their customer data "as carefully as they treat their own personal data," said Chellam.

He elaborated: "Trust in your platform can only be so much if you don't handle your customer data properly and social media can multiply all of your mistakes. Before you know it, you will become the laughing stock of the world and then advertisers will drop off, your circulation drops, your credibility drops, all because you didn't handle somebody's private data."

Chellam explained that ethics are particularly under scrutiny with artificial intelligence becoming ubiquitous, noting that many applications have AI embedded, "which is not apparent to users".

As a Hong Kong-based news publication that reaches millions of worldwide audiences across the US, Europe and Asia, SCMP feels obliged to make its platform compliant with regulations across these regions.

The most difficult part, said Hocking, was "just getting going, giving everyone aligned to the standards you need to adhere to and starting that process".

He added however that once you actually get going, you find the process gets much, much easier, "although there will be obstacles".

Hocking referred to Google's recent announcement to extend the phasing out of third-party cookies in Chrome till the end of 2023.

"We've spent so much time and effort to get ready, only to be disappointed that that effort is now not going to be rewarded by this great change for privacy for users," he said.

Nevertheless, organisations must still figure out how to move forward without third-party cookies as more platforms such as Apple's Safari and Mozilla's Firefox begin banning them.

As cookies will be unavailable in two years, it is not viable to build new solutions depending on cookies, according to Hocking.

He said SCMP and other publishers favour first-party cookies as they are persistent and not blocked by browsers, although cross platform activation is hard to achieve.

The vast majority of respondents are working on first-party cookie data to make the transition. "It does suggest that publishers are taking identity into their own hands and trying to come up independently with something that works better for them," Hocking said.

He however warned that this could cause more fragmentation, hindering scaled activation across the open web, elaborating: "If we persist on this route of having first-party identifiers that people have invested in and hold strong value in,

it is likely that we will see an age of walled gardens through more large-scale media owners like Yahoo!, New York Times and maybe even the South China Morning Post."

Hocking said an ideal solution will be a universal ID that works in a similar way to the third-party cookie, but has improved security and improved user-defined controls for users to easily opt in and opt out.

He went on to call upon media owners to look into three areas, one being customer data platforms that allow multiple data sources to unify an ID and use sophisticated machine learning to seed data into targetable audiences.

The second is consent-management platforms that allow the automation of consent management across different platforms, ensuring compliance with regulations in each country.

The last is that, if there is plenty of data that can be matched with third parties, a data clean room would help to do so while adhering to privacy compliance.

"If you want to reach out and talk to people in the open web or outside of your environment, then you need to be thinking about not one but probably multiple other ID solutions," Hocking said.

He added: "I really think that whatever happens over the next couple of years, it is really important for marketers to start to test different solutions, to figure out the relative qualities of them. I think (all us need to) be prepared to utilise multiple in the future."

A dispatch by the World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA). Josephine Tay is a Singapore-based editor and producer with a passion for storytelling.

Portfolio shift: New breeze felt across media industry



Deodatus Balile, chairman of the Tanzania Editors Forum and managing director of Jamhuri Media Ltd. He recently asked the president to shift the media industry elsewhere, moving it from the old Information, Culture, Arts and Sports portfolio. File picture

By Correspondent Ani Jozeni

CHANGE is finally at hand for the media industry following the shift of media supervision functions from the former Ministry of Information, Culture, Arts and Sports to the newly constituted Ministry of Information, Communications and Information Technology.

When announcing the change, President Samia Suluhu Hassan squarely cited demands of media practitioners to be moved out of the traditional docket to reappear

in a technically identifiable group as part of information and communication as a whole.

This allusion was to stakeholders a clear indication of where the president's sentiments lied, between those campaigning for media freedom, and the professional regulators fond of closures and heavy fines for what could easily be said to be misdemeanours or misunderstandings in media content.

Shifting the media industry to the information technology cluster nearly reverts to what happened in 1995 when third phase President

Benjamin Mkapa came into office but the change could not hold for a long time, as it was soon reinvented as a wing of the ministry, and restored as pivotal component of the culture portfolio, analysts noted.

Late 1995 when the third phase took office President Mkapa scrapped the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, explaining that the media doesn't need a ministry but merely a set of regulations to supervise its work as a business sector, not the supervision of content.

That is what is now implied in

shifting the media industry to ICT as this ministry is a technical cluster of systems based on information and communication technology, how they operate and how the systems are connected.

Addressing the gathering after the swearing-in ceremony, top national leaders including Vice President Dr Philip Mpango, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and the Speaker of the National Assembly, Job Ndogai, emphasised the vital importance of the National ICT Broadband Backbone to the development vision in various sectors.

With the shift, the ministerial authorities become a zone where technical facilities of the media industry will be looked into, for instance if there are problems of pricing of content, in like manner as other communications sector stakeholders.

One area where this new relationship may start igniting into lobbying activity is the fact that plans for operationalising various levies for digitally-based activities include a levy on the use of internet material, where free access to the material is the lifeline and ability to survive of radios, newspapers and television operations.

With free access to internet material, save for paying service providers for managing the content flow to their mobile phones, computers or large servers, the capacity to keep prices low for their products and enable marginal salaries or allowances for practition-


ers to enable them to live when internet access is not being taxed. Introducing a user levy would change all that, practitioners fear.

When making closing remarks in the swearing in ceremony, President Samia said bluntly that those in the restructured ministry, who are now supposed to focus on culture, arts and sports actually needed to come to the State House ceremony to swear once more. The reason is that the political spectrum of what they were earlier tasked with and their current duties vary a great deal, in which case a new sense of commitment to the revamped portfolio waan't out of place.

Meanwhile, there was quiet celebration in media circles as two decade long struggle came near to a halt, despite that the contested 2016 legislation, the Media Services Act is still in place, while many of its provisions were struck down by the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, to which Tanzania is a party.

The revamped ministry has taken months since President Samia asked it to review cases of closed media organs, swiftly opening online media but not their print media versions, though to a large extent they are nearly the same.

The matter will likely resurface under the new arrangements, where chances of what were being seen as opposition newspapers coming back to the stables




POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Postdoctoral Fellow – Gender Research (Cassava)
 (Ref No: DDG-R4D/PDF/GR/C/06/21)

Background: The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) with headquarters in Ibadan, Nigeria invites applications for the internationally recruited position of **Postdoctoral Fellow – Gender Research**.

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

Project's Information
 At Cornell University **Department of Global Development**, we unlock the energies and talents of experts from a range of disciplines to address some of the biggest problems facing humanity. With a focus on education with impact, our transdisciplinary approach emphasizes real-world engagement with communities in New York state and around the globe. Our dynamic learning atmosphere and academic culture goes beyond purely technical work to provide deep analysis and transformative solutions. We catalyze change and provoke fresh understanding. We develop next-generation leaders through engaged and active learning that connects students with field experiences. We are committed to justice, to science, to people and we never stop striving to make direct social impact all around the globe.

The Muhogo Bora project is seeking a postdoctoral fellow to join the project team based in IITA Tanzania. Muhogo Bora means "Better cassava" in Swahili, and we provide support to develop and expand cassava seed systems in Tanzania with targeted outreach to the Western Zone, Central and Southern Highlands regions. The project complements and builds on ongoing efforts from the Building an Economically Sustainable Seed System for Cassava in Tanzania (**BEST Cassava**) project that has operated since 2017, and will end this year and transition into the Building an Economically Sustainable, Integrated Cassava Seed System, Phase 2 (**BASICS-II**) project in 2022 in Tanzania. Muhogo Bora presents a complementary opportunity to amplify and adapt the existing Cassava Seed Entrepreneur (CSE) model to provide equitable outcomes for women who are represented in low numbers as CSEs compared to men.

The postdoctoral fellow will work to identify and test modifications to current CSE selection, support and certification processes that would lead to women's increased participation in and benefits from cassava seed systems in Tanzania. The postdoc will also explore how these modifications, and additional add on activities would contribute towards building gender transformative seed system approaches more broadly.

Position Responsibilities
 The postdoctoral fellow will:

- Critically examine current CSE selection, support ecosystem and certification processes to identify practices and processes that could specifically prevent women's participation in and benefit from CSE based seed systems models.
- Review outcomes of the BEST gender study to specifically identify practices and gender norms that women, and men, articulate as problems for women's participation and benefit from CSE based seed system models.
- Pilot a CSE package focusing on testing added elements/interventions that would address norms and power structures to explore CSE models that are more "empowering" and "transformative".
- Develop scientific outputs (literature reviews, reports, journal articles, briefs etc.) over the course of the project that showcase the various outputs and outcomes delivered and achieved.
- Help develop the gender capacities of team members and partners to implement project activities and ensure greater sustainability after the life of the project.
- Perform any other job-related duties as may be assigned by the supervisor.

Education Qualifications
 The candidate should possess a Ph.D. in Gender Studies, Anthropology, Development Studies, Rural Sociology or other relevant fields from a highly recognized university. He/she must be a Tanzanian or East African national.

Core Competencies

- Extensive experience in both qualitative and quantitative gender research methods.
- Demonstrated experience in participatory, gender action learning, and/or gender transformative research approaches.
- Demonstrated field research experience in an international agricultural research for development focused project or program.
- Excellent leadership, organizational and time management skills.
- Must have strong problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work as a member of a multi-disciplinary or transdisciplinary team in a cross-cultural environment.
- Proficiency in oral and written Kiswahili.

Duty Station: Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.


General Information: The initial appointment is for two years. IITA offers a competitive remuneration package paid in US dollars.

Applications: Applications must include covering letter which should address how the candidate's background/experience relates to the specific duties of the position applied for, curriculum vitae, names and addresses of three professional referees (which **must** include either the Head of the applicant's current or previous organization or applicant's direct Supervisor/Superior at his/her present or former place of work). The application should be addressed to the Head of Human Resources. Please complete our online application form using this link: <http://www.iita.org/careers>.

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While all applications will be acknowledged, please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



ZANZIBAR INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY

Bid No. SMZ/P0116/G/NCB/2021-2022/25
 for
 Supply of Wooden Poles and its tension hooks in a Framework Contract
 Invitation for Bids

Date: 13th September, 2021

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project which appeared in **Zanzibar Leo Newspaper Issue no. 6286 dated 14th July, 2021.**
- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has set aside funds for the operation of the Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency during the financial year 2021-2022. 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 Wooden Poles and its tension hooks in a Framework Contract.**
- The Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible Suppliers for supplying of **Wooden Poles and its tension hooks** as shown in the table below-

S/N	Description	Quantity
1.	Treated Wooden Poles 9 ft 8 mm Inch	Various
2.	Pole Tension Hooks	Various

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Regulations unless otherwise stated in the Bid Data Sheet.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of the Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency P.O Box 1823, Mazizini Zanzibar from 08:00 to 15:00 or through our website www.zictia.go.tz and email pmu@zictia.go.tz on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Bidding Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a **written application** to the address given under paragraph 5 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **TZS 200,000**. Payment should be settled through the following Account details:
Account Name: Wakala wa Mkonga Zanzibar.
Account Number: 0731743001.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Tanzanian Shillings TZS 1,000,000** in appropriate form as described in Instruction to Bidders.
- All Bids in one original plus 2 Copies properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address
Secretary of the Tender Board,
Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency
P.O BOX 1823, Mazizini, Zanzibar.

At or before **10:00 hrs on Tuesday 12th October 2021**. Bids will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency Conference Room.

- Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, and bids not received, bids not opened and not read out in public at the bids opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.

Executive Director
Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency

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Why harmonised postal services are key for Africa's progress

By Guardian Correspondent

IN a fast-changing world we live in today, formation of unions and blocs is the way to go so as to achieve efficient delivery of goods and services.

The African postal sector umbrella organization, Pan African Postal Union (PAPU), is poised for a single harmonized policy and regulations as a part strategy to consolidate the sustainable growth of postal services in the continent.

In his message at a handover ceremony of incoming and outgoing management of PAPU in Arusha recently, the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) Director General Dr Jabiri Bakari said that PAPU remains the hub for building a single African postal territory for improved people's living standards and sustainable development of respective member states.

He said digitalization of postal services to make it ICT-driven, remains one of PAPU's fundamental missions to open opportunities and upgrade e-commerce not only in the continent but also to unlock the potentials of the African business globally.

"The contribution of postal services to the development of the digital economy and emphasized ongoing ICT boom offers a unique opportunity for the development of postal services in Africa," said the TCRA DG.

Dr Bakari congratulated the outgoing and incoming PAPU management for a peaceful leadership change saying the move conformed with official procedure of credible succession process after reaching the end of their tenure with remarkable achievements.

The DG said construction of the PAPU Head Office complex in Arusha, a joint venture project between TCRA and PAPU, was a clear testimony of deep rooted relations between the two entities, as the 17-storey multibillion investment becomes a reality.

Dr Bakari said in his speech delivered by his representative to the event, Dr Emmanuel Manasseh that the process of improving the postal industry calls for sustainable dialogue, collaboration, confidence building, learning and experience sharing among PAPU member states.

In his speech, the outgoing Minister for Communication and Information Technology Dr Faustine Ndugulile said Tanzania has always cherished supporting a drive of having a unified and harmonized delivery of postal services.

"The government is determined to continue supporting PAPU to make it a vibrant, modernized, ICT-driven postal services Organisation for improved living standards of the people in the member states," he said.

Dr Ndugulile told delegates at the ceremony that the 17-storey complex which is under construction in Arusha is a clear manifestation of the government's

commitment to transforming PAPU into an income generation and credible continent body.

He commended the peaceful leadership change and office handover process between outgoing Secretary-General of PAPU Younouss Djibrine and incoming PAPU SG Dr Sifundo Chief Moyo from Zimbabwe as well as outgoing PAPU Deputy Secretary-General Kolawole Raheem Aduloju who also handed over the office to Jessica Uwera SSeengooba of Uganda.

Gracing the event in Arusha recently, the Zimbabwean Minister of ICT, Postal and Courier Services Dr Jenfan Muswere thanked Tanzania for not only hosting the headquarters of PAPU since its inception in 1980 but also for unwavering support and goodwill that has been extended to the union over years, be it financial, moral and material.

Dr Muswere who was also chairman of the plenipotentiary conference of PAPU paid special tribute to the President Samia Suluhu Hassan for the noble gesture and promise that Tanzania will continue supporting efforts towards improving the union's performance.

He appealed to the new management to bring into fruition the PAPU complex project and align the work of the union with the Abidjan World Postal Strategy and Plan adopted during the 27th Universal Postal Union Congress.

Dr Muswere reaffirmed Zimbabwe's continued support towards efficient administrative role of PAPU aimed at achieving improved delivery of services to all member states through harmonized policies, regulations hence sustainable development of Africa through the digitalized postal sector.

PAPU as a specialized agency of the African Union (AU) was established on 18th January 1980, following the decision of the Plenipotentiary Conference of 35 the then Organization of African Union (OAU) member countries during a meeting held on 8th to 18th January 1980, in Arusha.

With its headquarters in Arusha, PAPU whose membership by then consisted of only 35 countries when it was



Outgoing PAPU Secretary General Younouss Djibrine (seated left) and his successor, Dr Sifundo Chief Moyo from Zimbabwe exchange documents in symbolic handover of office at PAPU Headquarters in Arusha, recently. Looking on is outgoing Minister for Communication and Information Technology Dr Faustine Ndugulile (third right) and his Zimbabwean counterpart Dr Jenfan Muswere (second right). Photo courtesy of TCRA

created, currently boasts 45 active member states. The main objective of the union is to coordinate all activities aimed at developing postal services on the African continent.

In the 1980s, the then Minister of Communication and Works, who later became First Vice President and Prime Minister John Malecela ensured PAPU got a plot at Sekei near Philips in Arusha. In the 1990s a dream to construct joint invest complex was conceived by the then Tanzania Communication Commission (TCC), Tanzania Postal Corporation (TPC) and Tanzania Telecommunication Company Limited (TTCL) to jointly with PAPU, construct the complex, according to the first Director-General of TCC, Emmanuel Ole Kambai-

nei. The vision has now become a reality, as TCRA under the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology is fully engaged in a joint venture construction project, creating job opportunities for hundreds involved in the exercise.

PAPU was established by the constitutive Plenipotentiary Conference of African ministers in charge of postal services, held in 1980 in Arusha. The conference was convened by the OAU Secretary-General following a decision by African Heads of State and Government during their summit in Libreville, Gabon, from 2nd to 6th July in 1977.

Thereafter, the convention formally establishing PAPU as a specialized agency of the OAU was signed during the Constitu-

tive Plenipotentiary Conference held on 18th January 1980 in Arusha.

PAPU's vision is to ensure the implementation of a single postal territory that provides innovative, integrated and inclusive policy guidelines for the development of the postal sector in Africa.

It fosters inclusive socio-economic development for the African citizens and residents through exchanges of documents and goods, money transfer services, assisting development of small and medium enterprises and the corresponding industrialization process in Africa, among others.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ALAF LTD is in a process of pre-qualifying vendors for provision of supplies, services and works as outlined in a category of requirement below.

CATEGORY A - SUPPLIES		
No	Ref. Number	Item Description
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2	ALAF/PROC/2/2021	Supply of General Hardware i.e. Building, electrical and plumbing items
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5	ALAF/PROC/5/2021	Supply, Repair and Maintenance of Telephone and Telecommunication equipment jg headsets, PABX and Accessories
6	ALAF/PROC/6/2021	Supply and Delivery of Asset tags/ stickers/ printed books, logbooks
7	ALAF/PROC/7/2021	Firefighting equipment's and Subsequent Service
8	ALAF/PROC/8/2021	Supply of Computers, Computer accessories and consumables i.e. tonner, Cartridges, mouse, keyboards, servers, laptops, UPS, EFD machines, shredders, printers/scanners, copiers & spare parts
9	ALAF/PROC/9/2021	Protective Gears (gloves, helmets, ear pads, safety shoes, etc.)
10	ALAF/PROC/10/2021	Supply of signage's and billboards
11	ALAF/PROC/11/2021	Supply of office cooling appliances (AC's) and spare parts

CATEGORY B - PROVISION OF SERVICES		
No	Ref. Number	Item Description
12	ALAF/PROC/12/2021	Provision of production of documentaries, TV and Radio infomercials.
13	ALAF/PROC/13/2021	Provision of printing services i.e. Printing of the official publications, of the Company, Journal, brochures, flyers, booklets, Desktop calendars etc.
14	ALAF/PROC/14/2021	Provision of Videography, Photography, audio Visual Production and editing
15	ALAF/PROC/15/2021	Provision of maintenance services for computers, printers, ups, anti-virus/IT security solutions, localwide, Area Network and wireless Network etc.
16	ALAF/PROC/16/2021	Compressors Services and maintenance & spares
17	ALAF/PROC/17/2021	Labour Brokers (Casual labour Provision and Supervision)
18	ALAF/PROC/18/2021	Fabrications of metals works, rollers grinding, welding
19	ALAF/PROC/19/2021	Motor Rewinding and maintenances
20	ALAF/PROC/20/2021	Chillers Services and maintenances
21	ALAF/PROC/21/2021	Services of Air Conditioning & Refrigeration and cold rooms
22	ALAF/PROC/22/2021	Provision of Electrical Services, Electrical Fittings & Accessories
23	ALAF/PROC/23/2021	Provision of travel agency services, Air ticketing and arrangement
24	ALAF/PROC/24/2021	Repair, maintenance and servicing of high bay cranes
25	ALAF/PROC/25/2021	Provision of water pumps maintenance services
26	ALAF/PROC/26/2021	Provision of repair & maintenance of motor vehicle
27	ALAF/PROC/27/2021	Provision of water treatment chemicals, maintenance of RO, ET/PT/STP
28	ALAF/PROC/28/2021	Provision of Public Relations & advertising services
29	ALAF/PROC/29/2021	Provision of network installation and maintenance
30	ALAF/PROC/30/2021	Provision and supply of Logos, (Simba Dumu Logo, Rwanda, Burundi, Logo mountain etc.)

CATEGORY C - WORKS		
No	Ref. Number	Item Description
31	ALAF/PROC/31/2021	Civil works (Constructions, Maintenance of buildings, repairs, painting and partitioning etc.)
32	ALAF/PROC/32/2021	Landscaping, and Gardening
33	ALAF/PROC/33/2021	Electrical contractors
34	ALAF/PROC/34/2021	Mechanical contractors
35	ALAF/PROC/35/2021	Provision of General Engineering consultancy i.e. Civil, structural, electrical works

INSTRUCTION

Eligible applicant will apply for at most two (2) items per category of requirements for each set of pre-qualification document purchased.

The pre-qualification document shall be purchased at a cost of TZS 50,000/= payable directly to either of ALAF LTD bank accounts below.

Eligible applicants will submit sealed and properly marked envelopes to the HR Reception at ALAF LTD Plot 18, Nyerere Road, P.O.Box 2070, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania together with bank pay slip confirming payment for purchase of prequalification document before 08th October 2021 by 5pm

For clarifications purposes, please contact;
PROCUREMENT MANAGER
Plot 18, Nyerere Road, P.O.Box 2070,
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Tel: +255 22 2860010/14
Mobile: +255 785 670 598
E-mail: sieddy.gimbi@safalgroup.com

ALAF LTD Bank details

Bank Name	CRDB BANK PLC	NBC LIMITED
Currency	TZS	TZS
Account Number	0150460432000	33103000085
Bank code	003	015
Branch code	092	033
City	Dar es Salaam	Dar es Salaam
Bank branch	TAZARA	



SANTA MARIA INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND ALLIED SCIENCES

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Santa Maria Institute of Health and Allied Sciences, Dar es Salaam announces the following vacancies to be filled with immediate effect. The institute which was established in 2019 provides Health programmes under the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE).

Vacant Positions

- Principal - 1
- Senior Tutors- (Pharmacy -8, Clinical- 6 and Nursing -5)
- Tutors 6
- Lab technician

I. Principal

Preferable candidates with:

- Bachelor's degree with GPA in any of the fields of Medical, Pharmacy, Nursing, Education and other related field.
- Experience of at least 8 years in training institutions of which 3 years should be at managerial level.
- Postgraduate degree or Diploma in Management, education management and other fields mentioned above will be an added advantage.
- Have good understanding and adaptive skills of different cultural values;
- Have strong managerial attributes;
- E independent capable to work under pressure and performance -driven
- Be detail- oriented problem solver.

Responsibilities:

- Play the role of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Administrator of the institute
- Provide direction for the planning and operation of all aspects of the institute's programmes and services.
- Oversee institute's quality assurance function
- Maintain compliance with owner's policies, regulator's rules and regulations and state laws and policies.
- Oversee the daily activities and operations within the institute.

EMOLUMENT AND OTHER ALLOWANCE: 3,782,000/= AND OTHER BENEFITS

II. Senior Tutors

Preferable candidates with:

- Minimum Bachelor Degree in medical, pharmacy, and nursing disciplines
- Minimum three years of experience in teaching
- Excellent communication in English and Kiswahili

III. Tutors

CANDIDATES WITH LESS EXPERIENCE SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION

IV. Laboratory Technician

Diploma in medical laboratory

Remuneration

Attractive remuneration package will be accorded as per institute's scheme.

Mode of application:

- Application has to include photographs, copy of academic certificates and relevant transcripts, Curriculum Vitae, National Id, three references with Valid contacts; and
- Application package should be sent by courier or by email to the address below.

Application should be sent to:

Director
Max Educational Services Limited
Ubungu Plaza, 2floor
P. O. Box 34089
Phone: 0686 312 894
Email: sarah.komba@max.co.tz

US govt distributes 630,000 insecticide treated bed nets, better protecting 1.3 million Zanzibaris against malaria

By Guardian Reporter

THE United States government, through the US Agency for International Development (USAID), has distributed nearly 630,000 insecticide treated bed nets (ITNs), reaching every registered household across the Zanzibar archipelago.

The nets were procured through the US President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, an international financing and partnership organization. It is expected that each bed net will protect two people against malaria.

Malaria is caused by a single-cell parasite which enters the blood of a person following the bite of an infected female Anopheles mosquito. In recent years, Zanzibar has seen an uptick in reported cases. Between 2019 and 2020, the number of registered malaria cases

increased by 68 percent, reflecting an outbreak that prompted an increase in the distribution of bed nets.

ITNs have been proven to reduce malaria illness, severe disease, and death due to malaria by protecting people from mosquito bites while sleeping.

ITNs maintain effective levels of insecticide to repel mosquitoes for approximately three years, even after repeated washing. Tanzania's significant progress against malaria is highlighted in the PMI 15th Annual Report. For example, ownership of insecticide treated bed nets has increased to 78 percent (up from 23 percent in 2005).

PMI has been a proud partner of Tanzania since 2006, helping to decrease child death rates by 40 percent through investments totaling almost \$613 million through last year.

For the past four years, \$176 million have been contributed to deliver life-saving medicines, high-quality diagnostic testing, and training for over 4,700 healthcare workers.

Through close collaboration with the public, institutions, governments of Tanzania and Zanzibar, the US government has also strengthened health systems to reinforce and amplify Tanzania's efforts to end this deadly, yet entirely preventable, disease.

Commenting on the successful ITN distribution campaign, USAID Mission Director V. Kate Somvongsiri remarked "The Governments of Tanzania and Zanzibar have made admirable progress in improving the quality and delivery of malaria services over the past several years. Our close collaboration is to reduce malaria deaths and substantially decreasing malaria prevalence with the long-term goal of elimination."



USAID distributes 630,000 insecticide treated bednets in Zanzibar

Pan African bank provides \$7.3 million for youth jobs and skills

By Special Correspondent

THE African Development Bank (AfDB) technical review committee has approved eight project proposals to receive funding in an important milestone for its jobs for youth in Africa strategy.

Approved proposals will receive grant funding of more than \$7.3 million to operate their activities, creating several new enterprises and an estimated 20,000 jobs for youth across the continent.

Several of the approved proposals were submitted in response to a call from the Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development Department (AHHD) through the Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation Multi-Donor Trust Fund late last year.

Bank offices, complexes and departments from across regional member countries submitted nearly 24 proposals for review committee.

Themes submitted included capacity building for entrepreneurs, climate change, gender, affordable housing, food security, migration and textiles, with the common thread of creating decent jobs for young women and men.

"The diverse range of themes and interests demonstrates the degree that our Bank peers understand that creating jobs for Africa's growing youth population is a cross-cutting issue to be factored into operations across the continent," said Martha Phiri, Director of the Bank's Human Capital, Youth and Skills Department.

"The Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation Multi-Donor Trust Fund is increasingly viewed as a destination resource for financing our scale up efforts to create decent jobs for young women and men," she added.

The Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy calls for the integration of jobs and skills for youth across Bank operations to maximize the impact on increasing employment opportunities.

It specifically mandates embedding youth employment into Bank plans, projects, staff training and systems, and increasing the Bank's influence and support in regional member countries.

One of the projects approved is leveraging technical collaboration with the International Labor Organization to develop the Bank's employment marker.

Approved projects include business development support for agricultural entrepreneurs selling online in Malawi and Zimbabwe, training to help staff members of Libya's Ministry of Labour better meet the needs of young entrepreneurs including women and people living with disabilities, an online training and accelerator program for entrepreneurs in the textile, apparel and accessories industries, and an initiative to boost job creation in climate change adaptation and resilience in

Egypt, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Guinea, Morocco, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Seychelles, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Chad, Gabon and South Africa.

The Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation Multi-Donor Trust Fund provides project preparation and co-financing for Bank projects and places great emphasis on employability, entrepreneurship and job creation through enterprise and value chain development.

The Fund has also supported countries that implement policies conducive to private sector development and youth employment.

Also in line with the Bank's commitments under the fifteenth replenishment of the African Development Fund—the concessional window of the African Development Bank Group—the call for project proposals reflects the Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development Department's strategic intent to leverage and integrate youth employment and employability into the Bank's operations in African Development Fund countries.

Launched in November 2017, the Fund promotes the creation of sustainable jobs for young Africans by equipping youth and women-led startups, as well as micro, small and medium enterprises with the skills, financial support and enabling environments to run bankable businesses.



ZANZIBAR INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY

Bid No. SMZ/P0116/G/NCB/2021-2022/ 22 for Supply of Fiber Equipment

Invitation for Bids

Date: 13th September 2021

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project which appeared in Zanzibar Leo Newspaper Issue no. 6286 dated 14th July, 2021.
- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has set aside funds for the operation of the Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency during the financial year 2021-2022. 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 Fiber Equipment**.
- The Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible Suppliers for supplying of Fiber Equipment as shown in the table below:-

S/N	Description	Quantity
1.	Fiber Optic Cable 48 cores ADSS 652D Outdoor Aerial fiber	30 km
2.	Fiber Optic Cable 24 cores ADSS 652D Outdoor Aerial fiber	12 km
3.	Fiber Optic Cable 12 cores ADSS 652D Outdoor Aerial fiber	4 km
4.	Fiber Optic Cable 48 cores Armoured Underground C4T453	8 km
5.	Full Complete Optical Distribution Frame (with pigtails and SC-coupler) 48 Cores	30 pcs
6.	Full Complete Optical Distribution Frame (with pigtails and SC-coupler) 24 Cores	30 pcs
7.	Full Complete Optical Distribution Frame (with pigtails and SC-coupler) 12 Cores	10 pcs
8.	Fiber patch Cable SM Duplex PVC 2mm 5m Patch Code Fiber Optic	300 pcs
9.	Pigtails - SC UPC SM G652D Fiber PVC 0.9mm Diameter 1m Length Fiber Optic Pigtail	200 pcs
10.	Coupler SC	200 pcs
11.	Optical time-domain reflectometer (OTDR) ANRITSU MT8590	1 pcs
12.	Optical time-domain reflectometer (OTDR), Flexscan Basic Kit FS200-100-BAS-PO-WO	1 pc
13.	Splicing machine Fujikura FSM -80s	1 pc
14.	Splicing Workstation Table	2 pcs
15.	Fiber Closure - Aerial Dome Fiber Optic Cable Joint Splice Closure Box 120, Core 8 ports Fiber Optic Enclosure	60 pcs
16.	Wall-Mount racks Enclosure Cabinet Glass/Vented Door 9U	15 pcs
17.	Wall-Mount racks Enclosure Cabinet Glass/Vented Door 6U with its Fisher & Nuts	15 pcs
18.	Fiber Cleaver – High Precision Cleaver CT- 30 Fujikura	3 pcs
19.	Standard Fiber Optic Tools Box	2 pcs
20.	Extension Ladder – Werner 32 feet	2 pcs
21.	Fisher and Nuts	20 boxes
22.	Cable Tier	5000 pcs
23.	Cage Nuts	1000 pcs

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No. 11 of 2016 and its Regulations and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Regulations unless otherwise stated in the Bid Data Sheet.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of the Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency P.O Box 1823, Mazizini Zanzibar from 08:00 to 15:00 or through our website www.zictia.go.tz and email pmu@zictia.go.tz on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- A complete set of Bidding Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a **written application** to the address given under paragraph 5 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS 200,000. Payment should be settled through the following Account details:

**Account Name: Wakala wa Mkonga Zanzibar.
Account Number: 0731743001.**

- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Tanzanian Shillings 2,000,000** in appropriate form as described in Instruction to Bidders.
- All Bids in one original plus 2 Copies properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes must be delivered to the address

**Secretary of the Tender Board,
Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency
P.O BOX 1823, Mazizini, Zanzibar.**

At or before **10:00 hrs on Tuesday 12th October 2021**. Bids will be opened promptly thereafter in public and in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at the Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency Conference Room.

- Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids, and bids not received, bids not opened and not read out in public at the bids opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstance.

**Executive Director
Zanzibar Information Communication Technology Infrastructure Agency**

INCENTIVE

Wentworth Resources owners to share 3.06bn/- dividend for 1H of 2021

By Guardian Reporter

SHAREHOLDERS of Mnazi Bay natural gas extractor, Wentworth Resources Plc will distribute among themselves US\$1.32 million (over 3.06bn/-) in interim dividend for the year ending June, 2021 thanks to the company's good performance.

In its half year results which also announced former Tanzania Investment Centre Executive Director, Juliet Kairuki as non-executive board member, the London Stock Exchange listed firm said its record financial results achievement was due to growing demand of gas and increasingly stronger fundamentals.

Commenting on the impressive performance, Wentworth Resources' CEO, Katherine Roe said the 1H results have

delivered a record financial and operational performance which underpins the decision to increase the interim dividend.

"Following a challenging period of global economic uncertainty, to have delivered this record performance demonstrates once again the strength of our fundamentals. Our commitment to maintaining these is unwavering," Roe said.

The company said the interim dividend declared is an increase of 10 percent compared to US\$1.2 million which was declared during the same period last year. The latest interim dividend brings the total dividend distribution declared in the last 12 months to US\$5.12 million.

During the period under review,



Wentworth Resources' CEO, Katherine Roe.

Wentworth said revenue grew by 40 percent to US\$11.7 million compared to US\$8.3 million made last year thanks to record levels of production at Mnazi Bay gas

wells.

"Whilst we have enjoyed a robust first half, we remain focused on meeting our full year potential and meeting the

growing demand in Tanzania for reliable low-cost power. The strength of our team and partnerships, the reliable performance of the Mnazi Bay as-

set and the improving outlook in Tanzania ensures we are in a positive position for the future," she added.

The results also indicate that the good performance was also boosted by Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation's continued timely payment for gas sales but also a good payment plan to settle outstanding arrears by Tanzania Electric Supply Company established with over half the outstanding balance received in August.

The report further noted that health and safety remained high on the company's agenda hence involved partners and local communities in combating the coronavirus outbreak. "On 2nd August 2021, the company celebrated a five year zero lost time incident rate milestone," the half year report noted.

"Robust precautionary measures remain in place related to COVID-19 to ensure the ongoing safety of our staff; to date, there has been no disruption to operations at Mnazi Bay due to COVID-19," the Wentworth Resources report stated adding that as a result of sustained gas production, there was a strong financial position with US\$21.0 million cash in hand as at 2nd September 2021 compared to US\$16.7 million last year with zero debt.

During the period under review, Bob McBean also retired as Chairman of the Board but continues to support the company as President of Wentworth Tanzania while Tim Bushell was appointed non-executive Chairman as part of planned board succession.



A senior representative of the World Bank Group's International Finance Corporation in the country, Frank Ajilore (L), receives a gift from Tanzania Commercial Bank's CEO, Sabasaba Moshingi, when he visited the bank's head office in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The focus of the IFC official's visit was to discuss how the two financial institutions can cooperate in financially empowering women in the country. Photo courtesy of TCB

APPRECIATION

Commodities prices seen surging again

NEW YORK

AFTER a summer breather, the commodities the world relies on for construction, manufacturing and keeping the lights on are surging again.

Aluminum to steel have seen renewed rallies and European gas and power have hit fresh records, while a gauge of spot commodities prices is on the verge breaching a decade-high set in July. That's threatening faster inflation, increasing consumer costs and putting pressure on central banks to curb the massive stimulus measures behind much of the raw-materials advance.

Booming demand from the economic recovery has combined with supply woes – from China's emissions crackdown that's cutting metals output to scant European gas reserves – to tighten markets. At the same time, the cost

of shipping those goods is rising. With a growing scarcity across physical markets, Goldman Sachs Group sees prices climbing further in the coming year.

"Physical goods demand has reached such high levels – above pre-pandemic trends in all but oil – that the system is becoming increasingly constrained in its ability to supply these goods," Goldman analysts including Jeff Currie said in a note on Monday. "Markets are becoming increasingly exposed to any type of supply disruption or unexpected demand increase."

Metals rally

Massive global stimulus measures are keeping metals demand strong and helping copper to remain historically high. Yet the economic bellwether has been overshadowed lately as China's move to curb metals production to reduce pollution and a coup in key baux-

ite supplier Guinea sent aluminum to a 13-year high of \$3,000 a ton.

China's emissions clampdown has also seen nickel hit the highest since 2014 and pushed local steel prices higher. "Although we view the current prices as excessive, and although aluminum is overbought from a technical perspective, there is no sign as yet of any trend reversal," Commerzbank AG said.

Energy highs

With about a month before the heating season starts, Europe's gas stockpiles are already at the lowest in more than a decade for this time of year, pushing up the cost of producing electricity. The region is struggling to boost supplies with flows from Norway limited due to maintenance, while supplies remain constrained from Russia.

SETBACK

High costs weigh heavily on remittances to Africa

ADDIS ABABA

REMITTANCES to African countries are expected to decrease by 5.4% from US\$44-billion in 2020 to a projected total of US\$41-billion in 2021, due to the associated high costs as well as the effects of COVID-19, according to findings of Continental Migration Report 2021.

The report titled, "African regional review of implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration," was produced by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC).

It builds from four sub-regional reports compiled by AUC and a summary from stakeholder consultations at the just concluded 2021 African regional review meeting on the Global Compact for migration (August 26 to September 1, Morocco).

According to information released by the organisations, although the COVID-19 pandemic was expected to lead to a decrease in remittances to Africa in 2020, findings of the reports show that by October 2020 remittances to Africa had reached approximately US\$78.4-billion, constituting 11.7% of global remittances. Remittances have therefore demonstrated greater resilience and reliability as a source of capital in Africa than foreign direct investment flows.

The research recommends that governments across the world should take effective action to facilitate and boost remittances in view of supporting the fight against COVID-19 and ultimately

building a more sustainable post-pandemic world.

According to the report, the costs associated with sending remittances to Africa are some of the highest in the world. Until very recently, average transaction costs were equivalent to 8.9% of the amount being sent for a remittance payment of US\$200. With respect to the cost of sending money, the report says Africa is still far from achieving the 3% target set out in Sustainable Development Goal 10.

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and Sustainable Development Goal indicator 10(c) provides that countries should, by 2030, reduce to less than 3% the transaction costs of migrant remittances and eliminate remittance corridors with costs higher than 5%.

Remittances are estimated to constitute approximately 65% of the income of some receiving countries and senders spend an estimated 15% of their income on remittances. For 25 African countries, all of which have large Diaspora populations, remittances are the primary source of national income.

In response, a number of African countries have taken action to lower the costs of remittance transfers. Some countries also offer Diaspora bonds to investors and have relaxed foreign exchange controls to allow for electronic and mobile money transfers at reduced costs. "It should be noted, in that regard, that the use of digital money transfer platforms reduces transfer fees in Africa by an average of

7 percent," says the report.

"Private financial institutions also offer incentives to encourage members of Diaspora communities to use their services, including low transaction fees for remittances, and facilitate Diaspora-initiated projects, especially in the real estate sector. These measures all promote the financial inclusion of migrants and their families."

The report recommends that member States should support migrants and their families through the adoption of laws and regulations to facilitate the sending and receiving of remittances, including by fostering competition among banks and other remittance handling agencies with a view to establishing low-cost transfer mechanisms.



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INVESTMENT

Tanzania acquires Sh297m more stake in Shelter Afrique

NAIROBI

TANZANIA has acquired an additional 1.24 percent stake in Pan-African housing financier Shelter Afrique for Sh297 million (\$2.7 million).

The extra capital injection has moved Tanzania's shareholding to 1.54 percent from the 0.3 percent it held. Shelter Afrique chief executive Andrew Chimphondah said the support by shareholders is a vote of

confidence in the company, which last year posted the first profit in six years.

"We thank the government of Tanzania for choosing to increase her stake in Shelter Afrique despite the prevailing condition," he said. "We are also grateful to other shareholders who have increased their stakes recently."

Tanzania's capital payment reduces the shareholding of the top three shareholders - Kenya, Nigeria

and the African Development Bank (AfDB). Kenya now owns 17.78 percent of the company from 18.72 percent it held in July. Nigeria and AfDB now own 13.27 percent and 12.83 percent, respectively.

The Nairobi-based Shelter Afrique, last year, returned a net profit of Sh199.6 million (\$1.85 million) from a net loss of Sh136 million (\$1.26 million) in the previous year. Tanzania's contribution brings the total amount given to Shelter Af-

rique as additional capital in the last few years to Sh10.4 billion (\$94.7 million).

Shelter Afrique, which provides long-term credit lines for primary mortgage lenders, housing micro-finance institutions and re-financiers, has since inception approved financing in Tanzania worth Sh5.7 billion (\$52 million).

The company plans large-scale low-cost housing projects in the Tanzanian capital Dodoma and its

semiautonomous Zanzibar Islands through public-private partnerships and financing. It also plans to hold a property exhibition in 2022 in Dar es Salaam.

Nine other countries have also given Shelter Afrique additional capital, bringing the fresh capital received by the housing financier in the last six months to Sh2.27 billion (\$20.69 million).

Kenya contributed \$9.92 million followed by Cameroon (\$3.53 mil-

lion), Mali (\$2.06 million), Rwanda (\$1.1 million), Uganda (\$0.08 million), Togo (\$0.58 million), Eswatini (\$0.32 million), Cote d'Ivoire (\$0.57 million), and Democratic Republic of Congo (\$0.5 million).

Shelter Afrique is owned by 44 African countries and two development institutions - African Development Bank and African Reinsurance Corporation. The firm in 2013 and 2017 signed up deals with shareholders to recapitalize the company

DISPOSAL

Petra Diamonds says Mwadui Williamson Mine sale confirmed

By Geoffrey Tusiime, TUDARCO

LONDON Stock Exchange listed Petra Diamonds that operates Williamson Diamond Mine in Mwadui, Shinyanga Region has announced the reviewing of its strategic options at its local mine which it has since classified it as an asset held for sale to meet financial reporting regulations.

In its unaudited preliminary results for the year ending June 30, 2021, Petra Diamonds which holds a 75 percent stake in Williamson Mine while Treasury has 25 percent, said its board of directors has decided to review its strategic options at the local mine and that the asset has therefore been re-

classified.

In August last year, the company said that it had not yet received an offer even after launching the formal sale process of its stake in Williamson Diamond Mine in Mwadui. The operation has been on care and maintenance since April last year amid a downturn in diamond prices, the company stated.

After learning of the re-classification move last year, Minerals minister Doto Biteko said as a shareholder, the government was dissatisfied with the manner in which Petra Diamonds was approaching the matter. Biteko argued that there were discrepancies in the notice for sale of the mine that should be resolved before moving forward.



Petra Diamond CEO Richard Duffy.

"We were in discussion with the mine and were at the last stage of signing a framework agreement, so we saw the sale announcement," you can imagine our surprise when Biteko told the local media adding

that Petra was behaving like a sole owner of the mine.

Williamson is an open pit diamond mine covering 146 hectares of Mwadui kimberlite reserve which is said to be one of the world's largest economic kimberlites. According to a statement released by Petra CEO Richard Duffy, 2021 has been a watershed year for the company. "Besides the challenges of the coronavirus outbreak, we completed a capital restructuring which, together with the sale of a number of exceptional blue and white diamonds from the Cullinan mine, served to reduce consolidated net debt by around two thirds to US\$228.2 million," Duffy said.

He added, "We now have a more stable capital structure, considerably reduced debt obligations and more liquidity." The company however said that although the group's production was negatively impacted on by challenges at the Finsch and Koffiefontein mines in South Africa, re-engineering projects are under way at these mines to improve production and margins.

RELIEF

KQ resumes Mumbai flights after four months

NAIROBI

KENYA Airways will on Thursday resume flights to Mumbai, ending a four-month hiatus that was occasioned by increased cases of Covid-19 in the Asian state.

The airline in a notice to its customers Monday said it will resume its operations on the route on September 16, 2021 with the first flight

departing Jomo Kenyatta International Airport at 7am to arrive in Mumbai at 3:45 pm.

The airline will then resume full operations on the route on September 20, flying three times per week on the Indian route, which is one of the most lucrative destinations on its network. Passengers on the route will part with Sh46,000 (\$419)

for one-way air ticket on economy class seats from Nairobi to Mumbai - prices that are relatively the same compared to what it was charging before the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Welcome back onboard! Fly from Nairobi to Mumbai starting Thursday 16th September with normal schedules resuming from Monday 20th September 2021," said

the airline in a notice to its customers yesterday.

KQ Suspended passenger flights to and from Mumbai on April 30 until further notice, following a government directive on travel between India and Kenya due to a Covid-19 crisis in that country. The airline said on Friday that passengers who had booked tickets after May 1, the date of the last flight

from Mumbai to Nairobi, will have to change their plans.

Affected passengers, KQ said, could also take vouchers for the value of their fare for future travel within 12 months.

India has seen soaring infection rates in the recent days, since the discovery of a new virus variant. Last month, India put on lockdown one of the states fol-

lowing a spike in cases of Covid-19.

Other countries that have banned flights to India include France, the UK Bangladesh, Oman and Hong Kong that have banned travel to and from India or asked their nationals coming from the Asian country to isolate themselves in government-approved hotels.

India has so far detected

33,264,175 corona virus cases with the number of deaths hitting 442,874 as at September 13. A large number of patients from Kenya also travel to India every year for specialised medical treatment, especially cancer care, helping to drive medical tourism in the densely populated country that boasts affordable and easily accessible healthcare.



RAB director general Patrick Karangwa.

CENSURE

Agric board on spot over procurement malpractices

KIGALI

THE Parliament's Public Accounts Committee has warned the Rwanda Agriculture Board (RAB) against flouting public procurement procedures, saying that the practice has been persistent for long in this institution and must be addressed.

A report by the Auditor General for the financial year 2019/20, on which the committee was deliberating Monday, September 13, indicated inefficiencies in the procurement process at RAB.

The report shows that during the financial year ended June 30, 2020, RAB disregarded the principles of efficiency, effectiveness, transparency and equity in awarding tenders worth over Rwf21.8 billion. The reported irregularities, according to the audit, include among others, inadequate market surveys, improper technical and financial proposals, and sidelining the Internal Tender Committee in awarding some tenders.

According to the Auditor General, failure to conduct proper market survey led to significant unexplained variances of over Rwf1.2 billion between tenders whose estimated costs were Rwf3.3 billion reflected in the procurement plan and the related contract amounts of over Rwf2.5 billion.

Acting in contravention of the law, on December 13, 2019, RAB signed the framework contract worth Rwf749 million with a contractor called SALTEL for the supply of dairy equipment and testing tools without seeking legal opinion from the Minister of Justice/Attorney General.

This, the report said, denies RAB to benefit from supervisory and advisory expertise, from the responsible Ministry in order to prevent any legal incidence that may affect the execution of the signed contract.

RAB procurement officer Valens Dusabe told PAC that though the tender price was over Rwf749 million, it was a framework contract whose unit price [for the items in question] was Rwf55 million. He explained it is that unit price that made them not send the contract to the Ministry of Justice as it was below the Rwf500 million threshold.

MPs disapproved of such explanations, arguing that practices like this imply mismanagement of public funds as they are not complying with the procurement legislation. The audit noted that RAB signed contracts with two suppliers Jean Marie Vianney Habumuremyi and Serge Ganza for the supply of sweet potato vine cuttings in Kirehe, Karongi, and Nyagatare District. However, the report said that there was no evidence that the internal tender committee was involved in selection of the successful bidders.

The report showed that over Rwf274 million was paid for sweet potato vine cuttings during the year ended 30 June 2020, indicating that the contract duration was three months, with a price of Rwf10 per potato vine cutting.

This undermines the fundamental principles of accountability, transparency and fairness in awarding public tenders, according to the report. RAB Director General, Patrick Karangwa, said that the institution had a list of people who supply various seeds including maize, beans, Irish potatoes, and sweet potatoes, among others.

He said that the arrangement to award the tender to the two sweet potato vine suppliers was made in order to provide farmers with the needed farm input during the Covid-19 pandemic. However, MPs wondered whether other suppliers could not manage to supply such farm input just because of the Covid-19 pandemic, questioning how the tendering process was made to select the two suppliers.

TECH SAVVY

Growth in Nigeria's smartphone market as internet, affordability dominate

LAGOS

NIGERIA'S smartphone market grew 2.0% in unit terms quarter on quarter (QoQ) in Q2 2021, according to the latest figures from global technology and consulting services firm International Data Corporation (IDC).

However, the firm's Quarterly Global Mobile Phone Tracker also shows that feature phone shipments into the country declined 6.4% over the same period. Feature phones accounted for 51.8% of the market's overall shipments in Q2 2021, with smartphones responsible for the remaining 48.2% share.

The smartphone market's growth in Q2 2021 was spurred by vendors launching various new models, increasing their investments in marketing activities, and shifting their product portfolios towards entry-

level and mid-range devices.

Transsion's Tecno, Itel, and Infinix brands dominated the country's smartphone market in Q2 2021 with 76.9% unit share. Samsung placed second with 10.0% share, while Nokia and Xiaomi followed with respective shares of 3.7% and 2.9%.

With many consumers continuing to prefer physical stalls, smartphones sales through offline retail channels grew 1.7% QoQ in Q1 2021. However, smartphone sales through online channels grew 7.8% over the same period as e-tailers in the country improved their delivery capabilities, facilitated secure payments, and capitalised on improved consumer confidence. Feature phones continue to be the preferred secondary device in the Nigerian market, mainly due to slow infrastructure development and

the country experiencing constant power outages.

The major players in the feature phone space in Q2 2021 were Tecno with 45.8% unit share, Itel (35.1%), and Nokia (12.7%). Feature phone shipments declined as the devices now face stiff competition from ultra-low-end smartphones in the <\$100 price segment, whose affordability makes them more attractive to consumers. The transition from feature phones to smartphones is also accelerating as a result of more consumers demanding access to the internet.

"With reduced consumer purchasing power due to the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, the entry-level <\$200 segment of the smartphone market continued to lead the way in Q2 2021 with 86.7% unit share," says George Mbutia, a research analyst with IDC.



Nigeria smartphone market by price band share, Q2 2020-Q2 2021.

APPRECIATION

Nikkei 225 set for highest close since 1990 as Japan stocks rise

TOKYO

JAPANESE stocks advanced for a third day, lifting the Nikkei 225 Stock Average toward levels last seen during the nation's bubble economy more than three decades ago.

Fanuc Corp and KDDI Corp were the largest contributors to a gain of as much as 1.1% in the Nikkei 225 during morning trading in Tokyo. The blue-chip gauge rose to as high as 30,795.78, surpassing this year's previous peak in February, before paring much of those gains. Electronics makers gave the biggest boost to the broader Topix, which advanced as much as 0.9%.

Japan has been the world's best-performing major stock market over the past two weeks amid hopes for new leadership, an acceleration of vaccinations and a reshuffle in the Nikkei 225 to include heavyweights Nintendo Co., Keyence Corp. and Murata Manufacturing Co. Crucially, foreign money is returning, with JPMorgan, Baillie Gifford and BNP Paribas Asset Management among investors who say they're becoming more positive on Japan.

"Global allocations to Japanese equities remain limited, suggesting room for investors to add exposure," Goldman Sachs strategists including Christian Mueller-Glissmann wrote in a note. "The rebound in Japanese equities comes after a prolonged underperformance vs. the S&P 500 and other major indices since Q2."

Hideyuki Ishiguro, a strategist at Nomura Asset Management Co. in Tokyo, said Japan's progress against the pandemic has been supportive for the market. On Monday, the government reported that 50.9% of the population has received two doses of coronavirus vaccine.

"Japan's vaccination rate has topped 50% and is on a similar level to that of the US," he said. "Japanese equities had been showing unstable performance relative to U.S. and European equities because of political uncertainties and a delayed vaccination process but with the two factors having been resolved, investors' moves to unwind their previous positions will continue." The Nikkei 225 is now up about 12% for the year, with the Topix



Nikkei stocks performance graph.

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up 17%. That compares with a 19% gain for the S&P 500 Index and 17% advance for the STOXX Europe 600 Index.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. strategists led by Marko Kolanovic advise adding to Japanese stocks. The resignation of Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga

paves the way for a stable ruling party, a scenario that the firm says has historically produced better equity returns, they wrote in a client note. Taro Kono, a popular candidate among foreign investors, is the favorite among the public to replace Suga as the leader of the ruling party, ac-

ording to a poll by Nikkei and TV Tokyo. Foreign investors bought a net 662.7 billion yen (\$6 billion) worth of Japanese equities and futures in the week through Sept. 3, the day news unexpectedly broke that Suga would not seek for another term as LDP leader. It was the most in a

ECO-FRIENDLY

Britain's Tesco joins refillable revolution with in-store trial

LONDON

BRITAIN'S biggest supermarket group Tesco launched a trial on Monday that allows customers to buy food, drink, household and beauty products in reusable packaging, part of its strategy to cut plastic waste.

Britons have become increasingly aware of the amount of plastic they use in recent years, with television documentaries such as naturalist David Attenborough's "Blue Planet II" particularly highlighting the dangers of plastic pollution to marine life. In response, supermarket chains and consumer goods groups are increasingly testing refills in a drive to cut single-use plastics.

Through a partnership with Loop, the global reusable packaging platform, customers in 10 Tesco stores in eastern England will be able to buy products in reusable packaging that can be returned to stores when finished so it can be cleaned, refilled and used again.

A range of 88 products will be offered, including brands such as Unilever's Persil laundry detergent and Radox shower gel, PZ Cussons' Carex handwash, Fevertree drinks, Heinz ketchup, Coca Cola, Tetley Tea and Brewdog beer, as well as 35 Tesco own-brand essentials, such as pasta, rice, sugar and oil.

In June, Asda, Britain's third-biggest grocer, extended its trial of a refill scheme after sales of several products in an initial pilot store outsold packaged alternatives. Marks & Spencer, Morrisons and Waitrose have also been trailing concepts.

Tesco said it will add more products to its scheme throughout the year and the trial would be scaled-up if it proved successful. "We are determined to tackle plastic waste and one of the ways we can help is by improving reuse options available to customers," said Tesco chief executive Ken Murphy.

"We'll learn as much as we can from this to inform our future packaging plans," he said. The Loop platform was launched in 2019 in Paris and New York. The launch of Loop in Tesco stores followed a yearlong online pilot that began in July 2020.

Tesco said prices for the contents of each item are comparable to the original. A fully refundable deposit starting at 50 pence (70 US cents) is paid on each reusable product at the store checkout, refunded via an app when the customer returns the packaging to a collection point in store.



Tesco chief executive, Ken Murphy

UZALO

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WORLD

Taliban deny their deputy prime minister, Mullah Baradar, is dead

THE Taliban have denied that one of their top leaders has been killed in a shootout with rivals, following rumours about internal splits in the movement nearly a month after its lightning victory over the Western-backed government in Kabul.

Sulail Shaheen, a Taliban spokesman, said Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, former head of the Taliban political office who was named deputy prime minister last week, issued a voice message rejecting claims he had been killed or injured in a clash.

"He says it is lies and totally baseless," Shaheen said in a message on Twitter.

The Taliban also released video footage purportedly showing Baradar at meetings in the southern city of Kandahar. Reuters could

not immediately verify the footage.

The denials follow days of rumours that supporters of Baradar had clashed with those of Sirajuddin Haqqani, head of the Haqqani network that is based near the border with Pakistan and was blamed for some of the worst suicide attacks of the war.

The rumours follow speculation over possible rivalries between military commanders like Haqqani and leaders from the political office in Doha like Baradar, who led diplomatic efforts to reach a settlement with the United States.

The Taliban have repeatedly denied the speculation over internal divisions.

Baradar, once seen as the likely head of a Taliban government, had not been seen in



Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the Taliban's deputy leader and negotiator, and other delegation members attend the Afghan peace conference in Moscow, Russia March 18, 2021. FILE PHOTO

public for some time and was not part of the ministerial delegation which met Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani in Kabul on Sunday.

The movement's supreme leader, Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada, has also not been seen in public since the Taliban seized Kabul on Aug. 15, although he issued a public state-

ment when the new government was formed last week.

Speculation over Taliban leaders has been fed by the circumstances surrounding the death of the movement's founder, Mullah Omar, which was only made public in 2015 two years after it happened, setting off bitter re-cremations among the leadership.

Agencies

How will China's manufacturing fare in next five years?

BEIJING

CHINA has set strategic goals to develop into a manufacturing powerhouse from 2021 to 2025, forging ahead on greater innovation and vitality, said the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT).

Boasting the world's most comprehensive industrial system with more quality and high-end products churned out by Chinese manufacturers, the transition from "made in China" to "designed in China" is kicking into high gear.

China would speed up its new industrialization and informatization process, MIIT minister Xiao Yaqing told a press conference Monday. Xiao pledged that the country would develop into a "manufacturing powerhouse" and "network powerhouse" through five-year efforts.

The ministry is paying close attention to the top-level design, Xiao said, adding that it is formulating the 14th five-year development plans for different industries. These plans will be released over the next four months.

COMPETITIVENESS

The country's manufacturing sector has topped the world for 11 consecutive years since 2010, Xiao said, hailing that the country's position as a manufacturing country has further strengthened.

The added industrial value of the Chinese manufacturing sector grew from 16.98 trillion yuan (about 2.63 trillion U.S. dollars) in 2012 to 26.6 trillion yuan in 2020. The figure gives Chinese manufacturers a 30-percent-share of the global total-added industrial value.

China also boasts the world's most comprehensive industrial system with 41 major industrial categories. More than 40 percent of the outputs of Chinese-manufactured products rank the top of the world among 500 major industrial goods.

In the meantime, more and more key industries, including new energy vehicles (NEVs) and photovoltaic equipment, lead the world with high-end brands such as telecommunication devices going into the global playing field.



Workers weld components at a workshop of an automobile manufacturing enterprise in Qingzhou City, east China's Shandong Province, Feb. 28, 2021. Xinhua

INDUSTRIAL UPGRADE

Stressing 5-year-period industrial upgrades and optimization at the press briefing, Xiao said the ministry would improve the manufacturing sector level and implement the carbon neutrality and carbon peak goals.

Notable breakthroughs would happen in the key sectors focusing on new-generation information technology, new energy, and high-end equipment, Tian Yulong, chief engineer from the MIIT, told the press briefing. Tian noted that these sectors are closely related

to the core industry competitiveness.

In traditional industries such as engineering, building materials, and chemical sectors, efforts would promote technology levels and build the industrial chain more solidly, Tian said.

As for the overall industrial sector, Xiao said the low-carbon transition would conclude in the next five years. "It is an arduous task for the industrial sector to achieve the carbon goals, but also a significant opportunity," the minister told the press briefing.

During recent years, under the country's emissions-cutting initiative, the market share of China's solar cell module represents more than 70 percent of the global total. By the end of August, the sales of China's NEVs exceeded seven million, accounting for about half the total globally and topping the world ranking.

The ministry would speed up efforts to lower emission intensity and will likely see a faster pace in the industrial structure adjustment by key industries, Xiao said. Xiao added that it is formulating the green development plan for the industrial sector during the 14th Five-Year period (2021-2025) and will release it soon.

DIGITAL ECONOMY

Noting the digitalization trend in the global economy, Xiao said that the manufacturing businesses going digital is the "compulsory course" for the sector's development and vowed efforts to promote digital transformation throughout the entire sector and develop 5G networks. Xinhua

Russian diplomat slams European Parliament's report on upcoming 2021 election

MOSCOW

THE report by the European Parliament's foreign affairs committee calling for being ready for refusal to recognize the State Duma elections is abnormal, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on the YouTube channel Solovyov Live yesterday.

"Whenever some kind of justice is on the agenda, everything should be this way: first there may happen a violation of legislation or international law, then this violation of internal legislation is put on record, and ultimately there follow an assessment and conclusions.

In this particular case it is the other way round. First there is the conclusion the EU should be prepared to refuse [to recognize the State Duma elections], while the presumed event follows second. This is somewhat abnormal."

Earlier, the European Parliament's foreign affairs committee suggested the EU should be prepared to refuse to recognize the State Duma elections, if Brussels finds that elections were held in violation of international norms.

The wording of the document was approved by 56 members of the committee, nine voted against and another five abstained.

The European Parliament's reports and resolutions have the status of recommendations and do not have to be followed by other EU institutions. The European Parliament's recognition of foreign political institutions does not entail any legal implications.

The elections of the eighth State Duma are due on the single voting day, September 19, 2021. The process of casting ballots will be extended over three days: September 17, 18, and 19.

Alongside the State Duma elections, there will be direct elections of the heads of nine Russian regions (in another three regions the top executive officials will be elected by the local legislatures) and the elections of 39 regional parliaments.

Trudeau sought an election he risks losing with only a week to go

VANCOUVER

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had hoped to secure a majority in parliament when he called a snap election, but a lackluster campaign and public anger over a vote during a pandemic are putting his chances of victory at risk.

Trudeau (pictured), in power since 2015, decided to gamble on an early vote and capitalize on his government's handling of the pandemic, which included massive spending to support individuals and businesses and high vaccination rates.

But with just a week to go until the Sept 20 election, Trudeau's Liberals are nowhere near the 38 percent in public support needed for a majority and could even lose to the Conservatives, led by the relatively unknown Erin O'Toole.

Insiders blame what they call an initially low-energy campaign and the inevitable political baggage that Trudeau, 49, has accumulated since he took office six years ago promising "sunny ways".

"I wish he hadn't called it," a Liberal insider said of Trudeau's decision to seek an election two years before the end of his term.

Trudeau says he needs a new mandate to ensure Canadians approve of his plan for getting the country past the coronavirus pandemic. The Liberals, whose fiscal policy supports for the pandemic exceed 23 percent of GDP, plan billions in new spending to support economic recovery if re-elected.



Norway's left-wing opposition wins, coalition talks next

OSLO

NORWAY'S centre-left opposition parties are on course to win a majority in parliament after Monday's election and will now negotiate how to form a coalition, with climate change and a widening wealth gap expected to be central to discussions.

Conservative Prime Minister Erna Solberg conceded the election and will step down after eight years in power, while Labour Party leader Jonas Gahr Støre said he intends to form the next government.

Norway's status as a major oil and gas producer has been at the heart here of the campaign, although a transition away from petroleum - and the jobs it creates - is likely to be a gradual one despite progress by pro-environment

parties.

To form a viable Cabinet, Støre here must persuade potential centre-left partners to compromise on policies ranging from oil and private ownership to Norway's relations with the European Union.

"We, as the biggest party, will make sure that Norway will get a new government and a new course," Støre said in a speech to party members.

"In the coming days, I will invite the leaders of all parties who want a change," he said, adding he would start with the Centre Party and Socialist Left.

Norway's crown currency was largely unchanged, trading at 10.20 against the euro.

"There will be some tax increases for example and there will be a different set of priori-



Labour Party leader Jonas Gahr Støre (second right) cheers after seeing the exit poll during the Labor Party's election party at Folkets hus in the 2021 Norwegian parliamentary elections, in Oslo on Monday. AP

ties ... but the total size of the public budget will not be substantially different from if the current government would remain in place," said DNB Markets Chief Economist Kjersti Haugland.

With 97.5 percent of the votes counted, Labour and four other centre-left parties

could swing to a combined majority of 100 seats, up from 81 currently, the Directorate of Elections projected.

A minimum of 85 seats is required to win a majority in the 169-seat parliament.

If the projections prove correct, Støre could form a majority consisting of Labour, the

Centre Party and the Socialist Left, which are on track for a combined 89 seats, and avoid having to work with the Marxist Red Party or the anti-oil Greens.

Getting the rural-based Centre Party and the mostly urban Socialists to govern together could be difficult, however, as the two take different views on issues from oil to taxes.

Ruling in a minority could also be an option for Labour. Støre says his government would focus on cutting CO2 emissions in line with the 2015 Paris Agreement, but has rejected any ultimatum over energy policy.

Støre has pledged to address inequality here by cutting taxes for low- and middle-income families and hiking rates for the rich.

Agencies

China conducts 'health checks' on cities to improve residents' quality of life

CHINA, whose urbanization rate has surpassed 63 percent, has been carrying out "health checks" on cities to diagnose and tackle in time their problems in development, including overpopulation, traffic congestion and shortage of public service facilities. The measure is playing an important role in fueling high-quality development of cities and improving residents' quality of life.

In 2018, China's Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD), together with Beijing, started the campaign by conducting a "check-up" on the capital city. This year, the number of Chinese cities

sampled has risen to 59, and an assessment mechanism for "health checks" on cities has basically taken shape.

Such "health checks" now take into consideration 65 indexes in eight aspects to determine cities' condition, including "ecology and livability", "health and comfort", "safety and resilience", "transportation and convenience", "landscape and characteristics", "tidiness and order", "cultural diversity and inclusiveness" as well as "innovation vitality".

"During a health check, we found the service radius of parks

and greenbelts and facilities that serve residents' needs for exercising near home failed to meet the standard in Chengdu, capital city of southwest China's Sichuan province," said Deng Jing, a staff member with the bureau for park building efforts in Chengdu. The two indexes fall into "ecology and livability" and "health and comfort" respectively in "health checks" on cities.

To address the problems, the bureau cross-referenced data collected during the "health check" and thought of utilizing idle spaces in cities to improve the two indexes. It changed the

space under an overpass at Fuqing road, Chenghua district of the city, into an outdoor gym, which has become a popular destination for leisure activities and exercise among residents living nearby.

The 1-kilometer-long and 18-meter wide gym has a skatepark, basketball and badminton courts as well as a playground for children, and is decorated with flowers, plants, and lights. To ensure the safety of residents, the bureau has fenced the gym with railings and added traffic lights and traffic signs on roads around it.

According to the results of "checkups" on 36 cities conducted last year, many saw their urban functions and living environment improve. In cities such as Shanghai and Guangzhou, more than 60 percent of residents use public transportation, over five percentage points higher than that of some megacities in the world (55 percent).

The results of the "checkups" also showed some communities were held back by inadequate infrastructure and public service facilities. The coverage rate of community elderly care service facilities in all 36 cities sam-

pled failed to reach the standard, and community-based health care service centers in 28 cities received less than 30 percent of the outpatients in their cities.

Social satisfaction survey has been used as one of the methods for conducting "health checks" on cities. Residents have been invited to scan a QR code to enter an online third-party platform authorized by the MOHURD to fill out the questionnaires and even make suggestions about tackling problems in their own communities.

"We have publicized the

"checkups" in airports, subway stations and core business areas and instructed residents in filling in questionnaires online," said Yang Zhihong, deputy head of the commission of housing and urban-rural development of southwest China's Chongqing municipality, adding that over 60,000 questionnaires have been completed and submitted by Chongqing residents.

After the survey, the commission will report issues closely related to people's well-being and causing widespread concerns to relevant departments in time and make sure they can be dealt with promptly.

People's Daily

Putin holds meeting with Syria's Assad at Kremlin

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin had a meeting with his Syrian counterpart Bashar al-Assad at the Kremlin where they discussed the political situation in Syria, international terrorism as well as issues of bilateral and humanitarian cooperation.

The details about the meeting held on September 13 were published on the Russian leader's website yesterday.

In the beginning of the talks, Putin said that he is glad to welcome Assad in Moscow and congratulated him on the occasion of his birthday on September 11 and for the "very good result at the presidential elections" which were held on May 26 and were won by Assad with more than 95% support.

"The [election] results show that people trust you and, despite all challenges of the previous years and tragedies of the previous years, still associate the process of recovery and return to normal life with you," Putin told Assad.

Situation in Syria

The Russian leader recalled that through the joint efforts the two countries managed to liberate the majority of Syrian territories from terrorists (as the Syrian government currently controls more than 90% of the country), while refugees

actively return to liberated areas and people are rebuilding their homes. According to Putin, Assad is actively working to improve dialogue with his political opponents. The Russian leader voiced hope that this process would continue.

At the same time, Putin slammed the presence of foreign troops in several regions in Syria without a UN decision or Assad's permission as a problem as, he believes, it prevents the country from "undertaking best efforts for the country's consolidation."

In turn, Assad underlined that political meetings and talks held in Sochi and Nur-Sultan had particularly facilitated the normalization in Syria. "I would like to highlight the fact that the political processes which we used to carry out stopped approximately three years ago.

There are certain reasons behind it. There are some states who do everything possible to destructively affect the opportunity to organize political processes," the Syrian leader emphasized.

He once again underlined that Russia made a large contribution to the victory over terrorists in Syria, thanking Putin for the assistance provided and also praising the Russian Foreign Ministry. According to Assad, the actions of two countries generally "made a huge contribution to the cause of protecting the whole humanity" from terrorism.



Syrian President Bashar Assad (L) and Russian President Vladimir Putin

Russia-Syria cooperation

The leaders of Russia and Syria also paid great attention to the topic of humanitarian cooperation and the joint fight against COVID-19. Putin recalled that Russia's Sputnik V and Sputnik Light had been delivered to Syria.

Assad also thanked the Russian president for support, "be it medicine that helps us to treat or

prevent the spread of the coronavirus infection or the other help, including food and everything necessary that was provided by Russia to Syria."

Moreover, the presidents talked about the bilateral economic cooperation. "In the first half of 2021, the trade volume increased by 3.5 times," Putin said in this regard.

Putin-Assad meetings

Putin and Assad previously spoke in November 2020 via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The parties then discussed the fight against terrorism and resettlement of refugees.

Putin last visited the country in January 2020. Moreover, the presidents also often speak on the phone.

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Remittance to Africa expected to fall in 2021 due to COVID-19 - report

ADDIS ABABA

REMITTANCES to African countries are expected to decrease 5.4 percent from 44 billion U.S. dollars in 2020 to a projected total of 41 billion U.S. dollars this year due to the effects of COVID-19 pandemic, according to the Continental Migration Report 2021.

The newly published report, entitled "African Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration," was produced by the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in partnership with the African Union (AU) Commission (AUC).

It, however, emphasized that remittances have demonstrated greater resilience and reliability as a source of capital in Africa than foreign direct investment flows, read the summary of the report shared by the UNECA Monday.

The report is based on four sub-regional reports compiled by the AU and a summary from stakeholder consultations at the just concluded 2021 African regional review meeting on the Global Compact for migration that was held from Aug. 26 to Sept. 1 in Morocco, it was noted.

Xinhua

Beijing speeds up building of digital trade demonstration zone

IN recent years, Beijing has ramped up efforts to build a digital trade demonstration zone, attracting an array of major projects, including the Beijing International Big Data Exchange, China Beijing Environment Exchange (now China Beijing Green Exchange), Ueda Yagi Money Broking (China) Co., Ltd., the first wholly foreign-owned money broker in China, as well as Allianz Insurance Asset Management Co., Ltd., China's first wholly foreign-owned insurance asset management company.

The move serves as a follow-up to the city's vigorous efforts to build a national integrated demonstration zone for greater openness in the services sector and a pilot free trade zone (FTZ).

Since last September, Beijing has accomplished 80 percent of the tasks set for three to five years in the construction of the "two zones", promoted 10 of its best-practice cases in the country, and put into practice 34 policies that were introduced into the country for the first time.

The pilot FTZ, which covers 0.7 percent of the city's area, has contributed 7 percent of Beijing's economic growth and 28 percent of the increase in the number of foreign-funded companies in the city, providing strong support for Beijing in gathering production factors from across the world and developing itself into an international highland of openness and innovation.

As the only city in China that has been encouraged to build the "two zones", Beijing has rolled out multiple policies and systems to broaden market access for foreign investors and facilitate capital flow, said Liu Meiyang, deputy head of the leading group of



A staff member of Postal Savings Bank of China introduces digital RMB wallet to a visitor at the 2021 China International Fair for Trade in Services held in Beijing, Sept. 6, 2021.

office for the "two zones" work in Beijing, at the recently concluded 2021 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) held in Beijing. "In pursuit of a bright future through digital technologies, we are going to take advantage of the platform of the CIFTIS, give full play to Beijing's role as a capital city, align domestic rules with high-standard international economic and trade rules to improve service trade levels in key fields including digital trade, finance, culture, professional services, education, and health care, and further liberalize and facilitate the cross-border flow of production factors, so as to form an efficient and safe service trade governance system," pointed out Yan Ligang, head of the Beijing Municipal Commerce Bureau.

To advance the construction of a digital trade demonstration zone and further facilitate the flow of data, Beijing has established the Beijing International Big Data Exchange, piloted cross-border flow of data, and explored a regula-

tory sandbox mechanism for data market out of concerns for safety in digital economy.

Beijing has also pushed ahead international cooperation on digital trade, striving to build a world-class digital trade port and foster mechanisms for collaboration in the aspect.

Driven by policies on the construction of the "two zones", 1,035 foreign-invested enterprises put down roots in Beijing from January to July, a year-on-year increase of 55.2 percent. During the same period, the city's actual use of foreign capital reached \$10.33 billion, 19.1 percent more than that of the same period last year.

While high-end technological industries that accord with Beijing's development orientation have raced to take a bite of the city's opportunities, new business forms, models and technologies represented by digital economy are emerging as new drivers of the city's economic development.

Beijing has taken the lead in China in implementing a policy on recognizing securi-

ties and futures occupational qualifications acquired overseas, making it easier for international talents to work in the city. Thanks to the policy, talents who already obtained qualifications and job experience overseas don't have to take relevant examinations in China again before engaging in certain fields in the city.

The Chinese capital city has also taken measures to simplify work-related formalities for foreign talents. It is the first Chinese city to pilot a project that enables foreign nationals to apply for and receive work permits and residence permits for working at a single service window, which is much more convenient compared with the procedures required in the past.

Beijing has also allowed foreign talents with permanent residence permits to establish sci-tech companies and guaranteed that they are equally treated in the market as Chinese entrepreneurs, making it easier for them to start their own businesses.

Besides 19 international schools under construction and increasing the number of international hospitals, the city has also built eight communities for foreign talents to create a warm and friendly atmosphere for them.

"Digital trade is regarded as an important part in the construction of the 'two zones'. In fact, it also enjoys exciting prospects in health care. We are on the front foot and have great potential to integrate it into online and offline health care services before, during, and after consultations," said Zhu Hailuan, vice president of the China branch of Sanofi, a French multinational pharmaceutical company that established a production base in Beijing as early as 1995.

People's Daily

South Korean governor leads presidential polls

SEOUL

A SOUTH Korean politician who once said he aspired to be a "successful Bernie Sanders" is leading the field to replace Moon Jae-in as president after rising to prominence with an aggressive pandemic response and a populist economic agenda.

Lee Jae-myung, the governor of Gyeonggi province, has led in many recent national polls and dominated the early rounds of the ruling liberal Democratic Party primary, including the latest voting over the weekend.

As governor, Lee advocated for universal basic income and instituted cash payments to all 24-year-old people for a year. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, all province residents also received regular payments.

Under Lee, Gyeonggi also took aggressive steps to combat the pandemic, introducing restrictions on gatherings that were later adopted by the national government, raiding a church at the center of a large outbreak, and imposing a controversial requirement that all foreign residents be tested.

His outsider image was once seen as a liability in the face of establishment competitors with closer ties to the outgoing Moon.

But with many South Koreans disillusioned by runaway housing prices, a poor employment outlook for young people and a string of corruption scandals, that populist message has driven him to the head of the pack as he looks to blunt conservatives' efforts to capitalize on voter discontent.

Lee no longer compares himself to Sanders, the progressive senator who unsuccessfully sought the



Lee Jae-myung, governor of South Korea's most populous province Gyeonggi, speaks during an interview in Suwon on Sept 29, 2020. File photo

Democratic Party nomination for US president, and has expressed willingness to adjust his policies to avoid strife while embracing "compromise and consensus".

But he still casts himself as someone who will take on the establishment - which at the moment is largely his own party.

"Only politicians who have the courage and driving force to put up with the resistance and backlash from the establishment can keep and fulfill promises and achieve results," Lee said during a primary in the eastern province of Gangwon on Sunday. "And I have never made a promise that I could not keep."

Expanding welfare state

Born to an impoverished farming family in a remote mountain village in the country's southeast, Lee, 56, attributes his focus on economic equality to an early life as a child laborer in chemical factories that left him with impaired hearing and a wrist deformity.

When elected mayor of Seongnam, one of the largest cities in Gyeonggi, in 2010, he initiated a plan to establish a new, larger public hospital

with unprecedented numbers of negative pressure rooms and intensive care beds. The facility now serves as a national COVID-19 centre and has treated more than 3,000 patients.

"Keeping people from disasters and infectious diseases by providing public medical service is one of the government's most fundamental duties, and my political career began from there," Lee told Reuters in December.

A longtime advocate of universal basic income, Lee vowed to provide 1 million won (US\$850) to all citizens and another 1 million to people aged 19-29 every year if he takes office.

He also pledged to boost housing supply by building more than 2.5 million homes, including 1 million to be distributed under a "basic home" scheme, aimed at allowing non-homeowners to live in high-quality public housing at low prices for up to 30 years.

To bankroll the programs, Lee proposed a carbon tax and a national land tax scheme to increase taxes for all property holders and cut transaction costs. Agencies

Iran stresses readiness for nuke talks after 'internal consultations'

TEHRAN

IRANIAN Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian said Monday the new Iranian administration is holding "internal consultations" on how to continue negotiations concerning the 2015 nuclear agreement.

"Despite internal consultations at the beginning of its tenure on how to continue Vienna talks, the Iranian government has made clear that it will welcome negotiations that have tangible results and serve the rights and interests

of the people," Amir Abdollahian said during a telephone conversation with his British counterpart Dominic Raab, as reported by official news agency IRNA.

The Iranian government expects "all illegal sanctions" against Iran to be canceled, he said.

Concerning the situation in Afghanistan, the head of Iran's diplomacy regretted the effects of

"wrong policies of the United States and some Western countries" on that country.

Amir Abdollahian pointed to the formation of a government that includes all Afghan ethnic groups, the inclination towards dialogue and not violence, consideration for the people, and an effective fight against terrorism as the means to achieve security and sta-

bility in Afghanistan.

The Iranian foreign minister said Iran has been host to millions of Afghan refugees over the past four decades, and stressed the need for sustained joint international responsibility in the face of new waves of asylum seekers, and also to counter drug trafficking.

According to the official Iranian readout of the conversation, the British

foreign secretary, for his part, greeted Amir Abdollahian over his appointment and expressed hope that under the new Iranian administration, relations between the United Kingdom and Iran would develop on the basis of mutual understanding.

Raab took to Twitter later in the afternoon, and wrote he had called on Iran "to release all arbitrarily detained British

nationals" and to return to the Vienna talks to revive the 2015 nuclear agreement.

The two sides agreed to continue their talks on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly meeting later this month in New York, IRNA reported.

Former US president Donald Trump withdrew from the 2015 agreement in May 2018 and unilaterally reimposed sanc-

tions on Iran. In response, Iran has gradually ceased to perform parts of its commitments under the deal since May 2019, invoking provisions within the text of the accord.

After six rounds of talks in Vienna since April, the parties said serious differences remain between Iran and the United States for the revitalization of the agreement. The sixth round of talks ended on June 20, two days after Iran's June 18 presidential election.

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SPORT

TPC strategic plan launched in Dar



Female wheelchair tennis players participate in recent training at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club's courts. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

THE government has advised national sports federations to emulate Tanzania Paralympic Committee (TPC) for coming up with a strategic plan which can be implemented easily.

National Sports Council (NSC) officer, Allen Alex, stated at the launch of the TPC 2021-24 strategic plan in Dar es Salaam early this week.

The strategic plan which has eight goals is aimed at seeing the country have top para-athletes and win medals at the 2024 Paris Paralympics.

Alex disclosed: "This TPC strategic plan is a good indication of good governance, vision, and mission of the Paralympic Committee."

"This strategic plan is implementable and makes the job of TPC leaders easy as everyone will be executing his or her responsibilities," he said.

The eight goals in the 2021-24 strategic plans are office setup, capacity building of staff, improving TPC financial accountability, and strategic partnership.

Strengthening fundraising activities, support the participation of Tanzanians with disabilities in international events, and athletes' pathways were as well included in the initiative.

Alex, who represented NSC Acting Secretary-General Neema Msitha in the

TPC strategic plan launch, also heads the NSC desk for sportspersons with disabilities.

The official further hailed TPC for expressing its desire to transform and become an influential and vibrant sports hub for persons with disabilities in the country.

He said TPC has demonstrated that it can provide leadership and supervision and advocate for people with disabilities rights to participation in sports and also strengthen sports bringing together people with disabilities in the country.

The Paris Paralympics are scheduled for August 28-September 8, 2024.

The launch attracted TPC stakeholders who contributed their views on how best the plan can be implemented.

The stakeholders issued their views on good governance, development for athletes and coaches, how to identify talents, national championships, and how to fully compete at primary schools and secondary schools games, and how many women can take part in Paralympic sporting activities.

The other topics, which were in discussion, are the qualification for international Paralympic Games, classification, and sponsorship to national sports associations which operate under the auspices of TPC.

The country first competed at the Paralympics of 1992 where it was represented by table tennis player, Noorel Shariff. Currently, seven para-athletes (two female and five male) have represented the country at various Paralympic Games.

At the just ended Tokyo Paralympics, the country was represented by two athletes, Sauda Njopeka and Ignatius Mtwewe.

The two competed at Tokyo Paralympics on a wild card and did not perform well.

Filmmakers ought to make educational films, says minister

By Allen Henjewe & Erica Kyomo, TUDARCO

TANZANIA'S Film Awards were officially launched in Dar es Salaam early this week, as domestic film industry's members seek to build a wider scope of making educational films.

Minister for Information, Culture, Arts, and Sports, Innocent Bashungwa, said the awards will inspire filmmakers to work hard and come up with better productions.

The minister had presided over the launch of the Film Awards, organized by the Tanzania Film Board.

The launch was attended by, among others, the country's film industry stakeholders and journalists.

Bashungwa stated the stakeholders have to look into improving filmmaking.

The minister disclosed: "There are many film stakeholders so the artists have got the opportunity which will help them achieve success if they are to make the most of it."

"These awards are there to boost our film market as well as artists and the presence of the Tanzania Film Board, which serves as the film industry's custodian, will be a major awakening to the improvement of the sector."

Bashungwa explained that the government has improved the levy on films and eventually placed a 50 percent levy on films.

The minister urged the domestic film industry's members to register for legal recognition and legitimacy of their works.

The Tanzania Film Board Executive Secretary, Kiagho Kilonzo, issued details on how the artists will be able to participate in the Film Awards while specifying the criteria and conditions.

Kilonzo maintained that there is no charge for artists to participate in the awards.

The official revealed: "Artists should turn up in large numbers to present their films as September 26 is the deadline for collection of the works, and the process has officially begun. We will be receiving the works at the Film Board's offices."

Kiagho further clarified that artists will be able to send their works to contest for a variety of categories.

The categories include Emerging Female Artist, Emerging Male Artist, Best Female Comedian, Best Male Comedian, and Best Film of the Year.



SPORTS

Well done Taifa Stars

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

DESPITE the encounter being a distinctly nervy affair, the Taifa Stars finally came good to carry the day 3-2 in a gladiatorial Qatar World Cup qualifier against those pesky and astonishingly competitive Madagascan.

Indeed, it was a clash that saw us all nail-biting furiously, especially when unheralded Madagascar drew level 2-2 after initially trailing 2-0.

Blissfully though, the Taifa Stars steadied the ship and regained their poise as well as composure to emerge as 3-2 winners of a qualifier that saw us all collectively heave a huge sigh of relief once the whistle signaling full-time was blown.

The smashing result propelled the Taifa Stars to the apex of Group J and clearly, the hard-earned triumph has put many of us in infectious confident mode.

Many quarters, for instance, have even taken to waxing bullishly about the Taifa Stars' suddenly favorable prospects of sealing their place at the quadrennial World Cup next year, which would be an irrefutable and historic national sporting milestone.

However, despite the result and the resultant national mood of optimism, a few blemishes have been discerned which urgently require attention lest our world cup dream be derailed.

One such weakness that needs to be swiftly tackled lies in the Stars' rearguard.

Indeed, after doing brilliantly to jump out 2-0 in front, the Taifa Stars disquietingly nearly pushed the self-destruct button by letting down their guard and allowing Madagascar to forge inroads back into the match.

That was almost a catastrophic, costly, and self-inflicted wound. So, according to the consensus, the Stars' defense will have to go to great lengths to become more watertight from now onwards.

Apart from that, there is the sober and weighty challenge of confronting our



Taifa Stars' players (L-R) Muzamiru Yassin, Feisal Salum, Novatus Dismas, and Simon Msuva, jubilate after Salum had scored when the squad faced Madagascar in African qualifiers for the 2022 FIFA World Cup's tie, which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. Taifa Stars won 3-2. PHOTO: TFF

next opponents Benin, who are already breathing down our necks in second place in Group J.

There is no disputing the bald truth that facing Benin will likely present us with our biggest conundrum encountered thus far in the qualifiers.

So, perchance a fitting recipe for success in that dicey clash would be to cease with the braggadocio and instead engage in a practice, practice, and yet

even more practice, which would stand us in good stead. Let us segue seamlessly now to domestic boxing, which despite the sublime exertions of Hassan Mwakinyo, could do with loads of greater support.

Indeed, it is an ill-kept secret on the home front that there is a dire lack of professional boxing coaches in the country.

Thankfully though, this hasn't put the wind out of the sails of local boxers as the somewhat meteoric ascent of Mwakinyo illustrates.

However, this critical unavailability of professional boxing coaches will only serve to impede this beloved national sport going forward.

Thus, one hopes that those figures at the helm of domestic boxing will rapidly move to address this malaise as time wears on.



Tanzania Prisons FC's midfielders, Jumanne Elfadhili (L), and Adili Buha (R) seek to keep Simba SC midfielder, Larry Bwalya, in check as the teams met in a past Mainland Premier League clash, which took place at Dar es Salaam's Uhuru Stadium.

Tanzania Prisons aim to qualify for CAF Champions League

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

RUKWA-based Tanzania Prisons FC leadership says the side has set out to win this season's Mainland Premier League and qualify for the 2022/23 CAF Champions League.

Tanzania Prisons FC information officer, Jackson Mwafulango, said his team has all that it takes to realize its dream for this season.

He said the team has intensified its preparations for the new season expected to kick off at the end of this month.

Prisons will kick off the campaign with an assignment against fellow Mbeya-based giants, Mbeya City FC.

The information officer said before

the league kicks off, Prisons is doing all it can to perfect all its departments from goalkeeping to finishing.

Mwafulango said ahead of the kick-off the team will play four to five friendly matches against various outfits.

He said the team was on Monday expected to play away to Kyela Combine.

He said the team's leadership has confidence in the head coach, Salum Mayanga, and the players.

"We have set our targets, we want to become the league champions this season and qualify for CAF tournament, we have what it takes to realize our dreams," the official noted.

"We have players and technical panel headed by Salum Mayanga, we have also a management which is always available for the team, I believe we are capable of delivering the expected results," he said.

In the previous season, Tanzania Prisons proved

to be a hard nut to crack when the club faced the top two teams, Simba SC and Yanga.

Prisons collected four points from Simba SC and two points from Yanga, despite performing well against the two giants.

The team finished in the seventh position with 44 points, this was attributed to a lapse in concentration by the players especially when they faced modest opponents.

Laporta: Tebas has 'sick obsession' with Barca

BARCELONA

BARCELONA president Joan Laporta has said LaLiga chief Javier Tebas has a "sick obsession" with the club and blames him for Lionel Messi's departure this summer.

Barca were unable to register a new contract for Messi when his previous deal expired under LaLiga's strict financial salary limits, leading to him joining Paris Saint-Germain on a free transfer.

Speaking in an interview with Sport on Sunday, Tebas blamed Barca's rejection of the €2.7 billion investment deal with CVC Capital Partners for not keeping hold of the Argentina captain.

Laporta responded to Tebas' claims on Barca TV and said: "I believe his comments are improper of the league president.

"Instead of looking for harmony and understanding, he always looks for conflict and confrontation. He has a sick obsession to see how he can harm Barca and its values, but we Catalans already know him."

Laporta also added Messi could have stayed at the club if Tebas had been more flexible regarding fair play.

"He says that Messi has not stayed at Barca, but he has been the lead actor regarding not staying because of his excess of zeal," he said. "The rest of the leagues have been more flexible [with respect to fair play] and have been able to keep their most relevant players."

Tebas was also critical of Barca's involvement in the Super League in his interview and said the club's board has an "inferiority complex" with Real Madrid president Florentino Perez.

He also added that Messi's departure from the LaLiga was "painful" and said he deserved to be treated better from Barca.

"Just as when Cristiano Ronaldo, [Pep] Guardiola or [Jose] Mourinho left, we knew that one day this would happen," he said.

"We've been lucky to have had the two best footballers in the world and LaLiga has been able to take advantage of that and be at the forefront worldwide.

"Perhaps Messi's departure is more painful because I personally consider him the best in the history and he didn't deserve to go like this, not just from Barca but from LaLiga."

Meanwhile, Barca coach Ronald Koeman played down reports of a feud between him and Laporta ahead of Tuesday's Champions League match against Bayern Munich at Camp Nou.

Koeman said in an interview with NOS at the weekend that he didn't

like comments made by Laporta suggesting the Dutchman did not have full control over playing issues.

However, despite confirming they have had their "issues," Koeman said there was no rift between him and the president.

"Our relationship is good," he said in a news conference. "If there's anything, we speak. We both want the best for the club – the club is the most important thing.

"There are things we speak about, but there's not a single problem with the president. He comes [to the training ground] often and we speak about things to do with the club. I have no complaints. We've had some issues, but we've spoken and drawn a line under them."

Koeman's Barca side face an early test in the post-Messi era against Bayern. Memories of the German team's 8-2 win in the Champions League in August 2020 are still fresh, but the coach insists it will be different this time.

"More than a year has passed," he added. "Several players still here suffered a lot in that game but now we have a unique opportunity. We can do damage to Bayern, we have a good team.

"We have made some big changes to the team and we need time, but in football you don't have much time. You have to prove yourself. It will be an interesting game and one we can draw good conclusions from about where we are against a powerful rival."

Barca also announced on Monday that striker Martin Braithwaite is set to undergo knee surgery and faces a lengthy spell on the sidelines.

The 30-year-old has started all three of Barca's LaLiga games this season and scored twice in the 4-2 defeat of Real Sociedad in their opening game but sustained a knee injury in the 2-1 win over Getafe on Aug. 29.

He subsequently missed Denmark's World Cup qualifiers and remained in Barcelona but the club said in a statement he had opted for surgery after the injury did not respond to conservative treatment.

Braithwaite's injury adds to Barca's shortage in attack, with new signing Sergio Aguero still waiting to make his debut after injuring a calf tendon last month.

The former Manchester City striker is not set to return until mid-October while teenage striker Ansu Fati is still waiting to make his comeback after undergoing knee surgery last season.

The club signed striker Luuk de Jong on loan from Sevilla on the final day of the transfer window while allowing Antoine Griezmann to rejoin Atletico Madrid on loan.

ESPN

Takehiro Tomiyasu can be the answer to Arsenal's defensive woes

LONDON

EARNING a move to the Premier League is undeniably a dream come true for an Asian footballer. Even more so when it is to one of English football's traditional heavyweights.

But as Takehiro Tomiyasu began his new adventure with Arsenal in Saturday's 1-0 win over Norwich, there is a feeling that this big move could come with equal parts excitement and trepidation.

Arsenal's three consecutive defeats to begin the 2021-22 campaign is their worst start in 67 years. In particular, the 5-0 thrashing at the hands of Manchester City before the international break highlighted just how vulnerable they can be at the back.

Which is perhaps why it should come as no surprise that manager Mikel Arteta moved quickly on transfer deadline day to snap up Tomiyasu for £16 million from Serie A outfit Bologna.

Still only 22, the Japan international has enjoyed a rapid rise since he moved to Europe with Belgium's Sint-Truiden in 2018. Tomiyasu has already established himself as a key player for Japan and was part of the Samurai Blue team that finished runners-up at the 2019 AFC Asian Cup.

What will he bring to a shaky Arsenal backline following a steady,

if unspectacular, debut?

Firstly, Tomiyasu excels at his primary task: defending. At the halfway stage of the Serie A last season, no defender made more recoveries than Tomiyasu.

From the Gunners' current central defensive options, including £50 million man Ben White, Tomiyasu boasts the best statistics from last season in key categories including successful tackles, aerial duels and interceptions per 90 minutes.

Secondly, Tomiyasu is also adept at being deployed as a right-back, which is where he featured against Norwich, and means that he could potentially be the answer to more than one of Arteta's woes.

There was initially concern that the 1.88-metre tall Tomiyasu would not be available for Saturday's win against Norwich, although his work permit was sorted in time for Arteta to throw him straight into the thick of things.

There is a need for the frustrated Arsenal faithful to temper expectations as their problems extend beyond a single position. But at the very least, the situation could not possibly get much worse than it is already.

And, in Tomiyasu, they do have a talented young defender with the ability and desire to get them heading in the right direction. (Agencies)

Why PSG and Premier League clubs are set to dominate the Champions League

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE Champions League is anything but predictable. The past four seasons have given us four different winners, while nine different teams have contested the most recent six finals. But as European football continues to shake on its axis through a combination of financial mismanagement and the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, that might be about to change.

Not sure? Well, here's a prediction: it will be reduced to a private battle between Paris Saint-Germain and the Premier League clubs this season, and over the short- to medium-term, Bayern Munich might have something to say about that, but this summer's transfer market has shown us where the money is in the game: wherever the cash flows, the big trophies usually follow.

The most high-profile players are also part of that equation, which is why Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo upgraded their own Champions League chances this summer with transfers to PSG and Manchester United respectively. Messi (four) and Ronaldo (five) have won nine Champions Leagues between them, so don't be surprised if one of them bags another this season.

Still, it's not all doom and gloom. Less than six months after Europe's elite clubs attempted to form a breakaway Super League that would have signalled the death knell for the Champions League as we know it, football's most prestigious club competition is back as the road to the final in Saint Petersburg, Russia, in May begins.

There has undoubtedly been an acceleration of a power shift towards PSG and the Premier League powerhouses – Man United, Manchester City, Chelsea and Liverpool. For five consecutive seasons between 2013-14 and 2017-18, the Champions League was won by either Barcelona or Real Madrid. Atletico Madrid also contested two finals in that time.

But LaLiga has not been represented in any of the last three finals, which have signposted a clear shift towards an increasingly dominant Premier League. Two of those finals have been won by English teams, Liverpool and Chelsea, with Tottenham and Man City the losing finalists in all-Premier League affairs. The exception was Bayern's 2019-20 victory over PSG in Lisbon, which gave us another indicator as to which way the wind was beginning to blow in European football.

So as the biggest clubs begin their Champions League journey this week, it seems you can pretty much forget about a Spanish or Italian team winning the competition this season. Bayern, Champions League winners



PSG have set new standards with their summer transfer business. (Agencies)

celona and Real are both lost in a period of transition, with huge wage bills at Camp Nou and the Bernabeu draining their resources. Barcelona's debt now stands at €1.35 billion, ultimately forcing them to accept defeat in their attempts to keep Messi at the club. Although Real reported cash reserves of €1.22m in June, they are halfway through a €700m redevelopment of the Bernabeu, and efforts to trim their annual €400m wage bill led to the departures of Sergio Ramos and Raphael Varane.

Real spent €30m on Rennes midfielder Eduardo Camavinga and signed David Alaba from Bayern on a free, while Barca's incomings have been the likes of Sergio Aguero and Memphis Depay on free transfers, with Messi, Antoine Griezmann (Atletico, loan) and Miralem Pjanic (Besiktas, loan) among those heading out.

Neither Barcelona or Real appear in any shape to rival PSG or the Premier League giants this season, and although Atletico are always a consistent Champions League force, they have also lacked the ability to go all the way. Diego Simeone's team are unlikely to change that this time around.

It is a similar story in Italy, Juventus, having lost finals in 2015 and 2017, only just snuck into this season's competition with a fourth-place finish in Serie A, and they offloaded Ronaldo to United in an attempt to reduce their financial commitments. And champions Inter are highly unlikely to repeat their 2010 Champions League win, having lost coach Antonio Conte and leading scorer Romelu Lukaku since clinching the Scudetto last season.

Bayern, Champions League winners

as recently as 2020, have added RB Leipzig's Dayot Upamecano and Marcel Sabitzer to their squad, as well as hiring Leipzig coach Julian Nagelsmann to replace Hansi Flick. But the big question mark over the German champions is whether their long-serving, but ageing, stars can go all the way in the Champions League again.

Manuel Neuer (35), Thomas Muller (32) and Robert Lewandowski (33) remain Bayern's mainstays, alongside younger players including Joshua Kimmich, Alphonso Davies and Leon Goretzka, yet this summer has seen Bayern lose pace with PSG and the English teams.

Premier League champions City may have missed out on signing Harry Kane and Ronaldo to replace Aguero, but they have strengthened nonetheless with £100m England midfielder Jack Grealish from Aston Villa. Pep Guardiola's team reached last season's final by playing without a recognised centre-forward for much of the campaign, so the loss of injury-plagued Aguero shouldn't really be felt, while Chelsea, who beat City in the final last season, have added potency to their team with the £97.5m signing of Lukaku.

Liverpool have lost midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum to PSG and signed Ibrahima Konate from Leipzig, but although ins and outs have been minimal, Jurgen Klopp's team continue to possess one of the best attacking units in Europe, and they have defender Virgil van Dijk fit and playing again after last season's cruciate ligament injury layoff. Liverpool's squad and European pedigree make them live contenders to win the Champions League.

And while United have yet to win a trophy under Ole Gunnar Solskjær, their summer recruitment of Ronaldo, Varane and Jadon Sancho has propelled them into the conversation about potential winners. With goalkeeper David de Gea and midfielder Paul Pogba starting the season in impressive form, United have the credentials to go all the way, too.

But as the Champions League prepares to get under way, the favourites are, without question, PSG. Coach Mauricio Pochettino has seen his squad enhanced by the signings of Messi, Ramos and Wijnaldum – each a previous Champions League winner – as well as Nuno Mendes, Danilo Pereira, Gianluigi Donnarumma and Achraf Hakimi, another man with a Champions League win on his resume with Real Madrid in 2018.

With all that stellar talent added to an already world-class squad – Neymar and Kylian Mbappe remain at Parc des Princes too – it appears that the only team that can stop PSG winning the Champions League this season is themselves.

PSG have a tough group alongside City and Leipzig – Club Brugge are also in Group A – but they have become a team of all the talents, and experience, this summer.

The heavyweights of Spain and Italy will be unable to stop PSG, so it is down to the Premier League quartet to prevent the European Cup from heading to Paris for the first time. And that does not merely apply to this season. It is a reality that we may have to get used to for the next few years, if not longer.

Madrid fans embrace Vinicius Júnior after not getting Mbappé

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VINICIUS Júnior is quickly helping the Real Madrid faithful to forget about Kylian Mbappé.

Madrid fans were frustrated with the failed negotiations to bring in Mbappé at the transfer deadline last month, but a few matches into the new season they have found that they can count on Vinicius Júnior.

The fans have embraced Vinicius Júnior, and did that literally on Sunday when the young Brazilian jumped into the stands to celebrate with the crowd after scoring in the 5-2 win over Celta Vigo in the Spanish league in the reopening of the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium after more than 18 months.

Vinicius Júnior was engulfed by fans, who profusely hugged him before stewards and police officers helped him back onto the field. The visit to the stands earned him a yellow card but was a big hit with fans who hadn't been at the Bernabéu since it was closed because of the pandemic and a massive renovation project.

"Vini is special," said Madrid striker Karim Benzema, who scored a hat trick on Sunday. "He is young and I really enjoy playing with him. He has shown that he is worthy of playing with this team."

The 21-year-old Vinicius Júnior got off to a great start this season, scoring four goals in the first four matches and being a crucial part of Madrid's attack alongside Benzema. The Brazilian had been often criticized for his lack of goals but has clearly improved, becoming an even greater threat as he continues to display amazing speed and uncanny skills. "He has been playing very well," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said. "He is at a very high level right now. His



Real Madrid's Karim Benzema celebrates with his teammate Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior after scoring a penalty kick during the Spanish La Liga soccer match between Real Madrid and Celta de Vigo at the Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021. (AP Photo)

quality is impressive. He has been doing very well in the beginning of the season and he has to keep it up. He is full of confidence and is very composed and calm in front of the goal."

Vinicius Júnior, who arrived in 2018 as a teenager from Brazilian club Flamengo for nearly 45 million euros (\$53 million), will be even more important to Ancelotti in the near future as forward Gareth Bale will be sidelined for a while because of a muscle injury. Madrid has long been after Mbappé to boost its attack but couldn't get a deal done with Paris Saint-Germain last month despite an offer that reportedly surpassed 200 million euros (\$235 million). The Spanish club will have to wait

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Why PSG and Premier League clubs are set to dominate the Champions League



Junior tennis players and their coaches pose for a group photo after competing in this year's edition of the Masika Tennis Tournament, which took place at AICC courts in Arusha over the weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF FRATERN MASIKA

Arusha tennis club wins 2021 Masika junior tourney title

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

JUNIOR tennis players from Arusha's Kijenge AICC Club collected 11 medals to win the just ended Masika tennis tournament, which took place at the club's courts.

Fratern Masika, one of the tournament sponsors, said more than 45 juniors competed at the tournament, and Arusha Gymkhana Club finished second with 10 medals while Dodoma settled for third place with three medals.

He said the competition's U-6 boys' category was won by Justine Japhet and James Kinyuko finished as runner-up, while in the U-6 girls', Dodoma-based Hellen Mtaka was the champion, followed by her sister, Martha Mtaka, the category's runner-up.

In U-8 boys, Amari Ayub won the category, Hagai Alex was the category's runner-up, while in the U-8 girls' category, Hellen was the winner and Janeth was runner-up.

The U-10 boys' event was won by David, whereas Elia Baltazar was runner-up, in the U-10 girls' category, Khadija Said was the winner and Nuru Mapiya was runner-up.

Masika said in the U-12 boys, Bryton Daniel lifted the category's title and Fredy Mushi was the runner-up, in the U-12 girls' category, Lissa Mdee was the winner Faith was runner-up while in the U-14 boys' category, Bryson John was the winner and Ramadhan Lau finished as runner-up.

In the U-14 girls' event, Lissa was the winner and Nuru Mapiya was runner-up, while in the U-16 boys' event, Donald David was the winner and Rashid was runner-up. The U-16 girls' event was won by Faith and Alice was runner-up.

He hailed all junior players for competing in the event and promised that next year it will attract players from many regions.

"The competition was very tough, I thank all players who competed in the event, especially those from Dodoma, as this was the first time that the region is competing in this tournament, next year we will reach out to other regions of the country," he said.

The organizer said he will continue organizing many events as he targets to get the youngsters to play the game on regular basis.

Masika stated: "I'm calling upon all tennis stakeholders to come together so that we can develop this sport, it is not about tournaments but a continuity of the sport."

"At the just-ended event we faced a lot of challenges, the main one being lack of tennis equipment as many players were from ordinary families which can not manage to buy them, so if we come together we can solve that problem," he said.

He also lamented the fees which they pay to access tennis courts and urged courts' owners to provide their facilities free of charge to children so that they can practice and play the game.

He was adamant the approach will help in the growth of the sport.

The weekend tournament was the first junior competition hosted by Masika. In the past, the showdown was solely for veterans.

The Masika Tennis Tournament, according to Masika, is held annually to honour the memory of the late Justin Gustaph Masika, who was an ardent sports lover in the country and Arusha in particular.

In a previous interview, Masika, one of the sponsors of the event, disclosed they have decided to change the tournament to a junior competition to allow more young players to play the game.

He said that they are of the view that the Masika Tennis Tournament will be a platform for grooming future players of the sport.

He revealed: "The Masika Tennis Tournament is held in honour of our father, Justin, who passed away some years ago, he was a true lover of sports and tennis in particular."

"In the past years we were organizing veterans tournaments but for the sake of promoting the game among the children we decided to make it a junior event and it will be held annually," he pointed out.

Masika said depending on circumstances, plans are that in the future it will be a tournament for both junior players and veteran players.

Tanzania hammers Eswatini in ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifiers

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA's senior national women cricketers have maintained winning ways in this season's Africa Region Qualifiers for ICC Women's T20 World Cup after notching 256-run drubbing of

Eswatini women's side in Gaborone, Botswana yesterday. After securing an opportunity to start batting, Tanzania's cricketers made full use of their innings given the cricketers ended with an imposing score of 279 runs losing two wickets in 20 overs.

Tanzania's opener, Fatuma Omary, once again proved her worth with the bat, mercilessly punishing Eswatini bowlers to notch unbeaten 127 runs, which included 19 fours.

Top-order batters, Saum Mtae and Monica Paschal were also in good form, surpassing the half-century mark to ultimately hand the East African country's squad the imposing score.

Saum, who was deployed as the other opener, posted 52 runs, cracking eight fours, Monica helped Tanzania keep Eswatini at bay, recording 54 runs, nailing six fours.

Experienced cricketer, Mwanaidi Ibrahim, solidly wound up the innings with Fatuma and ended with the bat in hand, notching four runs not out.

Forty-two extra runs that were given away by Eswatini women squad bowlers further boosted Tanzania's score.

The inexperienced Eswatini girls later found the going tough when they took the crease, they ended up notching 23 runs all out in 11.5 overs.

Opening batter, Winile Ginindza, who is as well the side's skipper, turned out to be their top run-getter as the cricketer notched five runs.

Fellow batters, Ntombizini Gwebu, and Nomvuyo Magagula, chipped in with three runs apiece.

The other members of the Eswatini women squad's batting unit could hardly withstand Tanzania's bowling onslaught, making their way back with no runs.

Tanzania's women cricketers have, as a result, chalked up a third successive win in four fixtures and boosted hopes of qualifying for ICC Women's T20 World Cup global qualifiers.

They opened their participation in the Africa Region Qualifiers on the wrong foot, conceding a six-wicket loss to one of the tournament favourites, the Zimbabwe women squad, on September 10.

Tanzania later posted a comprehensive 200-run victory over Mozambique women's side the following day.

In the third tie, Tanzania cruised to a 43-run win over neighbours, Rwanda women squad, on Monday.

New drama launched in Dar

By Guardian Reporter

A new drama aimed at promoting women's empowerment through the demonstration of African culture has been launched in Dar es Salaam.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, which took place in the city over the weekend, Alain Kanal Martial, a drama script-writer from Mozambique, said the drama, titled 'Genesis', gears towards promoting the African culture and diversification of traditions.

"We want to show the African 'Ubuntu' in our performances, that is the reason we are using traditional songs with no electric equipment," he said.

The project is facilitated by France's Embassy in Tanzania via the Alliance De France.

"When we forget our culture we are doomed," Martial noted.

It will involve artists from various countries from East Africa as well as Mozambique and Comoro.

The Executive Secretary for the National Arts Council of Tanzania, Matiko Mniko, said the initiative will go a long way in promoting culture as well as market Tanzania globally.

He said this is a milestone step in promoting African culture whereby artists will have the opportunity to exchange ideas but

also share knowledge on each other's culture.

"As the government, we will work closely with the organizers to ensure the project is a success," he said.

To begin with, the organizers will start by showcasing the drama in Arusha then later Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar before traveling abroad for the same.

Director Alliance Française of Dar es Salaam, Flora Valleur, said the initiative will not only go a long way in promoting Tanzania's arts sector but also boost cooperation between the two countries.

Yanga still trusts head coach Nabi, says official

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA's Technical Committee Chairman, Dominick Albinus, has denied reports of the club's head coach, Nasreddine Nabi, being given two games as his final test at the club.

Yanga conceded 1-0 defeat to Nigeria's Rivers United FC in this season's CAF Champions League preliminary round's first leg tie in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

Earlier yesterday, reports had circulated, claiming that pressure is on for coach Nabi as he has been asked to see to it the outfit wins the CAF Champions League preliminary round's second leg match against Rivers United FC of Nigeria, slated for Sunday in Rivers State.

The game will be played away, and the Tunisian coach should then make sure his side cruise to victory over Simba SC in the coming Mainland Premier League curtain-raiser, Community Shield match, to be played on September 25, at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Albinus denied the allegations, saying: "Yanga fans, there have today been reports of the club's leadership tasking coach Mohammed Nabi to see to it the club wins the next two matches otherwise he will face the exit door."

The official pointed out: "The leadership has great confidence in coach Nabi and has a very long-term plan with him for development and long-term plans in making the Yanga squad a threat in Africa."

Albinus has said these are propaganda from people who do not wish Yanga well, and he assured the outfit's fans that coach Nabi is very much working for the squad.

Coach Nabi is one of the very few coaches in Africa with the highest level of education in football coaching and this is evidenced by the success he has had while coaching various clubs in Africa.

Albinus revealed: "This is a time when all Yanga followers must unite and show our maturity in football in this country. We have never given up hope, the squad is in the safe hands of our coaches, officials, as well as our sponsors, and we will never go back."

Yanga earlier this week introduced DR Congo coach, Mwinzi Zahera, as a technical official for the outfit's youth teams, fuelling speculation



Yanga's Tunisian head coach, Nasreddine Nabi. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

that he is closing in on replacing Nabi.

Rivers United's Head of Information and Communication Department, Charles Mayuku, has confirmed reports of a safe arrival for their squad in Nigeria, after leaving early on Monday.

Mayuku, who claimed to have been harassed during the game against Yanga in Dar es Salaam last weekend, said after arriving in Nigeria their squad would play a friendly match against Enyimba FC, as part of preparations for the second round match against Yanga.

The official pointed out: "We have arrived home safely and we hope to play a friendly match against Enyimba FC, I believe it will help us before meeting Yanga on

Sunday here in Nigeria."

Regarding the players and officials alleged to have been diagnosed with COVID-19 infection, Mayuku said: "Our four players and three officials found with COVID-19 are safe and no one is infected, I think it was a dirty trick done by our opponents."

"Our guests (Yanga) have not yet informed us when they expect to arrive in the country, but we are prepared to receive them as they have received us."

Rivers United FC will enter the second leg in pole position, as the outfit cruised to a 1-0 win over Yanga last weekend.

Yanga will have to secure victory over Rivers United FC to secure a place in the CAF Champions League's first round.

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