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## EABC seeks accessible regional markets for leather products

By Guardian Reporter

A REGIONAL Leather Forum convened by the East African Business Council (EABC) in Arusha has recommended the creation of a readily accessible regional market for leather products and a conducive business environment to promote regional value addition in the leather sector.

A statement released yesterday by EABC said the forum brought together over 40

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stakeholders in leather manufacturing from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda.

Despite having about 15 per cent of the world's cattle population, Africa accounts for only eight per cent of the world production of cattle hides and four per cent of world leather production.

Speaking at the opening session, Jean-Baptiste Havugimana (pictured), the EAC Director for Productive Sectors, said the EAC Secretariat and the partner states have prioritized the development of the leather sector value chain for job creation and as a means of providing affordable, new and quality options for leather products.

According to the World Bank, leather and leather products count among the most widely traded agro-based commodities, with a global

# Monthly stipend, skills training for girls to curb new HIV cases



**STRANDED:** Residents of Bukoba municipality out of options yesterday - with no way to cross the strategic Kanoni River Bridge, which was all but under floodwaters owing to the day's downpour. Photo: Correspondent Lillian Lugakigira

The permanent secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, Dorothy Mwaluko (Policy and Coordination) urged the programme beneficiaries to use the opportunity wisely, as fortune never comes along twice.

By Guardian Reporter, Bahi

**T**HE government has launched a three-year programme to cut new HIV infections among teenage girls in schools and young women out of school, a group accounting 80 per cent of new cases.

Speaking at the launch of the programme at Chikola village in Bahi district on Saturday, Tanzania Commission for Aids (TACAIDS) Executive Director Dr Leonard Maboko said the project is at the pilot stage in ten districts in three regions.

He said the aim is to empower girls who have reached adolescence and are still in school and young women out of school to avoid being lured into intimacies that lead to acquiring HIV/Aids.

Dr Maboko explained that, through the programme, they will be financially empowered to engage in income earning activities and refrain from risky contacts and potential harmful ventures.

He said at least 15,954 girls in schools will

## Jumbo killing pushes villagers to mass exit

By Guardian Correspondent, Tarime

AN entire village in Tarime district that borders the Serengeti National Park was empty for the better part of yesterday when Mara Regional Commissioner Adam Malima arrived there following the killing of an elephant.

As the convoy of the regional safety and security committee chaired by the RC made its way into Masanga village in the morning, residents took to their heels and disappeared into the nearby hills.

Malima and his team had come to resolve issues following the killing of an

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elephant on Tuesday last week by the villagers—the second jumbo to be killed in the village this year after destroying crops.

The RC whose target audience—the villagers—was nowhere to be seen,

expressed his disappointment at the trend of killing the protected animals.

“This is the second time an elephant is being killed in this village this year. The animals get attracted by farms that are near the park,” he said.

Malima said there is a longstanding border dispute between the village and the park over the settlement there which is yet to be resolved.

The RC went on to accuse the villagers of employing dirty tricks as they undertake activities within the disputed area.

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## Parliament hosts two-day mineral sector exhibition

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

NATIONAL Assembly Speaker Job Ndogai (pictured) has called on stakeholders in the minerals sector to utilize the recently established minerals trading centres in every region, as by so doing they will be supporting government initiatives to improve the sector.



Officiating at the opening of

a two-day mining exhibition at Parliament grounds here

yesterday, Ndogai said the government is committed to ensuring the country benefits from natural resources.

“It is important that players in the sector utilize the mineral trade centres and avoid black markets that deny the government rightful revenues,” he said.

Ndogai told the gathering that the legislature supports the great

revolution being carried out in the mining sector and will not hesitate to review laws that deter growth of the mining industry, as it is through the legislature that some nuisance taxes in the sector have been scrapped.

Mining Commission of Tanzania Executive Secretary Prof Shukrani Manyara said on the

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receive the sum of 25,000/- per month for three years that will help them start small economic activities, also helping them afford sanitary towels.

“About 14,295 teenage girls out of school will be trained on life skills lie establishing small businesses that will help them become self-reliant and thus avoid behaviour leading to new HIV infections,” said Maboko.

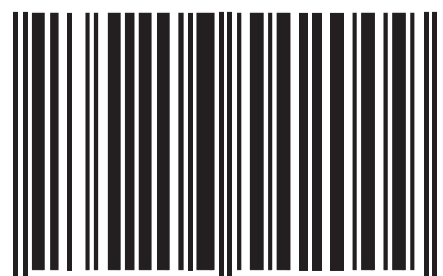
The director said that they will be trained on how to prepare business plans and through support of extension officers, those who submit will get 60 per cent at first and later 40 per cent of the total amount of 400,000/-.

The TACAIDS boss explained that the support project stems from recent statistics indicating that new HIV/Aids infections among youths aged 15-24 years stand involve girls by up to 80 per cent.

“Due to these alarming statistics we decided to start the programme to help girls escape this challenge in achieving 90-90-90 target by 2030,” he elaborated.

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"They dig trenches to make it impossible for patrol vehicles to speed and arrive in time," he said.

Added the RC: "We won't tolerate the killing of these animals. All those who live within the park must leave immediately."

The Serengeti Chief Park Warden Massana Mwishawa said the villagers had invaded and were undertaking human activities within the park.

"Residents of this village graze their animals within the park. They also engage in poaching," Mwishawa said.

Elephant-human conflicts around the Serengeti are a matter that has been going on for years with villagers sometimes being the victims.

In June 2016, three groups of elephants invaded villages located near the park killing a man and destroying crops.

They killed the villager at night when he was on guard of his maize farm after 150 elephants invaded Kenokwe village, about 30 kilometres from the national park, causing mayhem among the residents who spent all night in vain to put the situation under control.

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occasion that since there are 22 minerals trading centres already established.

Many stakeholders are trading in the market, he said, expressing surprise than within one month before and after the trading centres were set up, a lot of minerals have been traded and revenue had increased.

The success recorded is due to the fact that President John Magufuli is closely monitoring what is happening there, he specified.

This is the second two days minerals exhibition at Parliament grounds, coming up just as the minister for Minerals tables the 2019/20 budget estimates.

The first exhibition was held last year also during the budget session. The exhibition is important for it helps inform and educate the public on what kind of minerals are available in the country, where they are found, the market and end products in international markets, the Speaker noted.

The exhibition brought together 43 companies and seven government institutions operating in the sector to showcase their activities, share experiences and share views on teething challenges facing operators.

Earlier, the Deputy Minister for Minerals, Stanslaus Nyongo said that the ministry organizes exhibition to widen public awareness on minerals trading and related activities in the country.

"One of the ministry's responsibilities is to educate the public on these operations and we fulfil it through exhibitions as many Tanzanians will be reached," he affirmed.



Karatu district commissioner Theresia Mahongo (R, foreground) helps in laying the foundation stone for boys' dormitories at Kilimamoja Secondary School, which is being developed into a boarding institution. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Two Tanzanian youths win international Quran competition, get hefty cash prizes

By Guardian Reporter

TWO Tanzanian youth, Zakaria Sheha Ally (16) and Shamsi Mwalimu Said (19) have emerged winners of an international Quran Tilawat competition after they scooped first and third positions.

The 27th Quran Tilawat competition finals were held yesterday at the Diamond Jubilee hall in the city and graced by Prime Minister, Kassim Mjilaliwa. It was organized by the Tanzania Holy Quran Memorization Charitable.

The first runner-up, Ally, was awarded US\$ 5,000 while Said went home with \$ 3,000 after they defeated their fellows from South Africa, South Sudan, Malaysia, Turkey, Yemen, Kenya, Burundi and UK.

Second position was won by Gaffari Mohammed (14) from UK who was awarded US\$ 4,000.

In his address, Prime Minister Kassim Mjilaliwa hailed the

association for organizing the event, insisting Quran Tilawat is crucial in ensuring youth's good conduct.

"We should continue rising out children in good conducts so they become patriot and good citizens in future", said the Premier noting the Holy Quran insists on people being honest and humble at its Chapters 9:119.

He challenged Muslim parents to properly supervise their children as well as sensitizing them to learn Quran. He said children deserve both types of education.

"Children can learn Quran and at the same time excel in class examinations", said Mjilaliwa.

According to him, letting children engage in religious issues protects them from the many challenges caused by globalization. He challenged organizers to plan for similar competitions at district, regional and zonal levels to get participants of the global and Africa Quran Tilawat

competition.

Earlier, Chief Sheikh, Abubakar Zubeir bin Ali said the this year's competition have proved that circular education does not have impact to children's academic performance.

"In the Quran, Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) talked about education, technical skills, social and economic issues meaning it are important for youth to acquire all the knowledge. There are more than 70 Chapters in Quran that talks about children being taught both types of education", he said.

Chairman of the Tanzania Holy Quran Memorization Charitable, Sheikh Othman Ali Kaporo said they arrived to the decision of organizing such competitions to protect youth from engaging in bad behaviours.

The Tanzania Holy Quran Memorization Charitable has a total of 1,000 young members from various sectors, he said.

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ister's Office, Dorothy Mwaluko (Policy and Coordination) urged the programme beneficiaries to use the opportunity wisely, as fortune never comes along twice.

"Those in schools should use the opportunity to reach educational goals and those outside school should use it in addition to talents you have to excel in life," she said in advice.

A student at Chikola Primary School, Maria Severine said since it started the programme has enabled her all to obtain basic needs for schooling. "We thank the government for the programme as we now attend lessons fully unlike the past where girls used to skip classes when on monthly periods," she said.

## Ardhi Institute tasked to develop curriculum to curb job market challenges faced by graduates

By Guardian Correspondent, Tabora

MINISTER for Land, Housing and Human Settlements William Lukuvi has tasked the Ardhi Institute of Tabora to come up with a curriculum that will address the current job market challenges to its graduates.

Lukuvi made the remarks over the weekend in Tabora when addressing the management and students of the college during his tour to officially launch a grand plan to develop Tabora into a modern city an event that was held at Sojo village.

He said it was important for the college to develop new ways to address employment challenges so that the graduates can employ themselves instead of waiting for the government to employ them.

According to Lukuvi, currently employment from land colleges is

less than 10-percent a move that makes most of the graduates remain unemployed.

"There should be a way in which a graduate from this college should do to succeed in the job market by doing something extraordinary," he said, adding that the government has embarked on a plan to formalize land in the country saying it would be better for graduates to participate by joining forces to establish companies.

The minister called upon the management at the college to establish courses that will make their students marketable rather than depending on being employed alone.

According to minister Lukuvi the aim of having such a plan is to ensure the country has a planned land with infrastructure that is made in a way that can conserve the environment as well avoid unnecessary construction of houses.

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estimated trade value of over US\$ 150 billion annually, more than five times that of coffee.

The 19th EAC Ordinary Summit held in February 2018 in Kampala directed the council to put in place mechanisms that support leather manufacturing in the region. The EAC Secretariat is currently finalizing the development of a regional EAC Leather and Leather Products Strategy (2019 - 2029), the director noted.

In his remarks Peter Mathuki, EABC CEO said leather is a flagship sector of the EAC, thus there is a need for continuous and collective advocacy to ensure effective implementation of the regional EAC Leather and Leather Products Strategy (2019 - 2029). He urged leather industry players to embark on the formation of a regional leather association in partnership with the EABC.

Beatrice Mwasi, Secretary General of the Kenya Leather Apex Society urged the EAC leather industry to be more innovative and improve branding, while the EAC Partner States need to offer incentives for value addition in the leather sector.

Among challenges facing the leather sector include the lack of defined standards, poor quality infrastructure of tanneries and abattoirs, illicit trade, and insufficient supply of chemicals.

Other challenges relate to lack of equipment and accessories used in leather, import levy on leather inputs by some partner states, policy incoherence and uncontrolled imports of leather, she said.

The industrialists urged for zero rate of imported inputs used in the leather industry, establishment of structures to implement policies, along with collective and gradual phase-out of second hand leather shoes / poor quality leather products in the region.

They also appealed for skills development, amendment of outdated policies, business cooperation, promotion of export diversification, curbing value leakage and reinvigorating the potential of the leather industry in creating jobs, income generation and alleviation of poverty.

"The governments should fast track implementation of the regional leather strategy, be the first consumer of leather products and ease the trading of leather products among the EAC Partner States," said Peter Mathuki, the EABC CEO.

The forum charted out appropriate recommendations on regional policy matters as espoused by the summit and called for a coherent and robust marketing strategy, good manufacturing practices.

They also emphasized an enabling, predictable and stable business environment by collectively addressing governance issues, regulatory, market and information challenges which reduce incentives for private investments along the leather and leather products value chain.

The EAC Regional Leather Forum was organized by the East African Business Council (EABC) in collaboration with the EAC Secretariat and with support of a German initiative, the GIZ/GFA project on socio-economic Integration.



Shell Tanzania resident manager Axel Knosp (3rd-R) hands over an ambulance at the weekend to Lindi district commissioner Shaibu Ndemanga for use at the Lindi regional hospital. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Jafo relishes working with Polish investors in health sector

By Guardian Correspondent

TANZANIA and Poland are geared to collaborate in the health sector to enable the building of hospitals and putting up facilities like diagnostic equipment, beds and various instruments as well as motors in different regions facing shortages of medical facilities.

Interviewed at his office in Dodoma City, the Minister in the President's office for Regional Administration and Local Governments (PO-RALG), Suleiman Jafo, has said that the governments of Tanzania and Poland have a long standing and permanent relationship relating to various development projects which people to grow economically as well as obtaining social services including agricultural and health facilities.

Minister Jafo said that he is expecting to receive a large delegation of investors from Poland intending to assist Tanzania in the health sector such as building public hospitals and supplying health facilities.

These efforts will in the final analysis help to reduce to great extent the shortages of health facilities in various regions and districts.

The Polish investors are coming at the right time to meet him as their host and will visit some hospitals to see the challenges. They will also meet health professionals to discuss ways of handling these challenges by procuring the relevant items from Poland.

Moreover, the minister has said he was familiar with Polish-Tanzanian cooperation given his experience on various projects from Poland that he had supervised before being appointed to the cabinet. The ministerial function had moreover enabled him to continue with the dream relating to boosting assistance from the government of Poland, which it has been providing to assist Tanzania develop economically.

"Also Poland is a nation which is highly developed in various industrial technologies as well as agriculture, transportation and in manufacturing of health equipment," he pointed out.

Also at this time, the Polish government has decided to assist Tanzania in various development projects to attain sustainable economic development by providing funds for various projects.

This is part of efforts to assist Tanzania to succeed in realizing the implementation of social projects including roads and pharmaceutical industries, he said.

A key investor from Poland, Dr. Tadeusz Olszewski, PhD, MBA, who is the owner of Alvo Medical Group was introduced as among other things handling the manufacturing of medical equipment.

He is expected to land in Tanzania for the first time so as to the challenges facing health facilities and the pace of building hospitals such that he maps out clearly the areas of cooperation with the Tanzanian government.

Similarly, minister Jafo took the palaver opportunity to congratulate the Polish government for having chosen Tanzania a vital partner in development activities.

These include widening opportunities for development projects as well as giving opportunities for individuals

from different institutions, to go to Poland to learn modern technologies and meeting various Polish investors.

So far a number of Tanzanians have learned from Poland on costs incurred

in Polish industries and can thus advise the government on technological issues helping the government to attain middle economy which depends on industries by 2025.

When he is with his host here in Tanzania, the minister expects that the visitor will take them to areas which face challenges so as to map out how to solve them.



Dodoma Catholic Church Archbishop Beatus Kinyaiya addresses the 10th Mkombozi Bank shareholders general meeting in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. He is with the bank's acting managing director, Thomas Enock (R), and acting board chairperson Prof Marcellina Chijoriga (2nd-R). Photo: Correspondent Philemon Solomon

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## NEMC plans activities on World Environment Day

By Guardian Correspondent

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) is planning to meet environmental stakeholders to deliberate on issues ahead of World Environment Day next month.

The UN Environment Programme (UNEP) annually organizes events for World Environment Day, which encourages worldwide awareness and action for the protection of the environment.

It is celebrated on 5th June in over 100 countries. In 2019, China will host the global World Environment Day celebrations on the theme, 'Air Pollution'.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam recently, NEMC Director General, Dr Samuel Gwamaka said the council would on that day work in collaboration with various stakeholders to keep the environment clean and safe.

"We (NEMC) plan to meet all the environment stakeholders in a bid to strategize and see which areas need priority in making sure that our environment remains safe and clean," Dr Gwamaka said.

Apart from stakeholders,

NEMC management and staff have planned to spend the day in cleaning public places such as beaches, hospitals and schools.

"Management in collaboration with NEMC staff are planning to use the day to collaborate with various citizens in cleaning public places such as beaches, hospitals and schools," he said.

He added that his office is also planning to use the day in giving public education on environment protection in primary and secondary schools in a bid to widen pupils and students understanding of environmental issues.

"We will use the day in educating pupils and students on the importance of preserving environment, we believe that these youths can be good ambassadors for current and future generations," he said.

He noted further that "knowledge is the only way to make environment clean for the betterment of human being and all the living organisms".

Dr. Gwamaka called on all the environment stakeholders to love the environment and protect it for improved living conditions.

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GOING PLACES TOGETHER

# Young people encouraged to vie for local government posts

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

YOUNG People in the country have been encouraged to vie for various grassroots positions during the forthcoming local government elections, expected to come up in few months' time.

The immediate former Member of Parliament for Arumeru East, Joshua Nassari implored the local youth not to look down at the posts usually considered to be minor, because most of the decisions affecting people are hatched from consultations held at grassroots' levels.

"You are bound to make significant changes from village, ward and district levels than any other position," said Nassari, adding that it is also the best portal for young people to enter into politics.

As for self-employment drive, Nassari said the country did not have proper platform for that, since even the education system prepares the youths to be job seekers and not job creators.

The former MP was addressing young people who gathered at the MS-Training Centre for Development Cooperation (MS-TCDC) during the occasion to observe the 56th African Day which ran

under the theme of 'Revising African Youth Unemployment, Migration and modern day slavery.'

He was invited in his capacity as among the youngsters who went into leadership in early stages of life as legislator for Arumeru District. More than 200 youth from local learning institutions attended the event held in Usa-River, Arumeru.

On his part, Ezra Mbogori, the Executive Director for MS-Training Centre for Development Cooperation (TCDC) was on view that, "The Africa day mobilisation this Year is mainly focused on the issue of human trafficking and slavery affect-

ing over nine million Africans."

"We wholeheartedly reflect the assertion that Africa is not for sale- At the same time, we will take the time as we learn about the realities of trafficking, to review how to turn the reality of our burgeoning youth bulge into an African opportunity," added Mbogori. One of the participants Namaiyan Mollel, said the youth who get opportunity to leadership positions should become good prototypes so that the society may start believing in youth leadership.

The Public Relations Officer for MS-TCDC, Em-

manuel Munisi said it is wrong to believe that changes can only be made through government or political positions, but anybody who believes in him or herself can make effect in society.

The Africa day has been celebrated by people from all over the continent and beyond since 1963 to commemorate the founding of the organisation of African Unity, presently recognized as the African Union (AU). The annual celebration has been a platform to help raise awareness among African communities on challenges for political, economic and social liberation.



Dr Yamungu Kayandabila (2nd-R), a Bank of Tanzania deputy governor, presents a certificate of appreciation to Stanbic Bank Tanzania head of Bancassurance and Home Loans, Mureen Majaliwa, at the launch of Bancassurance regulations in Dar es Salaam late last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Tanzania truck workers association calls on govt to address challenges giving drivers headache

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Truck Workers Association (TTWA) has called on the government to chip in and address challenges facing truck drivers during off-loading of fuel in destination countries.

Addressing journalists in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, association's secretary Greyson Wimile said that their members have been using government's approved 'fuel gauge stick', when loading fuel at the Dar es Salaam port, but when they reach the destination countries, the measurement changes to flow meters, which doesn't match with the initial measurement.

Wimile said: "This is what brings us into conflicts with our employers. The sticks we're using are being issued by the Weights and Measurement Agency and they cannot be easily manipulated and we use it during loading fuel at the port and it is the same stick used when off-loading fuel in the country's petrol stations. So, we're wondering as to why our employers allow the use of flow-meters at the destination countries?"

He added: "The flow-meter used in the destination countries, shows a big deficit of fuel and our employers penalise us for that shortage. Some of our members are forced to pay fines, some are arrested, taken to court and some are languishing in jails within and outside the country.

"To us, we see this as unfair and is meant to exploit truck drivers," Wimile said, revealing: "If we're using the same measurement, the deficit wouldn't be so big as it is to the flow meter. Some of our members the deficit could reach as far as 5,000 litres, something that wouldn't be the case if sticks were used."

Technically, he said: "Deficit is allowed due to various reasons including evaporation caused by a delay to off-load the fuel and sometimes due to leakages."

Wimile appealed to the government to swiftly chip in and address the challenge, according to him ruins the lives of truck drivers in the country.

He said drivers are being blamed by their employers for being behind the fuel deficit at the destination points.

Association's lawyer, Alloyce Komba said also appealed to the government to come up with a platform that will make the two parties meet and resolve the challenge for the country's socio-economic development.

## TASAF challenged to develop new mechanism for financing activities

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

THE newly elected national leadership committee for Tanzania Social Action Fund (TASAF) have been challenged to develop new mechanism for financing the fund instead of depending on donor support.

Minister of State in the President's Office Public Service and Good Governance, George Mkuchika made the remarks over the weekend in Dar es Sa-

laam during the launch of new national leadership committee for TASAF.

He said the fund is currently surviving under the support of donor fund, it is high time now for the committee to look on how end the dependency by establishing new sources of generating income for the fund.

"I ask you to come up with new idea that will enable to generate income to enable effective implementation of the projects, so

that if the World Bank and other partners will decide to pool out their support we can survive on our own," he said.

Mkuchika said that, TASAF lacks sustainable system for implementation of its plan by using internal resources; instead implementation of the funds' activities has been taking place under the dependence of foreign fund.

The record according to executive director for TASAF

shows that the World Bank (WB) has contributed a total of US\$420mil/- for implementation of the first phase of strategy from 2012.

While the UK Department for International Development (DFID) has contribute US\$170mil/-, Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA) has contribute US\$85mil/-. Other development partners include United Nations Development

Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), OPEC together with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The minister tasked the committee to observe integrity and accountability in their duties by fighting against corruption.

For his part TASAF executive director Ladislaus Mwamanga said that a total of 1,704 projects

worth 72bn/- has being executed in 40 municipalities both mainland and Island Unguja and Pemba.

He added that among it, 1,338 implemented projects had focus on improving the social services, while 61 projects were channeled to special groups and 305 projects were for generating temporarily employment.

The director said that despite the ongoing efforts, still there is great challenge of existence of poverty in many households

by 9.7percent of all households, some of them doesn't have access to health and education services.

"Coverage for malnutrition is great whereby for every 100 children under 5 year, 42 children are facing with malnutrition," he said.

Director explained that small children in the poverty households are not taken to hospital for vaccination and health check-up.

## RC bans companies and individuals from buying vanilla from farmers

By Correspondent Mutayoba

Arbogast, Kagera

KAGERA Regional Commissioner, Brigadier General Marco Gaguti has banned companies and individuals from buying vanilla from farmers to combat theft of the crop.

He announced the ban yesterday during his meeting with farmers from Kanyigo and Kashenye wards. The meeting which was held at Kadea secondary school in Misenyi district was attended by various stakeholders engaging in vanilla business.

According to Gaguti, the move is aimed at combating the theft of both, vanilla beans and vines, which has been a big challenge to farmers. He said

the regional authority will come up with a plan to enable vanilla farmers to choose the kind of buyers to sell their products.

Speaking at the gathering, Chairman of the association that deals with promotion of cocoa, vanilla and chia seeds cultivation in Kagera region, Yesse Mushumbusi Kassano told the RC that vanilla theft is among the main problems that farmers face.

"Vanilla theft is our main challenge; most farmers spend nights outside in the cold only to guard their farms. This has affected farmers participation in other economic activities", complained Kassano.

He warned that if not controlled vanilla theft will lead to poverty instead of prosperity. He said the association was es-

tablished to promote the crops as well as boost farmers annual vanilla output.

"We intended to remove Kagera in the list of poverty regions. We are determined to control the thieves network with the help from the government", he said adding that plans are to ensure that each of the farmers own at least 50 vanilla and 20 cocoa plants.

Brigadier General Gaguti was accompanied by Kagera R. P. C, Mallimi, Missenyi, District Commissioner, Colnel Denice Filangali Mwila and other officials

Vanilla fruits are derived to make artificial flavouring and medicine. In Tanzania, vanilla is produced mainly in Kagera and Kilimanjaro regions and to some extent in Morogoro region.



UTT AMIS marketing and public relations officer Rahim Mwanga briefs Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) workers on his institution in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Khamisi Mussa

# Auditors urged to abide by professional conduct

By Guardian Reporter

AUDITORS in the country have been advised to discharge their duties in line with global practices because of the critical roles they play in detecting and deterring fraud in organisations.

Vice President Institute of Internal Auditors Tanzania (IIA), Juma Kimori made the call over the weekend when speaking at the audit awareness seminar, organised for journalists from different media outlets.

The one-day seminar, which is part of marking May as an international Internal Audit awareness month, was meant to equip media personnel with knowledge and understanding of internal audit profession and its con-

tribution to enhancing good governance and attainment of organization's objectives.

He described internal auditors as second eye of the board of directors in any organizations, and key in organisation's development, calling auditors to exhibit high professionalism in the discharge of their duties to ensure that the ethics of their profession and the public purse are always protected.

Kimori tasked auditors to ensure that state resources are used prudently for the benefit of the organization, institutions and the society at large.

He also encouraged internal auditors to update of skills and knowledge of public sector staff on best practices will help in cutting

rough edges and bring about improvement in service delivery.

For his part, IIA chief executive officer Kafaso Millinga described the Institute of Internal Auditors as a global leader in certification, education, research and technological guidance for the internal audit profession.

With the more than 400 members, IIA is the only institution that provides universally applicable International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing as well as Code of Ethics to promote an ethical culture in the profession of internal auditing.

IIA Tanzania was established for the purpose of creating awareness on the contemporary role of internal audit, promoting imple-

mentation of the IPPF and advocating for acceptability of the globally accepted and recognized Certified Internal Audit certification (CIA) and other specialty certifications such as Certification in Control Self-Assessment (CCSA), Certified Financial Services Auditor (CFSA), Certified Government Auditing Practitioners (CGAP), Qualification in Internal Audit Leadership (QIAL) and Certification in Risk Management Audit (CRMA).

IIA Tanzania was formed to promote the internal auditing profession in Tanzania by equipping its members with the relevant tools and techniques to discharge their responsibilities more effectively.



Coca-Cola Kwana managing director Basil Gadzi leads guests and other members of the firm's staff at iftar the company hosted in Dar es Salaam at the weekend for its stakeholders and customers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Kenya contains anthrax outbreak inside Lake Nakuru National Park

NAIROBI

AN anthrax outbreak that affected Kenya's Lake Nakuru National Park is over and the last buffalo death was recorded on May 10, the country's wildlife conservation agency said on Saturday.

John Waweru, director general of Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), said in a statement that the total mortalities to date are 145 buffaloes representing 3.54 percent of the estimated population of 4,100 buffaloes in Lake Nakuru National Park.

"Our partnership with the local administration and Department of Public Health as well as Directorate of Veterinary Services to educate the local communities about anthrax and our surveillance and monitoring efforts have paid off," Waweru said.

Lake Nakuru National Park which is about 160 km northwest of the Kenya's capital city Nairobi covers an area of 188 square km and is an important ecosystem supporting high diversity of waterfowl, large mammal and floral species.

"It was set up as the first rhino sanctuary in Kenya and has been a successful breeding habitat. The park hosts a number of threatened mammal species, including lion, leopard and the Rothschild giraffe. Five globally threatened bird species are also found in the park," he added.

He noted that the park management would continue with the monitoring and will report any suspicious deaths for urgent action by veterinary authorities.

The KWS official said that management would also undertake other long-term measures to mitigate such disease outbreaks, noting that prolonged drought is a risk factor in anthrax outbreaks.

"This results in depletion of pasture, forcing animals to graze closer to the soil that is potentially infested with anthrax spores. The park has previous history of anthrax outbreak in July 2015."

Waweru revealed that the long-term measures include translocation of buffaloes from the park to avoid depletion of pastures during prolonged dry spells, which are becoming more frequent.

## Market development trust, stakeholders discuss guidelines to boost agri-business

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Agricultural Markets Development Trust (AMDT) has brought together agricultural stakeholders from private and public sectors to discuss ways to improve policies, regulations and come up with proper guidelines to boost agri-business.

This follows concerns that most of the challenges that traders in the agriculture value chain face were being contributed by poor policies, guidelines as well as lack of stakeholder's dialogue.

The meeting brought together dealers from private sector and those from public sector including district executive directors, district commissioners, regional administrative secretaries and business officers from southern highland regions.

AMDT business development expert, Tertula Swai said: "We are here to discuss how to improve value chain for agricultural crops produced in southern highland regions and improve business environment. We target at changing people's livelihoods to enabling them generate good incomes".

Swai said there are various ways to improve business environment which include stakeholders' dialogue between public and the private sector. He said through dialogue stakeholders should suggest ways to facilitate cultivation, production, processing and transportation of the crops.

"It is the government's responsibility to ensure friendly business environment for farmers to attain their targets", he said adding that AMDT aims at improving incomes of rural farmers through establishment of stable market systems.

He said apart from markets, the programme works to ensure availability of agro inputs as well as better distribution mechanism of the inputs. He said that AMDT focuses on crops such as sunflower, maize and legumes.

Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Albert Chalamila underscored the need for review of tax regimes to suit current requirements. He said there are a number of challenges that farmers face in relation to fees and transportation.



### SCOPE OF WORK CALL FOR A CONSULTANT

Short term Consultant:	Business Formalization and Compliance Consultant
Location of Assignment:	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Proposed Level of Effort:	3 weeks
Anticipated Start Date:	JULY/AUGUST 2019

#### Background

The Tanzania Enabling Growth through Investment and Enterprise Program (ENGINE) is a four-year, USAID-funded Feed the Future activity that aims to streamline and enhance many of the regulatory, informational and financial channels that encourage domestic and foreign investment in the southern mainland agricultural regions of Mbeya, Morogoro, and Iringa, and in Zanzibar.

ENGINE works at the district level, using a broad-based approach to engage with district Local Government Authorities (LGAs), private sector associations, business development service providers (BDSPs), financial institutions and small and medium enterprises. The program's activities are divided into three main components:

- Implement policies for growth.** Build the capacity of the private sector to effectively dialogue with the government to set the policy agenda and improve the capacity of the public sector to implement policies.
- Equip businesses for growth.** Strengthen SME capacity and foster the growth and capacity of a sustainable market for business development services (BDS) in Tanzania.
- Access to finance for growth.** Broaden access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), especially women and youth entrepreneurs and those working within agricultural value chains, to facilitate increased investment and growth.

#### Problem Statement

The ENGINE Program BDS component is currently working with 114 BDSPs in the mainland regions of Mbeya, Iringa, Morogoro and in Zanzibar. One of the frequently required services by many MSMEs is support from BDSPs in business formalization and compliance procedures. Unfortunately, a majority of the BDSPs are not conversant with the required processes regarding business formalization and compliance. It is against this background that the ENGINE Program is seeking the services of an experienced consultant to assist BDSPs to compile a full package of business formalization procedures, applicable in Tanzania. The increased knowledge of BDSPs on legal and regulatory requirements for business formalization will reduce the time and cost associated with formalization services and therefore attract numerous SMEs to purchase the service.

#### Objectives of the Assignment

The main objective of this assignment is to build capacity of BDSPs in Morogoro, Iringa, and Mbeya to understand the requirements of business formalization and compliance procedures applicable in Tanzania in order to improve their services to MSMEs. The consultant will compile and present to BDSPs a systematic review of the required steps involved in business formalization and compliance, with a timeline and associated costs for different sectors, and each of the steps.

#### Task

##### The Consultant will complete the following tasks:

- Attend an orientation meeting with ENGINE Program Component 2 staff in Dar es Salaam at ENGINE offices.
- Through desk research and interviews with key government institutions responsible for business formalization and regulation, compile a full package of requirements for MSMEs in formalization and compliance procedures, noting all the required steps, including costs and approximate time to complete.
- Accompanied by relevant ENGINE staff, present the full package of business formalization requirements to ENGINE staff in each of the three regions of Morogoro, Iringa and Mbeya.
- Write a Final Report summarizing findings, conclusions and recommendations related to the assignment, as well as challenges and recommended solutions;
- Provide an exit debriefing to ENGINE program staff and soft copy in MS WORD.

#### Deliverables

##### The Consultant will submit the following deliverables:

- A full package of business formalization and compliance requirements and associated costs and timelines for each step for SMEs applicable in Tanzania.
- List and contacts of institutions involved in business formalization and compliance issues, including emails and telephone contacts.
- A draft outline of the report after one week for review and approval by ENGINE Senior staff after one week of the anticipated three-week assignment.
- Hold a half-day workshop in each of the three mainland Regions of Morogoro, Iringa and Mbeya to present the final report to selected BDSP's to be selected and invited by ENGINE Senior Staff.

The Consultant will submit a Final Assignment Report to the ENGINE Program that includes the following sections:

- Introduction;
- Methodology;
- Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations related to BDS Provider meeting in Dar with selected BDSP's and ENGINE staff.
- Discussion of assignment objectives and how they were met or why they were not met.

#### Consultant Qualifications

The ideal Business Formalization and Compliance Consultant will have the following skills and qualifications:

- 5+ years of experience working with Business Development Service Providers, particularly those who provide services to micro, small and medium enterprises.
- Knowledge of Tanzanian Authorities requirements in business formation, registration, licensing, and compliance procedures with appropriate credentials.
- Knowledge and experience of Business Development Service needs for SMEs in developing countries, especially sub-Saharan Africa is crucial.
- A proven track record in training, coaching or mentoring Business Development Service providers,
- Experience in stakeholder engagement, consultation, and facilitation;
- Be a Tanzanian Citizen with appropriate credentials.
- Well-developed writing skills in English and the ability to express one's self clearly and concisely;
- University degree in entrepreneurship, business administration, economics, or another relevant field;
- Training skills, including participatory training in group settings. Training and consultation experience utilizing a translator or interpreter is an added plus;
- Self-motivated, proactive, detail-oriented, mature, professional team player, who is a strong people person and communicator, with good inter-personal skills;
- Ability to address issues, challenges, questions, and concerns in a professional, respectful, logical, and timely manner;
- Works well in a multi-cultural setting;
- Good computer skills in MS Office.

#### Application Procedures:

Submit Technical and financial proposal to ENGINE at [enginebids@iesc.org](mailto:enginebids@iesc.org) before **May 31st, 2019**, the deadline specified in this solicitation. A proposal should include the following:

- Detailed CV with past similar experience or Company Profile with legal and contact name.
- Submit technical and fixed prize financial proposal
- Three names and contacts of your previous clients for reference check. The referees must be within the past 3 years.
- State your availability over specified period.

## 'African continent on track to multiply its solar capacity 6-fold by year 2030'

By Guardian Reporter

A new report released by the German Solar Association (BSW-Solar) and the Becquerel Institute have revealed that with the arrival of many international investors and the race for solar projects, Africa is on track to multiply its current solar capacity six-fold or 30 gigawatts (GW) by 2030.

According to the Solarise Africa Market report, the solar potential in Africa is at least as great as the demand.

"We estimate that we will need about 2,000 terawatt hours (TWh) of photovoltaic energy to decarbonize the continent's electricity consumption by 2040," said David Wedepohl, BSW-Solar's Managing Director.

The report was based on an analysis of the top 10 African

countries with the highest solar potential, namely: Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria, Ghana, Algeria, Ethiopia, Angola, Namibia, South Africa and Tanzania. The report indicates that Africa accounts for only 1% of the world's installed photovoltaic capacity. However, during 2018, the continent developed an additional 1 GW, representing a 25% growth rate for the sector.

In February 2016, Morocco inaugurated "Noor", the seventh largest thermodynamic solar power plant in the world.

Only eight months later, in October 2016, Senegal inaugurated "Senergy 2", the largest solar power plant in West Africa with 75,000 photovoltaic panels and a capacity of 20 megawatts (MW), covering the needs of 200,000 Senega-

lese households.

The most recent, the Zagatouli power plant in Burkina Faso, with a maximum production capacity of 33 MW, has in turn become the largest solar farm in West Africa.

The Egyptian government announced, last week, the inauguration of the largest solar plant in the world built in the eastern region of the Sahara Desert.

The plant is set to produce between 1.6 and 2.0 GW of solar power by mid-2019.

The Benban solar park is set to generate the equivalent of 90 percent of the energy produced by Aswan's High Dam.

Already home to the most important electricity production plant in Egypt, Aswan is set to bear and implement Egypt's dream of having 20 percent clean energy by 2022.



Tigo Tanzania mobile device manager Mkuumba Myonga briefs journalists in Dar es Salaam at the weekend during the launch of Samsung Galaxy A Series smart phones that come complete with an internet bundle of up to 96 GB. Right is Samsung country manager Suleiman Mohammed. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Foundation helps remote secondary school become boarding institution

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

TWELVE years after it was established, Kilimamoja secondary school in Karatu district, is now being converted to become a boarding institution courtesy of the African Foundation.

The school which has 332 students is located adjacent to the wildlife corridor striding the Lake Manyara National Park, Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the Northern Highland Forest Reserve, a hot spot for wild animals such as elephants, hyenas, leopards, lions and buffalos, posing threats to children who used to be forced to trek 8 kilometres to and from school on daily basis.

Kilimamoja school Principal, Mwalimu Monica Mboya said during rainy seasons

like the ongoing monsoon species of wildlife roam the landscape feeding onto the new grass or traversing between parks, making it rather dangerous for children who walk to and from school in the early mornings and darker evenings.

The African Foundation has thus assisted the Kilimamoja school to construct a dormitory for female students, complete with beds and other pieces of furniture, a dining hall and a kitchen with store and cutlery cleaning section.

The Regional Manager for the Africa Foundation, Dr Mkomoni Mghono said all the facilities have been established at the cost of 202 million/-, and that the funds from AF were channelled through the 'And Beyond,' operated, Ngorongoro Cra-

ter Lodge. "The And Beyond depends on National Parks, Game Reserves and in total the conservation of natural resources and wildlife and for the case of Tanzania, it is the ordinary people who help to protect the environment and this is the reason why we are obliged to ensure that local communities benefit from nature driven tourism," said Dr Mghono.

Rebekah Copham the business development manager for the African Foundation said the AF is also constructing another dormitory for boys and toilet facilities with 12 modern latrines for the school. "We are committed to ensure that all communities in Africa get equal education opportunities by cutting down the distance children are forced to cover to attend classes, ensuring

proper nutrition at school and supporting quality education," she added.

AF is on view that without education rural people cannot break the cycle of poverty. In remote communities, schools are often overlooked and chronically lacking in resources.

Since its founding, Africa Foundation has made the building and improvement of preschools, primary schools and high schools a priority. Africa Foundation's flagship bursary programme, CLEF provides funding and mentorship for students from rural communities, who wish to access tertiary level education. In addition, Africa Foundation conducts vocational training, facilitates adult education and supports orphaned and vulnerable children.

## Kisarawe district now embarks on new campaign to increase milk consumption

By Correspondent Amri Lugungulo, Kisarawe

AUTHORITIES in Kisarawe district have embarked on a new campaign aimed at increasing milk consumption per person in the district.

Acting District Livestock and Fisheries Officer, Janeth Shariff revealed this over the weekend when speaking at the function to mark this year's Milk Week, which at national level will be held in Arusha between May 28 and June 1.

She said that the campaign is part of the district's move to imbibe a milk drinking culture among people in the district.

"We've started mobilizing members of the public including school children to drink processed milk to at least 200

litres per person instead of 15 litres per year," Shariff said.

During the function which was held at Kisarawe Bus Terminal, about 300 pupils from Kibasila, Chanzige A and Chanzige B primary schools in the town and few members of the public were given each at least a half litre of milk to drink free of charge.

The officer said on average people in the district drink 15 litres per person per year, the rate which is against the World Health Organisation (WHO) directives that every person should drink 200 litres of processed milk per year.

She said that the district had 100,000 herds of cattle and 4,500 out of them were dairy cattle while the district milk

production was 1,900,306 litres per year equivalent to average of 5,278.63 per day showing that drinking milk per person was 15 litres per year which was less than WHO's recommendations of 200 litre.

She said that drinking processed milk had many health and economic benefits including strengthening bones especially to children and expected mothers.

The official said that milk has high amount of minerals including calcium that helps to make the skin to be smooth.

She also noted that milk production would increase individual revenue at household up to the national level by providing employment to the public.

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## Shell donates ambulance to Lindi regional hospital

By Guardian Correspondent, Lindi

SHELL Tanzania, on behalf of its MUFA partners, has donated an ambulance to Lindi Sokoine Regional Hospital at a colourful brief ceremony here attended by political and government leaders.

Receiving the van on behalf of Lindi Regional Commissioner Godfrey Zambi, the Lindi District Commissioner Shaibu Ndemanga thanked the energy company for the donation, describing the gift as a life-saving donation.

"This donation has come at a very opportune time. The regional hospital critically needed an ambulance of this nature to save lives. Now we have it. Thank you very much," the DC said.

Ndemanga said the vehicle will be jealously guarded because of its importance in saving lives of patients and pledged that it will only be used for the purpose it has been offered.

"We shall care for it. We shall ensure it only does the work meant for an ambulance," he pledged.

The DC said the government appreciates the company's efforts in implementing its corporate social responsibility policy, explaining that Shell is known for giving back to society, especially its host communities. Besides, he said, Shell was in the forefront in offering Tanzanians appropriate forms of alternative energy.



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## Rise in awareness of healthcare, infrastructure will foster growth

**B**LOOD is a body fluid in humans and other animals that delivers necessary substances such as nutrients and oxygen to the cells and transports metabolic waste products away from those same cells.

In vertebrates, it is composed of blood cells suspended in blood plasma. Plasma, which constitutes 55 per cent of blood fluid, is mostly water (92 per cent by volume), and contains proteins, glucose, mineral ions, hormones, carbon dioxide (plasma being the main medium for excretory product transportation), and blood cells themselves. Albumin is the main protein in plasma, and it functions to regulate the colloidal osmotic pressure of blood. The blood cells are mainly red blood cells (also called RBCs or erythrocytes), white blood cells (also called WBCs or leukocytes) and platelets (also called thrombocytes). The most abundant cells in vertebrate blood are red blood cells. These contain hemoglobin, an iron-containing protein, which facilitates oxygen transport by reversibly binding to this respiratory gas and greatly increasing its solubility in blood. In contrast, carbon dioxide is mostly transported extracellularly as bicarbonate ion transported in plasma.

The global Blood Culture Test Market is estimated to grow at CAGR above 8.5 per cent over the forecast time frame 2019-2026 and reach the market value around USD 6.7 billion by 2026.

The most important factor that is expected to boost growth is an increasing prevalence of bloodstream infections and infectious disease. Increasing demand is projected to drive growth for advanced diagnostic techniques of infectious disease diagnosis such as sepsis. The bacterial infection that spreads to the blood in various diseases such as, osteomyelitis, meningitis, pneumo-

nia, renal infection and sepsis, has been detected through blood culture trials. Fungal and mycobacterial diseases can also be detected. As the most common cause of BSI and other infections is bacterial infections, the bacterial infection segment was leading the sales market in 2018. During the forecast period the segment will also record the highest CAGR.

It is anticipated, in developing countries such as South Africa, Tanzania, China, India and Argentina, that increased awareness of healthcare and health care infrastructures will foster growth for this sector. These countries' governments are striving to deliver better quality healthcare facilities and diagnostic products that further support adoption. Due to BSI prevalence and an increasing number of cases of septicemia worldwide, the fungal infections segment is projected to show profitable growth over a study period. For example, *Candida* species are the dominant fungal sepsis agents, representing approximately 10 to 15% of infections in health care.

In 2018, the largest market share of revenue was in hospital laboratories. This is because hospital acquired infections (HAIs) are increasingly present.

According to the WHO, the rate in developed developing countries is about two to three times greater than in developed countries of ICU infections acquired, such as Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) and surgical site wound infections. In Canada, approximately 8,000 patients die from hospital infections each year.

Moreover, over the forecast period, the hospital laboratories segment will expand at the fastest CAGR. The main cause of growth is increased health awareness along with government and non-governmental initiatives for the prevention and control of infectious diseases.

## Eaglets trainer hails sanctions on Guinea

**M**ANU Garba, Golden Eaglets coach last week hailed the Confederation of African Football (CAF) over the disqualification of Guinea for fielding over aged players during the just concluded Under-17 AFCON held in Tanzania.

Guinea eliminated Nigeria in the semifinal of the competition through penalty shootout, and Garba said the use of over aged players by Guinea prevented his team from getting to the finals of the U-17 African Cup of Nations (AFCON).

Garba told the News Agency of Nigeria that Guinea deserved the sanctions imposed on her, adding that it would serve as a deterrent to other countries. He explained that his team lost to an over aged side that should have been penalised earlier than now.

"Nigeria could have played the finals against Cameroon if CAF had acted during the competition.

"This is a great lesson for every country to properly check players data. For, Guinea they deserve it because the two players have two International passports that have age discrepancies," Garba said.

The coach noted that the two players had used passports with the date of birth reading 2001 to play in an International tournament in Japan and changed the date to 2002 to be eligible to play in the U-17 tournament.

He congratulated Senegal for emerging second in the competition after Guinea's disqualification, thereby qualifying for the World Cup.

NAN reports that CAF had also dis-

qualified Guinea from participating in the next two editions of the U-17 AFCON and the next FIFA U-17 World Cup for fielding two ineligible players - Aboubacar Conte and Ahmed Tidiane Keita - in an AFCON U-17 game in Tanzania against Senegal in April.

Guinea finished as runners-up at the U-17 Nations Cup, defeating Nigeria on penalties in the semi-final and losing to Cameroon in the finals after a shootout.

Senegal, who originally finished third in Group B, behind Cameroon and Guinea thereby missing out on U-17 World Cup qualification, will now take the place of Guinea in Brazil. (NAN)

Guinea officially the Republic of is a west-coastal country in West Africa. Formerly known as French Guinea, the modern country is sometimes referred to as Guinea-Conakry in order to distinguish it from other countries with Guinea in the name and the eponymous region, such as Guinea-Bissau and Equatorial Guinea. Guinea has a population of 12.4 million.

The sovereign state of Guinea is a republic with a president who is directly elected by the people; this position is both head of state and head of government. The unicameral Guinean National Assembly is the legislative body of the country, and its members are also directly elected by the people. The judicial branch is led by the Guinea Supreme Court, the highest and final court of appeal in the country.

The country is named after the Guinea region. Guinea is a traditional name for the region of Africa that lies along the Gulf of Guinea. It stretches north through the forested tropical regions and ends at the Sahel.

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## China doesn't want trade war but...

By Zhou Pingjian

**C**HINA-US trade talks are catching the eye of the Nigerian media recently. Around the world, there have been widespread concerns over the new round of additional tariffs between China and the US. Some believe escalated disputes will bring more uncertainties to world economy. Some have described the global economic landscape as "unpredictable" and labeled the trade issue as "the biggest uncertainty".

We have noted the reactions of the international community and understand the concerns of various parties. Indeed, the escalation of China-US trade disputes is not in the interests of either side and will put a drag on world economy.

But the facts are clear to all: it is the US that provoked the trade disputes, not China; it is the US that fired the first shot in raising tariffs, not China; it is the US that repeatedly resorted to maximum pressuring, not China. What China has done so far is entirely self-defense against the unreasonable acts of the US side. By so doing, we are not only defending our own legitimate rights and interests, but also safeguarding multilateralism and the free trading system.

The international community has its fair judgment on who is the initiator of the latest round of a tariff war, the rule-breaker in free trade and the generator of risks in global economy.

The underlying reason that the 11 rounds of consultations failed to yield an agreement is that the US attempts to achieve unreasonable demands through maximum pressure. This wouldn't work from the very beginning.

The simplistic view that the US is "ripped off" in its trade with China is unscientific and unprofessional. Economic globalization by nature is a process during which countries leverage each other's respective strengths and each supplies what the other needs. What we call reciprocity and mutual benefit in trade refers to the overall reciprocity and balance of interests in the open market of all industries. It is only unrealistic to pursue absolute reciprocal openness in real trade practices. Therefore, the negotiated trade agreement itself can by no means ask for absolute equality in all fields and it must be equal and mutually beneficial with two-way balance. There is hope for success only when the con-

sultations proceed on the right track of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit.

The US side claimed on May 17th that the two sides actually had a deal, but China broke it.

We are not sure what "deal" the US was referring to. Perhaps it has bore in mind all along "a deal" of its own wild wish, one that China has certainly not agreed on however. When its threats didn't work and instead led to widespread doubts and market fluctuations at home and abroad, the US resorted to muddying the waters and shifting the blame.

That, too, is futile as the international community see clearly which side has been flipping all along in the past 11 rounds of trade talks. In May last year, China and the US reached consensus on trade and issued a joint statement in Washington, D.C. But just a few days after that, the US abandoned the agreement. In December last year, the two sides reached consensus on the value of China's purchases from the US, but in the following talks the US wantonly rejected the agreement and asked for more. It is never China that backtracks and breaks commitments.

The issue of forced technology transfers is sheer fabrication. In fact, China attaches great importance to the protection of intellectual property rights. There is never any policy forcing foreign actors to transfer technology. The recently-adopted Foreign Investment Law by China's top legislature stipulates explicitly that there shall be no forced technology transfer through administrative means. There have been mutual investment and technology transfers between China and foreign countries, which is the result of consensual cooperation between market entities, a win-win cooperation by nature.

For some time, out of political motives, the US has been abusing its national power to tarnish the image of and suppress specific Chinese companies while making "national security" a catch-all phrase, which is disgraceful and unjust. This is entirely against market rules and the principle of fairness, which does not serve the interests of the US either.

The US side recently told reporters many times that China's economy was not so good, and that China very much wanted to make a deal.

Such remarks are just baseless. The fact is that the Chinese economy is growing stead-



US president Donald Trump (L) and China's president Xi Jinping

ily with a positive momentum. Trade protectionist measures of the US side will have some impact on our economy, but we can totally overcome it. We have the confidence and capability to guard against any external risks and impacts.

In the first quarter this year, China's GDP grew by 6.4% year on year, which is more than expected. In particular, domestic demand has become the main driver for growth. Last year, consumption contributed 76.2% of our economic growth. In its recent World Economic Outlook report, the IMF downgraded its outlook for global economic growth to 3.3% while upgrading China's growth from 6.2% to 6.3%. China was the only country that got upgraded in the forecast among all major economies.

From January to April this year, China's import and export increased by 4.3% year on year, with dramatic increase in export to the EU and ASEAN. With trade partners all around the world, China is turning more rapidly into a strong trading nation. Many countries would like to share China's development dividends. If some country does not want to do business with China, others will soon fill in the vacancy.

The US side is reported to claim that China will be hurt very badly if it doesn't make a deal because companies will be forced to move to other countries.

Frankly, the US doesn't need to worry at all on China's behalf. Over the past four decades of reform and opening up, enormous achievements have been made in economic and social development in China. As foreign investment environment keeps improving, China has become one of the most popular destinations for global investment for many consecutive

years. When choosing investment destinations and business partners, enterprises make decisions based on their own interests and market principles rather than empty words from certain persons.

As a matter of fact, despite the constant US threats to impose additional tariffs on Chinese products for the past year or so, China remains a popular destination for foreign investors as their enthusiasm remains high. The number of foreign companies newly set up in China in 2018 topped 60,000, up by 69.8%. It is worth mentioning in particular that the biggest US oil company Exxon Mobil Corp decided to set up a wholly-owned large-scale petrochemicals project in September last year. In January this year, US company Tesla officially kicked off the construction of its first overseas factory in Shanghai.

As the top two biggest economies in the world, the economic and trade relations between China and the US are of great significance to the two countries and the global economy. The US should have worked with China and shouldered its responsibilities for global growth. But on the contrary, it insisted on staging a trade war unilaterally and repeatedly increased tariffs on Chinese goods against standing consensus while China has kept full sincerity for the consultations.

China has made it very clear on many occasions, raising tariffs won't solve any problem, and starting a trade war will harm not only others, but also oneself. China doesn't want a trade war, but is by no means afraid of fighting one. China never succumbs to external pressure. We have the resolve and capability to defend our lawful and legitimate rights and interests. If someone brings the war to our doorstep, we will fight to the end.

We hope the US will heed the international community's call of ration and justice, keenly grasp the situation, return to the right track as early as possible, meet China halfway and strive for a mutually beneficial agreement on the basis of mutual respect. It will serve the interests of China and the US and is the shared aspiration of the international community.



Start the week with Cynthia Stacey

# Disaster management...not so easy to manage

**G**REETINGS for the last week in May, and in Britain, June heralds the start of summer, when I hope to be there.

But this week, I was mulling over the issue of second hand clothing and underwear, and wondering does it really constitute a health hazard, as the abolitionists of the trade would like us to think, yet in reality, just living here is hazardous.

Certainly, there's one area of public service in the country, where few people would deny the dangers, of Tanzania's transport and roads sector, the fatalities from which, must surely impact on the life expectancy statistics.

...but are the policies to lessen the dangers, keeping pace with the fatalities.

On my office notice board is a news cutting reminding me that the 13th October is the International Day for Disaster Reduction, though it obviously wasn't an effective reminder last time, since I can't recall it, but its message of public risk limitation is always relevant.

Looking through an old file labeled 'disasters-various', I noted that August 2009, was a cheerless month, notably for the appalling deaths of twelve school-girls burnt to death in a boarding school inferno caused by a candle.

Such terrible tragedies are often described as 'accidents', but in this one, given the fact that the girls couldn't escape as they were locked in every night...was there anything accidental about it?

It was this aspect of the fires that made it even worse, rating it a mention on the BBC world service, as did the road deaths at

the time.

Yet despite this un-forgettable horror, which should have resulted in new legislation and safety checks, seven years later in 2016, after another wave of school fires in the country, some due to sabotage, Home Affairs Minister Mwigulu Nchemba challenged them to install fire alarms, saying "with modern security systems, it will be easier to avoid such accidents".

This was surprising, as most people automatically expect places like schools, hospitals etc. to have basic alarm systems, as a pre-requisite of being allowed to operate, particularly in the wake of the 2009 disaster.

...but note the word 'accident' again, from Minister Nchemba, and just like the road deaths etc. it's a misnomer, as a dictionary definition says "...anything unexpected or occurring by chance..." yet the reality as we know, is that most of the vehicle smashes, crashes and head on collisions, are caused by reckless/drunken/drug addicted or unqualified drivers, often aided by profit driven owners, who cheaply hire the dangerous employees.

So such factors, have certainly made the on-going road deaths over the years very expected indeed, as have all the other 'accident' prone sectors nationwide.

Similar to the belated advice for school fire alarms, the Tanzania Bus Owners Association in 2015 suggested that buses plying long routes, should have assistant drivers. Though it's surprising this wasn't done years ago, it's good to know that on journeys of over eight hours, this sensible system is obligatory, and not dependant on the bus companies whims... as it shouldn't be an option...but a necessity.



Another blaze, as Ashira Secondary school dormitories in Kilimanjaro region were destroyed by fire on last Friday. Why are there frequent fires in this area, especially in schools? (file photo)

Apart from mayhem on the roads, Tanzania has disasters aplenty, man-made and natural, so it's reassuring to remember that there's a Disaster Management Bill, Act no. 9 of 1990. This comes under the Prime Ministers Office, and let's hope innovative strategies have been created to deal with the nations calamities.

Anyone checking media articles and other sources for stories on road deaths, boats sinking etc. going back over a couple of decades, will usually find that they could have happened now, so similar are the circumstances behind the tragedies.

As also have been the promises from all fifth phase governments to reduce them, but now they seem seriously committed to doing so.

Yet fatalities are still taking a terrible toll, like the over 800 boda boda deaths last year caused by out of control drivers, with police at a loss to halt them.

It's therefore a pity, that with the government keen to boost tourist figures, to read in a tourist blog..."Tanzania...lovely country, lovely beaches and lovely people...but a scary road safety record".

In 1997, in a move ahead of its time,

the then Minister for Communications and Transport William Kusila tried to improve safety standards. He also wanted bus operators to pay compensation and medical costs for any passengers who'd entrusted themselves to their care, but were injured if a coach crashed due to operational problems, or driver incompetence.

"Entrusting yourselves to their care", that's what you're doing every time you board a bus, plane, boat, 'bajaj' or any public transport. But twenty two years after Kusilas commitment, which didn't

make any headway, is there any workable legislation enforcing his rational proposal today, if not, then someone is renegeing on their duties.

...well time to go, and with the safety subject in mind, I'll close by saying ...stay fit and healthy till next week at least, which means don't drive, board a bus, boat or train, drink muddy dawasco water, buy fake electrical components, or wear 'hazardous' under wear!...actually, just stay at home...as long as your house is safe?!

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE OPPORTUNITY ON SUPPLY CHAIN FINANCE IN TANZANIA

- 1. INTRODUCTION**  
 The Financial Sector Deepening Trust (FSDT) was incorporated in Tanzania on 1st July 2004. The FSDT's overall aim is to make a contribution to All Tanzanians to (derive value) from regular use of financial services which are delivered with dignity and fairness. FSDT's objective are:
  - Advocating for an improved policy, institutional, legal and regulatory framework at national and sub-national levels of financial services
  - Promoting more relevant market infrastructure and ways to reduce transaction costs between FSPs and potential clients
  - Stimulating improved access to financial products and services that respond to the needs of MSMEs
  - Stimulating improved access to financial products and services that respond to the needs of households and individual.
- 2. BACKGROUND OF THE ASSIGNMENT**  
 FSDT wishes to appoint a consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of the opportunity on Supply Chain Finance in Tanzania.
 

The assignment will require the consultant to:

  - Assess the overall environment including the legal and regulatory frameworks;
  - Map entire ecosystem of the SCF market in the country including key industry sectors/ players;
  - Review various industries and geographies to identify potential opportunities for supply chain finance market, identify key growth factors and trends;
  - Assess demand and supply of finance within the supply chain and identify SCF Finance gap;
  - Propose Supply Chain Finance framework (Model).
- 3. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT**  
 To perform a comprehensive review on the opportunity of supply chain finance in Tanzania. Specifically, the assignment requires the consultant to:
  - Map the entire ecosystem of the SCF market in the country including key industry sectors / players and business models.
  - Review various industries and geographies to identify potential opportunities for supply chain finance market, identify key growth factors and trend
  - Assess demand and supply of finance within the supply chain and identify SCF finance gap
- 4. SUBMISSION DEADLINE**  
 The deadline for submission of the tender documents is Friday 7th June 2019.

For the full version of the terms of reference and more details on application requirements visit:  
[www.fsd.or.tz/opportunities](http://www.fsd.or.tz/opportunities). We will only consider applications that adhere to proposal requirements.

## FEATURE

# WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY

## 17TH MAY 2019

### 2019 Theme: "BRIDGING THE STANDARDISATION GAP"

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SOCIETY DAY

#### MINISTERS'S STATEMENT



**HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

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Today is an important day, as Tanzania joins different nations in the world in marking the 50th anniversary of the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day which has been celebrated annually since 1969, it is also the day when people and nations ponder on ways and means of leveraging ICT as an integral part of their development, in this day we also mark the founding of ITU and the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention in 1865.

Since mid-19th century, telecommunication has provided means to people and nations to communicate irrespective of the distances that separate them. From those times of simple telephony to advances in Internet and Next Generation Networks, the field of ICT has grown from length to length, providing better communication among people and societies. Indeed, ICT has made the World a global village where its people are always in touch.

In marking this day, the International Telecommunication Union sets a theme which should be the focus of each year's celebration. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge this year's theme as "Bridging the Standardization Gap". The standardization gap

is referring to disparities in the ability of developing countries, relative to developed ones, to access, implement and influence ITU's international standards. One of ITU's core objectives is to develop international standards that offer a common basis for growth and innovation, highlighting the importance of ITU's efforts to ensure that our standardization process is globally inclusive.

The international standards that are produced by the ITU are referred to as "Recommendations" and they become mandatory only when adopted as part of a national law. Tanzania being an active ITU member has the responsibility of adopting ITU standards to be legitimately within the country.

ITU standards create mutual benefits for both developed and developing countries, that enables the companies in developing countries to access the global marketplace, and enable global players to access emerging markets.

Tanzania is committed to participate in the programme of Bridging the Standardization Gap that is spearheaded by the International Telecommunication Union that aims to

empowering our local experts in ITU's standards-making process.

In this regard Tanzania has put in place the National ICT Policy of 2016 that recognises that there is a rapid technological advancement which has led to convergence of technology and service delivery channels. The policy emphasises on the need to use existing standards as well as developing new ones including having a standardised approach to achieve interoperability supported by standards development organizations, with the active participation of industry. Tanzania also recognises that standards do encourage economies of scale, interoperability of technologies and systems, competition, innovation and safety, which are crucial for the growth of the ICT sector.

The Government has put in place the Electronic and Postal Communications (Electronic Communications Equipment Standards) Regulations, 2018. These Regulations provides the requirements for standardisation of equipment and systems in Tanzania and allows the adoption of regional and international communication standards. Implementation of

these Regulations will help in reducing the Standardisation Gap.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all Stakeholders involved in developing and implementing standards related to the communications sector to play their role in bridging standardization gap and ensuring development of inclusive ICT standards that will address all people in the United Republic of Tanzania. I also urge companies and academic organisations to enhance capacity building in the standardisation field.

The United Republic of Tanzania is committed to support and localise all relevant and applicable ITU standards in the country. The aim is to increase awareness to the application of standards, make use of the relevant standards and finally to participate in the works of standard with the aim of bridging the standardization gap within the country and hence accelerates ICTs for all Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Hon. Eng. Isack Kamwelwe (MP),  
MINISTER FOR WORKS, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

## DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REMARKS- TCRA

Since mid-19th century, telecommunication has provided means by which people and nations communicate irrespective of the distances separating them. From those times of simple telephony to advances in Internet and Next Generation Networks, the field of ICTs has grown tremendously, providing better innovation in communication among people and societies in the urban areas as well as rural areas. These drastic changes have been experienced in Tanzania as well, as the results of adopting the use of ITU standards in the country.

This year, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of World Telecommunications and Information Society Day (WTISD), which has been celebrated annually since 1969. The Day marks the founding of ITU on 17th May, 1865 when the first International Telegraph Convention was signed in Paris. ITU is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs. It was founded to facilitate international connectivity in communications networks, to allocate global radio spectrum and satellite orbits, develop the technical standards that ensure networks and technologies seamlessly interconnect, and strive to improve access to ICTs to underserved communities worldwide. Every time as you make a phone call, watch a television, listen to a radio, browse internet or send an email; you are benefitting from the work of ITU.

As ITU celebrate 50th anniversary of WTISD, Tanzania, as a member of ITU, joins other countries in the world to mark this Day whose theme is dedicated to raise awareness of the importance of ICT technical standards namely "Bridging the Standardization Gap". The standardization gap is referring to disparities in accessing, implementing and influencing international standards developed in ITU. The gap between participation between developed and developing countries is enormous and that ITU is committed to reduce the gap by supporting inclusiveness measures to draw maximum efforts through a programme namely ITU's Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG).

ITU provides a platform where different stakeholders from both public and private sectors as well as academia, from both developing and developed countries, develop international ITU standards. ITU standards development process is beholden to the principles of consensus, transparency, balance, due process and openness through different specific technical groups, namely Study Groups (SG) in which representatives of the ITU-T membership develop standards applicable to various fields of information and communications technologies (ICTs).



The standards facilitate inter-connection and interoperability and thus provide for a common base for growth and innovation; they define how telecommunication networks operate and interwork. Many technologies are based on ITU standards allowing all to benefit fairly from ICTs.

Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) on behalf of Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has been effectively participating in ITU standards-making process through ITU Study Groups.

#### Benefits gained through implementation of international standards in the country

Realizing the importance of using international standards, in 2005 TCRA introduced the Converged Licensing Framework consisting of four licenses: Network Facilities, Network Services, Application Services and Content Services, in four market segments: International, National, Regional and District. These licenses are technology neutral and service neutral as long as the offered service or technologies in use conform to international standards.

As a regulatory body responsible for communication sector in

Tanzania, TCRA has been using international standards in executing its core functions that facilitates the growth of the sector among other things as summarized below:-

Planning and managing of scarce communication resources such as numbering and radio frequency spectrum are in accordance to ITU standards, which have ensured the efficient use of the said resources;  
The communication equipment that are imported in the country are type approved by TCRA in accordance with ITU standards;  
Migration from analogue to digital terrestrial broadcasting technology was successful done as per the ITU standards;  
The use of evolved mobile wireless technologies from first generation (1G) to fourth generation (4G) in the country has been possible after implementing ITU standards.

As a result of using ITU standards, we have experienced high growth of numbers of connected telephone subscribers from 300,237 in the year 2000 to over 43 Million subscribers today.

The mobile financial services have grown substantially over the past few years, contributing to financial inclusion. This can be attributed to the consumer friendly numbering plan introduced by TCRA, for example, \*150\*00# (M-pesa of Vodacom), \*150\*01# (tigopesa of MIC), \*150\*02# (ezy-pesa of Zantel), \*150\*60# (Airtel money of airtel), and for banks such as \*150\*03# (CRDB simbanking), \*150\*20# (Barclays), \*150\*55# (NBC), \*150\*66# (NMB), \*150\*71# (T-Pesa of TTCL) and many others.

#### Current and Future Engagements in ITU's Technical Standards making process

Currently, TCRA is participating in the work of the following ITU-T Study Groups (SG) among others:

**ITU-T Study Group 20:** responsible for studies relating to Internet of Things (IoT) and its applications, and Smart Cities and Communities (SC&C). This includes studies relating to big data aspects of IoT and SC&C, e-services and smart services for SC&C. It is part of IoT standardization process.

**ITU-T Study Group 17:** responsible for building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies (ICT). This includes studies relating to cybersecurity, security management, countering spam and identity management. It also includes security architecture and framework, protection of personally identifiable information, and security of applications and services for the Internet of Things (IoT), smart grid, smartphone, Software Defined Networking

(SDN), Internet Protocol Television (IPTV), web services, social network, cloud computing, big data analytics, mobile financial system and tele-biometrics. It is part of standardization process focusing on security.

**ITU-T Study Group 13:** which is responsible for studies relating to the requirements, architectures, capabilities of future networks focusing on IMT-2020, cloud computing and trusted network infrastructures. It is part of standardization process on emerging network technologies for IMT-2020 networks and future networks.

TCRA is currently working on standards and specifications for Digital Sound Broadcasting (DSB) as per ITU standards that will see improved sound broadcasting quality, efficiency in spectrum usage and more improved coverage with value added services. The specifications are for Digital Radio receivers using DSB.


TCRA is also developing Technical specifications for Digital Television Receivers to achieve interoperability of decoders and TV as well as internet applications for broadcasting services.

#### A call from TCRA for stakeholders

Today, as we are celebrating 50 years of World Telecommunications and Information Society Day (WTISD), TCRA will endeavour more people are aware of ITU standard-making process and familiar with participation in ITU meetings aiming at bridging the standardisation gap. We urge all stakeholders in Tanzania to keep on using the standardised technologies, which guarantee economies of scales, interoperability and seamless communications between networks.

#### A call from ITU for stakeholders

TCRA is extending a call from ITU for various Stakeholders such as private-sector entities and academic institutions to join ITU. Members of ITU have the opportunities of participating on various physical and online remote meetings, which deals with standardization processes among other things, and have free access to training sessions, video primers and e-learning courses, facilitated participation in standards development, with services such as fellowship and mentorship programmes and tools for remote participation.

  
Eng. James M. Kilaba  
Director General, TCRA

## ITU SECRETARY GENERAL

On 17 May, 2019 we will be celebrating the 50th World Telecommunication and Information Society Day.

This year, we will focus on "bridging the standardization gap."

Setting standards is a fundamental pillar of ITU's mission as the specialized agency of the United Nations

for information and communication technologies. You want to connect to the internet, enjoy a sports event on TV, listen to radio in your car or watch a video on your smartphone? ITU standards make it possible.

The upcoming 5G standards, especially if coupled with artificial intelligence, will support a new range of

applications which we will soon take for granted: from self-driving cars to safer and smart cities.

ITU standards ensure interoperability, open up global markets and spur innovation and growth. They are good for developed and developing countries.

They help accelerate ICTs for all Sustainable Development Goals.

I call upon ITU Member States, industry members, small and big companies and academia, together with UN sister agencies, our partners and all stakeholders, to support ITU's "Bridging the Standardization gap" programme and prosperity and well-being for all.

Thank you.

#WTISD [www.itu.int/wtisd](http://www.itu.int/wtisd)



# Two IITA projects launched to speed up agricultural research

By Special Correspondent

NIGERIA'S former President Olusegun Obasanjo and Oyo State governor Senator Abiola Ajimobi on Saturday commissioned two key projects at the Ibadan-based International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA). Chief Obasanjo is also IITA's Goodwill Ambassador.

These are none other than an Agricultural Transformation Building dedicated to research and delivery of innovations to farmers across Nigeria in particular and Africa in general, and a 10.5-km ring road at Africa's biggest international agricultural re-

search centre.

The construction of the building began in 2017 with the laying of the foundation stone graced by former Nigerian heads of government General Yakubu Gowon and Obasanjo as well as African Development Bank (AfDB) President Dr Akin Adesina, as part of projects initiated to mark the IITA's 50th anniversary.

The building, whose construction AfDB financed through a Nigerian project known as Agricultural Transformation Agenda Support Programme (ATASP), comprises 22 offices, eight large laboratory spaces, a conference room and a utility facility.

The 10.5-km road, on the other hand, covers part of the perimeter fence of the 1000-hectare IITA campus. It was built by the Oyo State government as part of efforts to support agricultural research.

Senator Ajimobi said the support given to IITA was in realisation of the importance of agriculture to Oyo State and the institute's contribution to agricultural development in the state.

"Today Oyo state is the best place to invest and promote agriculture because we have IITA located in the state," he said.

IITA Director General Dr Nteranya Sanginga meanwhile

said the rejuvenation of the facility in Nigeria was crucial for the institute's sustained efforts to transform agriculture on the continent.

"We are excited to see a state in Nigeria showing the example by supporting infrastructure in an international agricultural research centre. This is not common, and we commend the government and people of Oyo State," he said.

Dr Sanginga also commended the government of Nigeria and AfDB for their support towards the construction of the building, adding that it would accelerate the pace of research and accommodate the best/critical human

and material resource needed to bring transformation to the agricultural sector.

The event also witnessed the presentation of the Oyo State Agricultural Transformation Policy Framework. Concerned by the poor performance of agriculture, governor Ajimobi last year requested IITA to produce a policy document that would provide direction to the transformation of agriculture in the state in the next 25 years.

Based on this request, IITA worked with the Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER), the state ministry of agriculture, and Oyo State Agricul-

tural Development Programme to produce the framework.

IITA Director for Development and Delivery Dr Alfred Dixon said the framework situated Oyo State agriculture in context and examined the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats to Oyo State key agriculture value chains.

"It also goes further to forecast the implication of policy intervening scenarios for government," he further noted, adding that Oyo State could capitalise on the policy framework to attract private capital in the agricultural space.

Dr Dixon said the framework "clearly defines what Oyo State needs to do to improve its agri-

cultural productivity and achieve Zero Hunger", accordingly commending members of the Oyo State government, NISER and IITA for their hard work in drawing up the policy document.

In his remarks, Obasanjo tasked governor Ajimobi, IITA and NISER to work towards ensuring that recommendations in the policy framework were implemented by the incoming administration, noting: "Our problem is not policy formulation but implementation." He commended governor Ajimobi for supporting IITA and called for the extension of innovations generated from research stations to farmers.

## How Africa is seen leading the world in a shift from plastics

By Amy Percival

AFRICA is leading the way in eliminating plastic waste with several plastic bag bans in place across the continent, including in countries like Tanzania and Kenya.

Tanzania implemented stage one of its plastic bag ban in 2017, which prohibited the manufacturing and "in-country distribution" of plastic bags of any kind.

Phase two, which will come into effect on June 1, limits plastic bag usage for tourists. In a statement released on May 16, the Tanzanian government extended the original ban to tourists, citing "Special desk [sic] will be designated at all entry points for surrender [sic] of plastic carrier bags that visitors may be bringing into Tanzania."

The ban does recognize the need for plastic bags in some scenarios, including in the medical, industrial, and construction and agricultural industries, as well as for sanitary and waste management reasons.

"Ziploc" bags used to carry toiletries through airport security are also exempt from the ban, provided travelers take them home again.

Tanzania isn't the only African country to introduce such a ban. Over 30 African countries have adopted similar bans,

mostly in sub-Saharan Africa, according to National Geographic.

Kenya has had mixed success with its ban, which was implemented in 2017. The country introduced the strictest punishments, with perpetrators facing "up to \$38,000 in fines or four years in prison."

However, the government failed to consider alternatives, leading to "bag cartels" who traded in bringing plastic bags from neighboring countries. National Geographic also reported that enforcement of the ban had been unreliable.

"The ban had to be drastic and harsh, otherwise Kenyans would have ignored it," activist Walibba told the publication. Although further attempts to widen the ban have been unsuccessful, the country is aware of its responsibility to do more.

Geoffrey Wahungu, director general of Kenya's National Environment Management Authority, said, "Everyone is watching Kenya now because of the bold step we took. We are not looking back."

Rwanda is also working hard on the environmental issue. It aims to be the first plastic-free country and its efforts are being recognized. Quartz reported that the UN named capital Kigali the cleanest city on the African continent, "thanks in part to a 2008 ban on non-biodegradable plastic."



GSM Group workers including president Ghalib Mohamed come together for a group photo moments after the inauguration of Danube Ramadan special offer at Mlimani City Mall in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Telecom launches an Islamic mobile saving product

By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM Tanzania in partnership with Amana Bank has launched a new M-Pesa mobile service dubbed: "Halal Pesa".

The launch ceremony took place at Serena hotel, Dar es Salaam and was attended by Muslims and other telecom customers.

The launch of Halal Pesa plays a key role in Vodacom's strategy to become a key contributor in the

rapidly growing Islamic Finance sector, as the product targets to service more than three quarter of the total Muslim population in the country through M-Pesa, where they will be able to save money and gain profit with incurring interest.

Speaking during the launching ceremony, Vodacom head of M-Pesa department, Tulisindo Rashid said: "Our decision to launch Halal Pesa is a direct response to feedback from our customers that they want their digital financial services needs met with-

in Shariah principles.

For a long time, the Muslim population has been in need of a mobile financial saving system which is tied to the pillars of Islamic faith, and hence this is a solution that will allow Muslim customers to achieve their financial goals while cementing their faith by abiding to sharia laws".

Vodacom continues to create innovative financial solutions for all by using digital technology at an affordable cost.

"Halal Pesa is a user friendly and distinct service that is in line with Islamic principles. The service has diverse choices including saving money for Hajj, children or long-term savings ranging from 3 to 12 months. Also, customers can use halal-Pesa to offer their contributions to the Mosque and Zakat," added Tulisindo.

Speaking during an interview with the media, Vodacom's customer Hajjat Hawa Hilal said: "This service comes at the right time as we are in the holy

month of Ramadhan. I have been using M-Pesa for quite a long time, but these new services have motivated me to save money for Hajj, Zakat and other plans in harmony with our Islamic sharia."

The Managing Director of Amana Bank, Dr Muhsin Masoud said that their partnership with Vodacom is expected to have a positive impact on Tanzania's Islamic banking sector. "As an Islamic Bank, we have ventured into enabling believers in Islamic faith to deposit savings through formal means.

## Airbus eyes new narrow body opportunities on Africa routes

By Kaleyesus Bekele

AIRBUS is exploring new market potential in Africa for its A220 and A320neo narrow bodies, chief commercial officer Christian Scherer told journalists in Toulouse at the company's recent Innovation Days event. So far having placed A220s with Kenya Airways and Air Tanzania, Airbus has now turned much of its attention to western Africa as it looks to spread its influence throughout the continent.

The Airbus sales boss revealed the company has begun talks with Nigerian airlines over the potential placement of both models, promoting the A220 in particular as a top performer in hot environments. "Nigeria is a significant market. We have several discussions in Nigeria going on for

A220 and A320 family prospects in this great country," said Scherer. "Economic characteristics of Nigeria make it a very promising growth market for us. We have a team in Nigeria right now."

Several African countries have begun efforts to revive their national carriers, and Rwanda, Uganda, Senegal, and Tanzania recently acquired Airbus aircraft. RwandAir and start-up Uganda Airlines have taken A330s while Air Senegal became the first carrier in Africa to operate A320neos. Air Tanzania in January became the first carrier in the continent to fly the A220.

Ethiopian Airlines—the launch customer for the A350 in Africa—expects to take delivery of its 12th A350-900 imminently. Air Mauritius, which

also operates the A350, recently took delivery of its first A330-900neo last month.

"The potential in Africa is huge," said Hadi Akoum, Airbus vice president of sales for sub-Saharan Africa and the Indian Ocean islands. "We are working with many African airlines. We are also working with African governments, which are relaunching their national carriers. We are not really focusing on market share but we rather want to help African countries relaunch their national carriers in an efficient manner," he said.

"Financing remains one of the biggest challenges for governments and the private sector, making European Credit Agency support particularly important for aircraft purchases in Africa," concluded Akoum.



Vodacom Tanzania M-Commerce director Epimack Mbeteni (C) and Amana Bank managing director Dr Muhsin Masoud (2nd-R) grace the launch of Halal Pesa, an innovative M-Pesa mobile service that adheres to Islamic laws on earning profits, in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Durban floods: An open letter to President Cyril Ramaphosa

By Desmond D'So

THE massive floods that hit KZN, and Durban in particular, in April 2019 are yet another indicator of how climate change is affecting our resilience, a fact acknowledged by President Cyril Ramaphosa. But there has been a strange silence since then, and big, carbon-intensive programmes are steaming ahead in the port city. Surely the time for talking is over?

President Ramaphosa, on 24 April 2019, you visited South Durban neighbourhoods. You had returned home to South Africa early from an important African Union conference because a catastrophic storm hit us on Easter Monday. The "rain bomb" that pounded South Durban included 168mm of downpour in 24 hours, by far the worst flooding ever recorded in the city.

Upon visiting our communities, you immediately gave us sound analysis: "This is partly what climate change is about, it just hits when we least expect it."

We agree that the climate crisis must be talked about. And we hope you agree that the forces that caused this crisis - the major greenhouse gas emitters in the fossil fuel industries, transport (air, shipping and automotive), corporate agriculture, carbon-intensive production and consumption systems, and methane-emitting disposal at landfills, and their financiers - must be named and shamed.

As you probably know, South Africa's own highest-polluting corporations - Eskom, Sasol and the largest "minerals-energy complex" firms - place our country at the world's very highest levels of greenhouse-gas emissions, measured in terms of per-person per-unit-of-GDP. Our economy is carbon-addicted, and that must urgently change.

We would like to start in South Durban, where we suffer from Africa's largest oil refining complex - combining the Engen and the BP and Shell (Sapref) facilities in Wentworth



Ten people were trapped inside a house at Westcliff Secondary School on Crimby Avenue, Chatsworth, after heavy rain-fall on 22 April 2019 caused the embankment to collapse

and Merebank, plus a massive new trucking complex at the old Clairwood Racecourse site - and where we have advocated a downsizing and phase-out, for our own safety and health, as well as for the sake of the environment, both local and global.

We expect these drivers of climate change to continue taking our society over the cliff, because offshore Durban today four massive corporations - ExxonMobil, Statoil, ENI and Sasol - are exploring for oil and gas in the dangerous Agulhas Current, more than 3km deep, hoping to achieve a find as big as Total did offshore of Mossel Bay in February. These insane digs for fossil fuel must urgently be halted.

Moreover, in the spirit of the "polluter pays" principle, the damage the major polluters have done must be tallied up, and a bill given them for these liabilities.

In Durban and the surrounding areas of KZN a month ago, we lost more than 70 living souls (all low-income black South Africans). They died due to raging floodwaters and collapsed houses.

We also suffered massive environmental destruction, unprecedented plastic pollution of our harbour and ocean, and physical infrastructure dam-

age that probably exceeds R1-billion (with Durban alone suffering more than R650-million). Provincial MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube observed, "flooded and blocked roads, collapsed buildings and perimeter walls, blocked storm-water drains and sewer lines, flooded buildings and households and power outages as a result of electric cable damage". Mr President, we also agree with you that we did not "expect it": the people of South Durban and our municipality were unprepared, and that is the purpose of this letter.

We ask you to now advance climate consciousness, reduce our dependence on greenhouse gas-emitting economic activities, and ensure there is funding not only for what the United Nations calls our "loss & damage" a month ago, but also the costs of adaptation for our ill-prepared South Durban neighbourhoods.

We have many unemployed construction and general workers in our communities who are very anxious to get started on adaptation projects to fix and strengthen our drainage systems, build sturdier houses, construct safer bridges, restore wetlands, rehabilitate the sponge capacity of our riverine systems and detox our land, especially so that the poisons of plastic pollution are removed. Indeed, you gave us reassuring words about loss & damage payments: "I immediately contacted our Treasury and said do we have

money to assist our people?"

And they said "President, we have the money". So money will be mobilised to assist our people.

These are emergency situations that we budget for, so resources will be mobilised in the biggest way so that our people who are currently in need are assisted. It will take time."

One month later, the time has come to assess what has happened, because we desperately need both climate relief for the loss & damage, and a major new infrastructural investment in job-creating climate change adaptation support, so that our area, and our nation, region and continent, can become more resilient. To be frank, Treasury is missing in action.

We cannot help but remark that normally, a strong supporter of Minister Tito Mboweni, Business Day, this week noticed how little he seems to care about those who suffer in South Africa: "During the weekend after the general election, he tweeted 14 times about preparing a chicken casserole, complete with pictures of his chickens.

'Life is too hard, sometimes we just have to relax a bit. Cooking ...,' he tweeted, followed by a picture of himself in Parliament laughing uproariously.

But two days later, when SA's unemployment rate hit 27.6 per cent after the loss of more than 100,000 jobs in the first quarter, the minister was silent." Treasury has been silent

## Rwanda and Liberia: How patriotism, focused leadership and 'culture of it's our time' shaping progress and retrogression

By Special Correspondent

ATTITUDES, values, and beliefs that are sometimes collectively referred to as "culture" play an unquestionable role in human behaviour and progress. Liberia experienced a catastrophic shift in its body politics in 1980 with the violent removal of the settlers oligarchy described by one Pan Africanist as "Black imperialism." One hundred and thirty three years of one party rule was violently replaced on April 12, 1980 by Master Sergeant Samuel Doe, an indigenous Liberian, who ascended to the Nation's highest office, accusing his predecessor of bad governance characterised by corruption, oppression, suppression, nepotism, etc.

At the onset of the military takeover, Doe received overwhelming support from Liberians promising to be people centred as was evident in the famous slogan of the erstwhile PRC era "In the cause of the people, the struggle continues". Despite the initial support received from majority of Liberians, Doe's ten-year rule was also characterised by bad governance and failure to unite the country. Liberia was ignited and on a "time bomb". Just as Liberians were preparing to celebrate Christmas, the country was invaded by Charles McArthur Taylor on December 24 1989. Taylor described Doe as 'authoritarian' and accused

him of the same vices that Doe accused Tolbert of, thus justifying Taylor's use of 'freedom fighters' to liberate the country. However, Taylor went beyond liberating the country but institutionalised bad governance and turned Liberia into a 'pariah state'-preying on the natural resources of the nation and neighbouring countries to sustain his despotic regime. Taylor's greed and quest to control the region saw the birth of a plethora of criminal and rebel groups- all plundering, looting, raping women and amassing wealth illegally.

Liberia eventually tuned into a theatre of wars and after fourteen years of wanton destruction, the conflict finally ended in 2003. With human and material resource supports from regional and international actors, an interim government was formed to oversee and manage Liberia's post war reconstruction and recovery processes. A Democratic election was held in 2005 and Madam Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf was elected as president of Liberia. Madam Sirleaf, who ruled the country for two terms (2006-2011 and 2012-2017) was the first democratically elected female president in Africa. She inherited a totally broken country but was determined to restore Liberia's image as well as rebuild damaged infrastructure.

The years 1980's to 90's saw many African countries transitioned from an era of de-colonisation to that of globalisa-

tion. Rwanda, an East African country, descended into bloodbath on April 6, 1994 at the time the world's media were all focused on the election of Nelson Mandela. A plane carrying Rwanda's President, Juvénal Habyarimana and Cyprien Ntaryamira, the Hutu president of Burundi, was shot down in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda. The double assassination of these two presidents triggered what some described as state-sponsored genocide of approximately eight hundred thousand Rwandans, mostly folks from the minority Tutsi population and moderate Hutus. The mass slaughter was carried out in 100 days.

Rwanda and Liberia experienced bloody wars that killed so many people in the two countries. Whilst former President Juvénal Habyarimana's death sparked the war in Rwanda, in Liberia, Doe was captured and killed on September 9, 1990 by a sprinter faction of Taylor NPFL within eight months after Monrovia was captured yet the Liberian war did not end. Instead, Liberia witnessed the proliferation of several fighting groups. Unlike Taylor and surrogate fighters, Paul Kagame as a rebel commander, had a well thought plan and once he contained real and potential threats after capturing Kigali, Kagame ended the bloodbath and shifted his strategy towards reconciliation than revenge.

As part of his strategy to move his country forward, Kagame articulated his country post war recovery plan in a document called 'Vision 2020', which he published when he was first sworn in office. Although seen as too ambitious owing to its aspiration of turning Rwanda into a middle-income country by raising average earnings from \$237 per year to \$900 and halving the num-



ber of people below the poverty line, his dream is gradually becoming a reality.

Also, President Sirleaf upon her ascendency to power, launched her development aspiration through PRS I, PRS II, AFT, and Vision 2030. The latter development agenda, focused on creating more jobs, building infrastructure, generating energy, making Liberia a middle income country, prioritizing national healing and reconciliation without much emphasis on Agriculture and education. Two post war countries with clear recovery plans but one is succeeding while the other is retrogressing. Does it have to do with the countries or the leaderships and 'cultures of the two countries? The problem lies with leadership and what kinds of 'Vision' the leadership aspires to achieve.

Experiences throughout the world

when it comes to helping South Durban recover from this extreme storm, and prepare for the next.

Their excuse may well be that they deal directly with eThekweni municipal leadership, but that raises our next concern: widespread corruption. Our expectations of these leaders have been dashed, because of a similar event in October 2017, when an extreme storm hit Durban, including the port and South Durban.

The damage was estimated at R576-million. Yet the massive investments needed to improve our resilience were not made.

As one example, the Glebelands Hostel roof was badly damaged - but only in early 2019 did repairs begin! President Ramaphosa, the main government official you toured Durban with was our Mayor, Zandile Gumede.

Last Tuesday, she was arrested for (alleged - Ed) corruption associated with a waste-recycling tender.

In May 2018 the (alleged - Ed) corruption in supply of sanitation systems had become evident, as CityPress named Gumede "the mayor of graft", and Auditor General Kimi Makwetu withdrew from the city because of death threats.

In September, a new corruption revelation concerned her involvement in waste recycling, with bogus tenders costing at least R90-million.

But even though the evidence has become insurmountable, the Hawks have been playing politics.

Last December, according to CityPress, A senior Hawks official directly involved with the investigation said "the docket has been opened and I have seen it.

The investigation has been completed and we are tying a few loose ends before they get arrested. Following the investigation, the team has compiled a report.

The report is accompanied by piles and piles of annexures which are contained in many boxes". Another police officer, a high-ranking Crime Intelligence operative who knows about the case, said: "The investigation has been completed. Arrests are imminent. I think they are now trying to figure out how to go about the logistics. Remember, this is a very sensitive case involving quite serious crimes."

President, Zandile Gumede's arrest occurred a week after the election, one in which the African National Congress lost massive voting shares in KwaZulu-Natal. In Durban, your party would have lost more votes if the Hawks had done their job more rapidly.

As the likes of Mabuza, Gigaba, Mbete, Mokonyane and others with dubious track records are shunted out of power, it is long overdue for Zandile Gumede and 62 councilors (alleged - Ed) to be implicated in what is now reported by the Mail&Guardian to be R208-million waste-management tender corruption to be shown the door. In contrast, our workers who are lucky to get jobs doing the badly needed work are only able to get R120 a day, and often piece work is paid as low as R11/hour, for example in the Extended Public Works Programme.

This mix of state and business corruption plus extreme low wages for ordinary workers, explains why we have the world's most unequal society.

Finally, we have one extremely corrupt landowner that deserves your immediate attention: Transnet. Because its fraud is now being exposed in the Zondo Commission, we anticipate punishments against this firm's leaders, suppliers and financiers to be swift and decisive.

One request is that further unnecessary port expansion be halted. The current project of expansion, financed by the BRICS New Development Bank's \$200-million loan, featuring Shauwn Mpisane joining a consortium late last year, was called into question by a whistle-blower.

We need to rethink the entire South Durban expansion Transnet has in mind, in view of the crisis in global trade and shipping.

Another example of Transnet's corruption is at the old airport just across the highway from Glebelands Hostel. It was supposed to be used for a "Dig Out Port" costing more than R100-billion - digging was meant to have started in 2016 - but it was postponed until 2032. Then Transnet apparently recently signed a contract with a new company to restart the airport with a potential 20-year lease, but the deal fell apart.

have shown that broad-based, productivity-driven agricultural growth can serve as the motor for increasing incomes, improving livelihoods, capitalising the rural economy, and providing the basis for sustainable economic growth. Unfortunately, since the war ended in 2003 various Liberian governments' development agenda have not properly aligned to what Liberia has greater comparative advantage in and certainly aspirations have not been backed by appropriate policy and budgetary allotments.

The draft national budget for the 2018/2019 fiscal year is US\$488.8 million, with US\$8.3 million being appropriated for agriculture. Rwanda has consistently prioritised education and agriculture, since its war ended. Liberia has been spend-

ing very minimal on agriculture around one to two per cent of its budget on agriculture, despite Africa-wide consensus since 2003 that spending must be raised to ten per cent. We see a striking contrast to what the leadership of Rwanda has done in terms of agriculture. For example, Rwanda has increased its budget allocation to agriculture sector edging closer to meeting the Maputo and Malabo declarations which require member states of the African Union to allocate at least 10% of their annual budgets to agriculture. Rwanda's budget allocation to agriculture in the FY 2018/19 is at 7% from 5%. This makes Rwanda one of the few states in Africa to have achieved this level of agriculture funding.

Putting resources in areas where countries have comparative advantages can boost productivity, stimulate growth, increase incomes and attract external funding and support. Because Rwanda has got it act right, foreign assistance continues to expand Rwanda's economy by investing in programs such as education, youth workforce development and the coffee sector. Rwanda benefited from foreign assistance since the genocide, with 30 to 40 percent of the nation's budget coming from aid. The Rwandan government's initiative, Rwanda Vision 2020, focuses on long-term goals to grow from an agricultural and subsistence economy to a diversified economy less dependent on foreign aid. For Liberia, there is a dependency syndrome with a mentality that donors will help us to even clan our neighbourhood.

To be continued.

## BUSINESS

## OPTIMISM

## Nairobi to have its own revenue agency if bill sails through

## NAIROBI

City Hall could soon have its cess collection agency similar to the Kenya Revenue Authority if a new Bill pushing for establishment of such an organisation is approved by the County Assembly.

The 2019 Nairobi City County Revenue Administration Bill – which has already gone through the first reading – seeks to create the Nairobi City County Revenue Authority, which would be mandated to collect, receive and account for revenue on behalf of the county government.

Kariobangi South Ward Representative Robert Mbatia, the initiator of the Bill, said the County Revenue Authority would be headed by a County Revenue Administrator, competitively recruited by the Public Service Board. Mr Mbatia said the authority would register and maintain revenue payers in the county.

The revenue payers would be assigned a revenue identification number while the authority would adopt an integrated collection system for the purposes of ensuring effective and efficient administration of public money. “We want to seal loopholes and make revenue collection serious. The bill will ensure all the inadequacies and capacity challenges that have led to low revenue collection are solved,” Mr Mbatia said.

The Budget and Appropriations Committee chairman added that all the money received by revenue collectors, officers and staff in the authority shall be deposited into the County Revenue Fund. City Hall already has such an account at Co-operative Bank where all its revenue is sent before being taken to the Central Bank.

The Kariobangi South representative said the authority would assess revenue payable to the county where applicable, advising the finance executive on all matters relating to the administration and enforcement of revenue laws. “It would also ensure optimum compliance is achieved,” Mr Ngatia said.

The agency would, however, work under the directions of the finance ex-

ecutive to achieve its targets, he said. “The County Revenue Administrator shall hold office for five years and will be eligible for reappointment for a further and final term of five years,” Mr Ngatia said.

Utawala Ward Rep and Budget Committee vice-chairman Patrick Karani said only through adoption of the new law would the devolved government reverse the trend of dwindling collections “which has seen Nairobi County struggle to meet its revenue targets”.

“In the current financial year, there is a deficit of Sh7 billion and we could have a deficit of Sh5 billion in the next fiscal year. This naturally means we should be working on how to reduce the deficit,” Mr Karani said.

According to the bill, there shall be a board of directors, headed by a non-executive chairperson appointed by the governor with the approval of the County Assembly, which shall serve as governing council of the revenue authority.

The board would also consist of a finance chief officer, four other people appointed by the executive, a member from special interest groups and a county revenue administrator who shall be an ex-officio member.

The board members’ term shall be three years but subject to renewal once. To ensure the authority is held accountable and meets its targets, the bill proposes that it gives quarterly reports on its operations and annual reports on collection of revenue and other matters related to that.

The bill may, however, face approval challenges as it proposes the closure of the existing revenue office as well as giving the executive the liberty to absorb the current revenue officers into the authority. The officers have expressed concerns over their jobs.

“There should be no course for alarm as no one will be rendered jobless. The officers will be given priority as our intention is to raise revenue collection and not to create unemployment,” Mr Mbatia said. The bill is expected to go through the second reading once the assembly resumes its sittings early next month.



Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa exchanges greetings with NMB Bank Plc's Managing Director, Albert Jonkerouw on arrival at a venue where the bank hosted Iftar in Dodoma at the weekend. Photo courtesy of NMB

## ADVICE

## PM Majaliwa, former PM Pinda commend NMB for strong rural presence

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PRIME Minister, Kassim Majaliwa and his predecessor, Mizengo Pinda have commended NMB Bank Plc for extending its services to rural areas but urged the lender to sensitise rural folks on availability of loans.

Majaliwa and Pinda said in Dodoma last Friday during an Iftar organised by the bank for fasting Moslems that so far, NMB remains the only bank which has presence in over 90 percent of the government's

administrative districts in the country.

“I commend you for such a good job and will not be wrong if I say you are also market leaders in providing better services and products. I also thank you for your support to government efforts to improve education and health by donating desks, books and medical equipments,” Majaliwa said after breaking the fast.

He pledged government's continued support to improving the country's banking industry saying banks are an important aspect of development which

every government supports. Majaliwa who is also an ardent soccer fan, praised NMB for starting to sponsor sports.

“Your strong investments in rural areas is testimony that there is opportunity among our smallholder farmers hence other banks should learn from you and follow suit,” he underscored while touting government's plans to ensure many rural people get access to formal financial services.

The PM also paid tribute to NMB management and staff for supporting government's efforts to modern agriculture and industrialise as the country

moves towards becoming a middle income economy by 2025.

“The government which has a significant stake in the bank hopes to see further improvement of service delivery to the majority of the people in the country,” Majaliwa stressed.

On his part, former PM Pinda urged NMB to widely publicise availability of loans especially those targeting agriculture so that many smallholder farmers can benefit from. “I was already told about these loans which I am sure can benefit many smallholder farmers based in rural areas,” Pinda who is an

ardent farmer and beekeeper noted.

He revealed that as a modern commercial farmer he has benefitted from NMB's loans which he invested in agriculture until when NMB loan officers visited his farm and informed him about a tailor made loan targeting agriculture.

“This agro-window loan is tailor made hence not burdensome compared to other regular loans,” he noted saying the bank needs to promote the product among smallholder farmers.

## Mobile phone company says its mobile money subscriber base growing due to rural expansion

By Francis Kajubi

MOBILE money subscribers for Tigo Tanzania Limited have peaked over seven million so far this year thanks to availability of TigoPesa services in rural areas.

Tigo's Mobile Device Manager, Mkumbo Myonga said in Dar es Salaam on Friday during an event to launch Samsung Galaxy A Series that TigoPesa's growth in rural areas has been strong thanks to massive investment made by the company.

“Despite the tough competition in the market, I can confidently tell you that we are the only choice for the people in the rural areas when it comes to mobile money services thanks to the fastest communication that we extend on a daily basis,” Myonga said.

He said rural customers also prefer TigoPesa because of affordability compared to other companies saying as a result many rural folks prefer the platform.

According to Tanzania Communication Regulatory Authority, TigoPesa had 7.58 million active accounts



Tigo's Mobile Device Manager Mkumbo Myonga (R) speaks at a past event. File photo.

which was only second to Vodacom Tanzania Plc's M-Pesa platform with nine million accounts as of March 2019.

“We hope to have more rural TigoPesa subscribers on board as our partnership with Samsung continues” he added while noting that with the launch of Samsung Galaxy A Series many customers will access high speed data and voice connection services.

“With the Galaxy A2 core, A10 and A20 customers can free gigabytes while those who purchase A2 and A10 shall be offered free 66GB and 96GB respectively for one year,” he added.

Samsung Tanzania's Country Manager, Suleiman Mohamed said his company expects that by the end of next June, the Samsung J series will be phased out of the local market.

“The Galaxy A series offers improvements to the essential devices through the features that matter most, including offering an immersive viewing experience, longer lasting performance and a camera which captures the world as you see it,” Mohamed said. “The series has enabled us to bring premium features into entry gadgets hence good for users,” he added.

## Ramaphosa's 3 key post-election investor issues

## CAPE TOWN

With the election completed, investors' focus will now shift to President Cyril Ramaphosa's ability and political will in addressing issues of concern. This is according to Maarten Ackerman, chief economist and advisory partner at Citadel.

In Ackerman's view there are three post-election issues that investors will watch closely. These include:

The size and structure of the Cabinet  
The cabinet announcement is perhaps even more important than the actual election results, especially for international investors, given that the ANC was already expected to win, he comments. “This announcement will test whether Ramaphosa is confident enough in his position to reduce the size of the cabinet, as well as whether he is able to withstand pressure from opposing ANC factions in appointing cabinet members,” he says.

“International investors will therefore likely wait until after the cabinet announcement to make any decisions or commitment in terms of foreign direct investments into the country.”

Having failed to implement any meaningful policy reforms in the first few months of the year, Ramaphosa is now free to press ahead with reform and to set a new direction for the economy for the remainder of the year, according to Ackerman. “Investors will also be judging whether government will finally

deploy the policies needed to ignite economic growth and address unemployment,” he explains.

These include among the many challenges, addressing the country's structural economic issues, removing red tape for small and medium enterprises in terms of registering businesses and seeking financing, as well as unbundling Eskom and restoring its financial health.

“Ramaphosa's attempts to rebuild trust and confidence, and drive investments in the key manufacturing and mining sectors demonstrates that he very clearly understands the issues at play,” says Ackerman. “These sectors are energy intense and therefore fixing Eskom's capacity is objective number one.”

The question of Eskom is also absolutely critical for investors, as government will also need to repair and bolster Eskom's capacity in terms of electricity production if South Africa's economy is to grow, or alternatively be open to alternative energy producers, says Ackerman. He points out that, despite the National Energy Regulator (Nersa) approving electricity tariff hikes for the next three years, government seems to be sensitive to the impact of higher tariffs on consumers.

“Higher tariffs will have a ripple effect throughout the economy over the next few months, potentially leading to further job losses in the mining and manufacturing sectors, and creating a drag on business and consumer confidence,” says Ackerman.

## CALL

## Ilala Mayor urges Dar Ceramica shop to invest in local production of tiles

By Guardian Reporter

LOCAL building products major shops such as Dar Ceramica should seriously venture into investing in factories to make the products other than import them.

Acting Ilala Municipal Mayor, Omary Kumbilamoto said in Dar es Salaam on Friday that the government's agenda is to realise an industrial economy with value addition to locally available raw materials.

"We are endowed with vast natural resources let alone products from the agricultural sector, we also have minerals, forests among others which if locally used as raw materials will greatly boost the economy," Kumbilamoto said after touring Gerezani based Dar Ceramica shop and factory.

He said the products that he saw at Dar Ceramica which included porcelain, sanitary ware and fittings as well as ceramic tiles, had impressed him but because they are imported prices are very high.

"If these products were locally made from our own raw materials they would have been sold at affordable prices which the majority of Tanzanians with low and medium income could buy," he pointed out.

He further said that if the traders built local industries they would not only add value to locally produced products but also offer employment to more people instead of importing finished goods which amounts to exporting jobs.

On his part, Dar Ceramica's Marketing Manager, Celestine Gunda said due to lack of local industries that manufacture quality tiles sanitary products, they are forced to import much of their products which is regrettable.

"We hope to be able to invest in a factory in the future so that we can stop importing these products," Gunda said while noting that the imported goods are readily available to locals to use in building quality houses that can last for decades.



VETA Kipawa principal Sospeter Dickson speaks in Dar es Salaam during an event where Airtel Tanzania announced the sponsorship of 130 youths to get vocational training through VSOMO application sponsored by the company as part of its support for skills development among young people. Right is Airtel's Director of Corporate Communications, Beatrice Singano. Photo: courtesy of Airtel.

## VICTIMIZATION

## South Africa part of collateral damage from US-China trade war

JOHANNESBURG

South Africa may be almost 12 000 kilometres from Beijing and even further away from Washington DC, but is still affected by the US-China trade war.

The country is "a small, open economy which grows by selling into the global demand," central bank Governor Lesetja Kganyago told reporters in Pretoria on Thursday. That's no different to other emerging econo-

mies, which will also be held back, he said.

Flaring US-China tensions over trade came to a head this month when talks between the two superpowers fell apart. US President Donald Trump has since raised tariffs on Chinese goods and put restrictions on telecommunications giant Huawei, with a solution to the impasse seemingly far off.

That may hurt the probability of South Africa's economy coming out of the doldrums - an eventuality that companies

such as Liberty are banking on to stimulate revenue growth. The dispute between the US and China will also worsen negative sentiment around equity prices, which the insurer needs to boost the value of its assets, Chief Executive Officer David Munro said in an interview at Bloomberg's offices in Johannesburg.

"We are battling a little bit of headwind with the U.S.-China trade war," Munro said. "The extent to which equity markets rally

increases our assets under management and assets that we administer in pension funds. The whole business is geared toward equity market performance."

Ultimately, "there are no winners," Kganyago said as the South African Reserve Bank held the key interest rate at 6.75% while cutting the full-year economic growth forecast. "Trade wars are silly, you want to control your market, but you still want access to other markets so it's illogical," he said.

## COMPETITION

## MTN, Cell C lag Vodacom in customer satisfaction

JOHANNESBURG

The latest South African Customer Satisfaction Index (SA-csi) for mobile telecommunications services - conducted by Consulta - shows South Africa's largest cellular providers remain among the most highly regarded globally, even though the latest survey shows that customer satisfaction is on the decline.

"South Africa's three biggest rivals measured by market share have all shown a decline in overall customer satisfaction scores," the SA-csi research said. "This in turn has seen a decline in customer loyalty, which has been on a three-year downward trajectory across the sector."

The 2018 SA-csi survey of customer perception shows Vodacom retaining its leader position in overall customer satisfaction with a 74.8 index score. MTN follows in second place in South Africa at 71.8 and third is Cell C at 71.4 - both below the industry average index score of 73.3.

"Customer satisfaction is at a much lower ebb across the sector, evidenced by the decrease in the overall score - dropping to 73.3 in 2018, which is the lowest since inception of the index (six years ago). When customer satisfaction declines, loyalty shows a sharp reciprocal decline, with one in three customers now prepared to move to another network provider for their primary needs."

SA-csi founder Adré Schreuder said that while mobile networks have focused on technical and infrastructural delivery and handset upgrades to capture customer loyalty, customers have indicated that "softer perceptual drivers" such as



SA-csi founder Adré Schreuder.

perceived value for money, quality of the relationship and service levels, and competent complaints-handling are what matter most to them.

No clear value proposition "All networks are highly concerned with acquisition, infrastructure and competing. However, none is making a clear value proposition around customer-centricity," Schreuder said.

In a follow up, independent analysis of the drivers of customer choice of network provider, Consulta found that perceptual drivers such as quality of the relationship with the provider, perceived value for money, complaints-handling and resolution, and exceeding expectations were the key reasons why customers chose their cellular provider. "While the quality of the network was

an important consideration for Vodacom customers (18.4%), it was considered more of a hygiene factor compared to other perceptual factors.

"The big shift is that customers across all segments and spend thresholds have become increasingly cost- and value-conscious. New players and aggressive challengers are making inroads and attracting customers looking for better value for

money."

Though Vodacom's position remains "solidified" in the premium segment, this could be eroded as customers become increasingly disenchanted with the gap between value and cost, Schreuder said. "As the various operators start reaching a level of parity across their networks and coverage, we're likely to see a much bigger shift in customer tendency to multi-Sims in order to achieve the best value, using multiple providers for their voice and data needs, and declining loyalty."

Still, compared to other global indices of telecoms providers, South African operators compare favourably with the US wireless telephone industry average of 74 and Singapore's 71.1.

Key findings of the SA-csi research include:

Vodacom leads on the overall customer satisfaction index score with 74.8 compared to the industry average of 73.3, which effectively gives Vodacom the right to claim the "number one telecoms company as rated by customers". However, the company has shown a marked decline compared to its 2017 customer satisfaction score of 79.2.

MTN follows below par at 71.8, which also shows a decline from 2017 (74.2). Cell C follows at 71.4 and shows a big decline on its 2017 score of 76.7 and losing ground to MTN.

Vodacom leads on Net Promoter Score, too, which measures the likelihood that customers will recommend a brand to their family and friends compared to customers who would actively discourage a relationship with the brand.

The Net Promoter Score average across the industry took a dip, dropping from 37.4% in 2017, to just 19.9% in 2018. NPS scores across all three networks plummeted. Vodacom leads with an NPS of 27.8%, although there has been a significant decline from 2017, with MTN following at 11.8% and a similar large decline over that period. Cell C's score is 9.9% and is also much lower than in previous years.

## VICIOUS CYCLE

## Mozambique: Public debt service triples in Q1

MAPUTO

Between January and March this year, the Mozambican executive made payments amounting to some 4.7 billion meticais in public debt amortisation, against 1.4 billion meticais in the same period of 2018.

The Mozambican government paid more than three times as much in public debt repayments over the first three months of this year, making payments of around 4.7 billion meticais, according to the National Treasury Directorate (DNT).

Of this amount, external debt amortisation (bilateral and multilateral) amounted to 2.9 billion meticais in the first quarter of 2019, against 1.3 billion meticais in the same quarter of the previous year.

Domestic debt service, which includes Treasury Bonds, bank financing, restructuring and consolidation of the state's business sector, amounted to approximately 1.8 billion meticais, against 88 million meticais paid in the first quarter of 2018. The National Treasury Directorate said that, besides the amounts related to Treasury Bonds, bank financing, restructuring and consolidation, an amount of 315.7 million meticais was also disbursed.

This amount (315.7 million meticais) had been paid and settled in 2018, referring to the payment of the debts of the previous years with the suppliers of goods and services in the scope of the restructuring and fiscal consolidation.

Issuance of new debt Meanwhile, in the January to March 2019 period, new debt securities (treasury bills) were issued amounting to 18,039.7 million meticais, with amortisations totalling 18,124.2 million meticais. Concerning treasury bonds, the budget law

set the limit of 19,447.31 million meticais for 2019 and, during the first quarter of this year, bonds amounting to 8,974.6 million meticais were issued, according to the National Treasury Department.

Of this amount, 3,602.1 million meticais were for the securitisation of the debts to suppliers of goods and services amounting to more than 60 million meticais and 5,372.5 million meticais went to finance the state budget deficit.

Throughout this operation, the final stock of domestic debt in the period under analysis amounted to 136,150.7 million meticais, against 139,377.2 million meticais at the end of the first quarter of 2018.

As far as external debt is concerned, from January to March of fiscal year 2019, the government contracted two concessional loans, one with the International Development Fund of OPEC (OFID) and one with Eximbank of India, to a total US\$50 million dollars.

The OFID loan was US\$ 12 million US dollars, with a maturity of 22 years and an interest rate of 1%. The money is set aside for the construction of the Angoche fishing port in Nampula. The Eximbank concessional loan of US\$38 million, with a maturity of 25 years and a 1.5% interest rate, is intended to finance a water supply project in the rural areas of Manica, Sofala, Zambézia and Nampula.

Under article II of Law 15/2018 of 20 December, the Mozambican government is authorised to issue guarantees and endorsements amounting to 151,250 million meticais, of which 136,125 million meticais to support state companies in the extractive industry and 15,125 million meticais for remaining state-sector companies, but no state guarantee was issued during the period under review.

OPTIMISM

Optimism swells for Indian economic growth as Modi sweeps to power



Ashishkumar Chauhan, managing director and chief executive of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), poses as he cuts a cake to celebrate the Sensex index rising to over 40,000, in Mumbai, India on Thursday.

NEW DELHI

Business leaders in India are optimistic about Narendra Modi's landslide victory in the general election that gives him the premiership of Asia's third-largest economy for a second term.

His return to the corridors of power in New Delhi is seen as a continuation of his economic agenda despite his mixed track record in handling issues such as unemployment and a slowing economy during his first term. However, there's more enthusiasm than skepticism at the moment.

"The re-election of Mr Modi has put an end to the uncertainty and raised hopes of momentum gaining [pace] in the Indian economy," says Dhiraj Relli, the managing director and chief executive of HDFC Securities, a Mumbai-headquartered stock brokering company.

Mr Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stormed to a clear win last week following India's six-week long general election,

which saw some 600 million people casting their votes. The BJP's return is seen as a win for the economy and its prospects of growth as the government will now have a chance to build on its work of the past five years.

"The return of the Modi government is very positive for the country and its economy," says Anand Rathi, the chairman of Anand Rathi Group, a financial services company based in Mumbai. "Any strong and stable government is in a better position to push robust economic reforms."

He cites the goods and services tax (GST), a new bankruptcy law, and various welfare schemes for the poor as examples of "far reaching reforms" that have been introduced by Mr Modi during his first tenure when he rose to power in 2014. However, the government has not ticked all the boxes and it has not "achieved its target for employment and investments in the economy", he noted.

Tulsi Tanti, the chairman and managing director of Suzlon Group, a renewable energy company based in Pune, says he looks forward to "the govern-

ment delivering on its promises by spearheading the growth of the agriculture sector and industry with dynamic policy changes, which will fuel overall economic growth, energy security, and job creation".

Mr Modi has made some very ambitious promises during his 2019 election campaign, including doubling farmers' incomes by 2022 and plans to spend a staggering \$1.44 trillion on infrastructure, including roads and railways, by 2024.

Lok-Sabre-election-results However, his achievements on the economic front during his first tenure were mixed at best when it comes to delivering on promises to the farming community, broadening the country's tax base and luring foreign direct investment.

The country has the title of being the world's fastest growing major economy, expanding by 7.1 per cent in the financial year to the end of March, according to the IMF. The overall gross domestic growth in the quarter to the end of December, however, has slowed to 6.6 per cent.

Inflation is still in check, with retail inflation at 2.92 per cent, still under the central bank's target of 4 per cent, according to the Central Statistics Office's data. However, in recent weeks, there have been questions on how India's GDP data is calculated.

There are many who question the wisdom behind Mr Modi's economic policies. His demonetisation initiative in 2016 stirred controversy because the shock ban on the two highest value banknotes sapped liquidity from the markets and left many labourers dependent on cash payments out of work.

That was followed in 2017 by the introduction of GST, which many small businesses, in particular, struggled to get to grips with, as the new regime added to their accounting costs and dented the capital they needed for expansion.

Today, there are mounting concerns about job creation. Mr Modi in his 2014 campaign promised to create a slew of jobs across sectors of the economy, where one million people enter the workforce every month.

TRADE WAR

Trump's throttling of Huawei could well backfire on US tech

NEW YORK

The Trump administration widened its dragnet this week on Chinese companies barred from selling to the U.S. or buying components from American firms in a push to slow China's technological advances.

After crippling Huawei, China's biggest telecommunications company, the administration followed up by threatening to cut off U.S. components or software to five Chinese video surveillance firms. But the plan might backfire, because US companies are so inextricably involved in the global technology supply chain.

Concerns over Washington's punitive measures and possible retaliation by the Chinese rattled markets throughout the week, hammering chipmakers and Apple. It's 5G that embodies most of Washington's fears - by powering a wealth of upcoming technologies from self-driving cars to advanced medical procedures, the new wireless standard is set to be the backbone of the modern economy.

Until recently, it seemed like Huawei, the world's biggest purveyor of communications networking gear and the second-largest smartphone maker, was leading in supplying that infrastructure. By cutting off the Chinese tech giant, the US will only slow the expansion of 5G. That's bad news for some of the most important US companies, particularly component makers, that were banking on it for a major surge in orders starting this year.

Without China's 5G network, consumers there won't buy new phones that contain chips from Qualcomm and Micron Technology. They won't generate data that need to be crunched by processors made by Intel, Nvidia and Advanced Micro Devices. And there'll be no need for faster networking gear powered by chips from Broadcom and Xilinx.

"I don't think it's good for the US economy," said Minyuan Zhao, an associate professor of management at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. "With its strong institutions, the US has long been an assuring force in the global supply chain. People don't always trust China, but they consider the US

a trustworthy partner, if not guardian, of the global economic system."

If supply chains can be arbitrarily interrupted and that trust disappears, countries will start to develop individual systems and the result will be inferior and more expensive.

Made in China policy Washington's efforts to contain the world's second-largest economy accelerated about three years ago when Beijing first codified a broad ambition to take the lead in future technologies through its Made in China 2025 industrial policy.

Coupled with a formal plan to dominate artificial intelligence by 2030, the plans showed the country's willingness to funnel billions of dollars into scientific research - a goal that spooked Washington bureaucrats worried that private US enterprise and the military would be left in the dust.

Still, Chinese tech companies remain well behind their American counterparts in some key industries. The country still imports more semiconductors than oil and no Chinese company has caught up with Google or Microsoft in software yet. That makes the threat of withholding American technology from Huawei and its peers so disruptive.

In other areas, though, they're gaining headway quickly. Huawei is already the biggest provider of 4G networking and its gear is key to rolling out 5G networks in China, the biggest market for smartphones that will connect to it. US companies are keen to tap into that pool, with its hundreds of millions of subscribers.

China's well-funded firms from Alibaba to Tencent and startups like SenseTime are closing the gap on AI with an unparalleled trove of user information that privacy-focused Western rivals are afraid they'll never match; even consumer internet concerns like Tencent and Ant Financial Services Group are leading the way in social media innovation and mobile payments.

Companies like General Electric, Alphabet and Microsoft are worried that export controls being considered by Washington, related to technologies seen as essential to competitiveness, could actually impede them from competing in lucrative markets, while reducing America's capacity to innovate.

In a written submission to the Department of Commerce, Microsoft warned that the proposed restrictions risked isolating the US from international research collaborations and "could thwart U.S. interests."

"Artificial intelligence is a very broad concept," GE cautioned in its own submission. Defined too broadly export controls could sweep up things like medical imaging where algorithms are being used to scan for diseases and in toys, it said.

The crackdown on Huawei and other tech companies has spread from the US-China trade war, which has been going on for months. Trump has targeted technology companies due to suspicion that Chinese firms help Beijing spy on foreign governments and steal U.S. intellectual property. It's a risky move.



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Zhang Ming, China's envoy to the EU has threatened retaliation by Beijing against Washington.

# WORLD

## How will UK's Conservative Party choose PM May's successor?

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Theresa May said on Friday she would quit, setting up a contest that will bring a new prime minister to power who could pursue a cleaner break with the European Union.

May said she would resign as Conservative Party leader on Friday, June 7 and the process for electing a new leader would begin the following week. The winner will become party leader and prime minister.

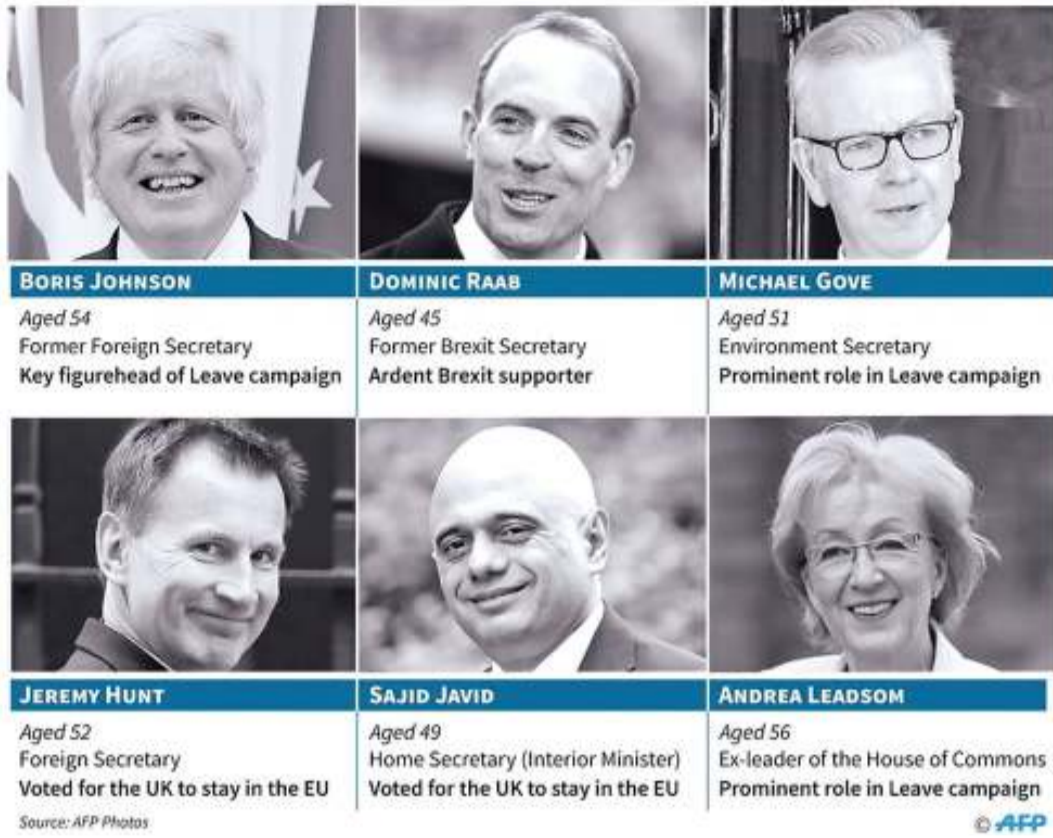
May's announcement does not trigger a parliamentary election.

Here is how that process, which is overseen by the party's 1922 Committee, is expected to work:

### CANDIDATES NOMINATED: Week Commencing June 10

Candidates putting themselves forward for the leadership must be nominated by two other Conservative lawmakers. The party said it expects nominations to close in the week beginning June 10. Many Conservatives appear to be jostling to replace May so there could be a wide field of candidates.

### Potential contenders to replace Theresa May



### BALLOT OF LAWMAKERS: Concluded by end of June

Conservatives lawmakers then hold several rounds of votes to whittle down the number of candidates. Each time they are asked to vote for their favoured candidate in a secret ballot. The person with the fewest votes is eliminated.

In the past, this process has been repeated until there are two candidates remaining, with votes held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The party said it expected this stage of the process to be completed by the end of June, but did not specify the number of candidates that would remain at the end of it.

### MEMBERSHIP VOTE: Result before parliament's summer break

The final candidates are put to a postal ballot of the wider Conservative Party membership, with the winner named the new leader.

The party said it wanted to announce the result before parliament begins its summer break, usually in late July.

The party had 124,000 members as of March 2018. It said hustings would take place during this final stage and non-members would also be given the chance to meet and question candidates.

### WHO IS PRIME MINISTER DURING THE CONTEST?

In her speech on Friday, May said she would serve as prime minister until the leadership election process was concluded. **Agencies**

## UN Convention does not apply to Kerch Strait incident dispute - Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW

THE dispute resolution procedures provided by the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea are not applicable to the incident in the Kerch Strait, and the arbitration that Ukraine requires to convene in connection with it does not have jurisdiction in this area, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Saturday.

"As was earlier noted by the Russian side, the statements made by both Russia and Ukraine when signing and ratifying the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 rule out the possibility of using the Convention's dispute resolution procedures regarding the incident of November 25, 2018, in the Kerch Strait.

"In the arbitration, we intend to consistently defend our position, including the lack of jurisdiction of the arbitration to consider this situation in the light of the circumstances mentioned above," the Ministry said.

"It was possible to avoid the situation of the requirements of the Russian legislation concerning navigation in this area were fulfilled. We urge the Ukrainian side to do that in the future," the Ministry added.

Earlier the United Nations International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ruled that Russia should release 24 Ukrainian sailors detained for violating the state border in the Kerch Strait, and hand over three confiscated vessels to Ukraine.

Before the meeting, the Ukrainian side asked the tribunal to order Russia to return Ukrainian vessels, to immediately release 24 detained sailors and allow them to return to Ukraine, and to stop criminal prosecution of sailors and to refrain from new investigations.

The Tribunal found Kiev's first two demands rational, but ruled that it does not consider it necessary to demand Moscow to stop criminal prosecution and refrain from initiating new cases, although it believes that it would be reasonable.

The Tribunal urged both parties to avoid steps that could escalate the situation in the Kerch Strait. According to the organization, absence of the Russian side at the hearing could not be a reason not to consider the case.

The Russian side did not participate in the hearings. In the note sent to the tribunal by the Russian Embassy in Germany, it was noted that, from the point of view of the Russian side, the tribunal has no jurisdiction to review the Kerch incident.

Three ships of the Ukrainian Naval Forces on November 25, 2018, violated the procedure for the passage of the territorial waters of the Russian Federation en route from the Black Sea to the Sea of Azov, ignoring legal requirements of the border guards to stop.

They were detained and taken to Kerch, later court arrested their crews on charges of illegally crossing the border of the Russian Federation. **Agencies**

## Europe's voters elect new parliament as nationalism mounts

BRUSSELS

PIVOTAL elections for the European Union parliament reached their climax yesterday as the last 21 nations went to the polls, with results to be announced in the evening in a vote that boils down to a continent-wide battle between euroskeptic populists and proponents of closer EU unity.

Right-wing nationalists who want to slash immigration into Europe and return power to national governments are expected to make gains, though mainstream parties are tipped to hold onto power in the 751-seat legislature that sits in both Brussels and Strasbourg.

Leading the challenge to the established order is Italy's hardline interior minister, Matteo Salvini, head of the League party, who is assembling a group of like-minded parties from across Europe.

"We need to do everything that is right to free this country, this continent, from the illegal occupation organized by Brussels," Salvini told a rally in Milan last weekend that was attended by the leaders of 11 nationalist parties.

As he voted in Budapest on Sunday, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said he

hopes the election will bring a shift toward political parties that want to stop migration.

The migration issue "will reorganize the political spectrum in the European Union," said Orban, who recently met with Salvini but has not yet committed to joining the Italian's group.

Projections released by the European Parliament last month show the center-right European People's Party bloc losing 37 of its 217 seats and the center-left S&D group dropping from 186 seats to 149. On the far right flank, the Europe of Nations and Freedom group is predicted to increase its bloc from 37 to 62 seats.

Proponents of stronger EU integration, led by French President Emmanuel Macron, argue that issues like climate change and reining in immigration are simply too big for any one country to tackle alone.

Macron, whose country has been rocked in recent months by the populist yellow vest movement, has called the elections "the most important since 1979 because the (European) Union is facing an existential risk" from nationalists seeking to divide the bloc. **Agencies**

## Africa eyes more cooperation with China as AfCFTA takes effect

BEIJING

AFRICAN diplomats and officials commended the robust and diverse ties with China on Saturday, hoping for more cooperation as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) is inching towards effect.

Speaking to Xinhua at an African Day celebration here on Saturday, Ambassador of Cameroon and the Dean of African Group in Beijing Martin Mpana praised China-Africa relations and cooperation. It touches "practically all conceivable spheres of development," he said.

"The footprints of Chinese projects are visible everywhere in Africa ... (including) infrastructural development in roads, highways, building construction, mining, and water and sanitation projects, among many others," he said.

Mpana (pictured) said the African people are striving for economic independence by building

up a free trade area, after achieving political independence.

"A lot has to be done," he said, noting that China's investment, especially in infrastructure, helps interconnect the continent as roads, railways, airports and ports facilitate the flow of people as well as goods.

"We are relying on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)," said Rahamtalla M. Osman, head of the African Union (AU) Mission to China, stressing that relations and cooperation with China achieve win-win outcomes.

Osman added that Africa's integration and economic upgrading, which are one of the main issues and part of the African strategy, Agenda 2063 of the AU, will benefit the world economy, and will lead to more interaction with other economies.

He also admitted challenges in developing the free trade area, as well as in the economic development of the whole continent.



Therefore Africa "would like to benefit from the experience of China ... I'm already contacting with the Chinese authorities in order to invest in many grand projects in Africa." Development and cooperation would be a priority for Africa, including building the free trade area as well as connectivity on the continent, said Osama Elmagdoub, Egyptian ambassador to China.

He said Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi raised these ideas at last year's Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Beijing Summit, and the ideas were received very positively by China. "We are working on the details now to see what contract projects can be achieved," he said.

Similarly, South Sudan's Ambassador to China John Andruga Duku said Africa is in the process

of achieving its economic independence and prosperity.

The continent had to "look for countries (for partnership) which have no colonial history (in Africa)," and it regards China as a supportive true friend, he added.

However, obstacles exist, said Duku, referring to Africa's infrastructure. "We must have roads, we must have intercontinental roads, the roads which connect Africa, across the borders of member states," he said.

Within the framework of the BRI and FOCAC, Duku called for doubling efforts to solidify China-Africa relations. "We see a future in the relations with China," he said.

The AfCFTA, which will come into effect on May 30, will establish the world's largest free trade zone by the number of countries, covering more than 1.2 billion people with a combined gross domestic product of 2.5 trillion U.S. dollars. **Xinhua**

## Trump says not disturbed that North Korea has 'fired off some small weapons'

TOKYO

U.S. President Donald Trump yesterday dismissed concerns about recent missile launches from North Korea and said he was confident that the country's leader, Kim Jong Un, would keep promises that he had made.

"North Korea fired off some small weapons, which disturbed some of my people, and others, but not me. I have confidence that Chairman Kim will keep his promise to me," he said on Twitter.

Trump is currently in Japan on a state visit.

The president, who left his second summit with Kim earlier this year in Vietnam without a peace deal, has put enormous value in their personal relationship, despite actions by North Korea that others consider provocative.

Trump is expected to discuss concerns about North Korea's nuclear and missile programs with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during his stay in Tokyo.

In his tweet, the president, who is running for re-election in 2020, knocked his potential Democratic opponent, former Vice President Joe Biden, misspelling his name and



taking pleasure in the North Korean leader's sharp rhetoric about a fellow American.

Trump said in the tweet that he smiled when Kim "called Swampman Joe Bidan a low IQ individual,

& worse. Perhaps that's sending me a signal?"

Trump regularly uses derisive nicknames to target his political opponents.

Trump's remarks came after U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton said on Saturday that North Korea's recent missile launches violated a U.N. Security Council resolution.

Earlier this month Kim oversaw the first flight of a previously untested weapon - a relatively small, fast missile experts believe will be easier to hide, launch and maneuver in flight. **Agencies**

## British education chief suggests to scrap 'low-value' university courses

LONDON

BRITAIN'S Education Secretary called yesterday for an end to university degrees which leave graduates not earning enough to pay off their student loans.

Damian Hinds said new analysis shows that on more than one in ten of all courses, there is a 75-percent chance that graduates won't be earning enough five years after leaving university to start making loan repayments.

He said universities and higher education providers offering poor value degrees are letting down thousands of students and costing the taxpayer millions.

Hinds (pictured) has called on universities to drop or revamp courses delivering poor value for money.

Graduates must start repaying their loans when they earn 25,000 pounds (31,782 U.S. dollars) or over. The analysis shows that on 40 percent creative arts courses students are not earning enough after five



years to start paying off their loans.

"When young people apply to go to university it is based on the assumption that a degree will set them up for a bright future, but today's analysis shows that isn't always the case," said Hinds.

"The opportunity to study at university should be open to anyone with the talent and potential to benefit from higher education.

With students and taxpayers sharing the cost of higher education it's right that we challenge those institu-

tions which could appear to be more focused on 'getting bums on seats' than getting students into high quality courses worth paying for."

Hinds asked universities to be brave and ask themselves if they're running courses that really help students gain the skills they need for the workforce of tomorrow. "If they're not they should improve them or end them," he noted.

The new analysis has identified around 20 providers where at least three quarters of all students are

still not earning enough to start repaying their loans five years after graduation, a situation Hinds said he believed should be a "wake up call" for universities about their responsibility to deliver the best outcome for students.

Hinds' comments came as an independent panel conducting a review into post-18 education and funding finalises its recommendations to the British government.







Kagera Sugar

## Premier League relegation battle gathers pace

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

THE battle for survival in the 2018/19 Tanzania Premier League will go down to the wire this season following last weekend's results.

There is so much to play for with one more round to play on Tuesday and with the exception of the already relegated African Lyon, the bottom eight teams on the league standing are not safe.

The bottom two teams are directly demoted to the First Division League FDL while the clubs who finish in 17th and 18th positions still have a chance of remaining in the top-flight through the play off ticket.

The 17th and 18th placed teams will compete in the newly introduced promotion/relegation playoff tournament along with two teams seeking promotion from the FDL.

Surprisingly, Kagera Sugar's Tanzania Premier League status is hanging by a thread but the squad still has a chance to maintain it- and survive automatic demotion to the dreaded FDL.

The club, coached by Mecky Mexime, is sitting uncomfortably at the 17th position after losing yet again to JKT Tanzania on Saturday morning.

Even more worrying is the fact that they are just two points above Mwandui, who are occupying 18th place, which is the other automatic relegation spot.

Based on the performances showcased by Kagera Sugar, one would not dare say they are too good not to go down.

At this stage of the season a team that has beaten the league champions home and away should not be worrying about relegation but rather participating in the tournament next season.

With the gap between teams at the bottom being so narrow, everything is still possible.

Mexime, the former Taifa Stars captain and Mtibwa Sugar coach needs a plan to beat Mbaao.

And with Mbaao also not safe, Mexime has to come up with a master plan to see off his opposite number, Salum Mayanga at CCM Kirumba Stadium.

He needs his charges to execute it on the field, something that they have failed to do time and again this season.

Kagera Sugar are struggling away from home having won twice in their last 18 matches on the road. However, they can draw inspiration from the fact they have beaten Mbaao in their own backyard but that was last two seasons ago.

The two teams have met five times in the league and have recorded two victories apiece, making it an even but tricky affair to predict.

Despite the struggle, Kagera Sugar have proved that they have the mental strength to pull off an away win when they defeated Simba at Uhuru Stadium.

This, though, is bigger than facing either Simba or Yanga.

As the lone representative of Kagera, they know they have to give their all in Mwanza. Kagera Sugar are a club that is almost too big to go down. Fifteen consecutive years in the league cannot just end in such a disappointing way.

Even though science dictates that what goes up must come down, this is not the time for Kagera Sugar to go down when Kagera has no other topflight team.

Three points against their fellow relegation strugglers will confirm survival and an end to a sordid couple of months for the club.

## SportPesa hosts Sevilla FC successful tour of Tanzania



Antonio Barradas, Country Manager for LaLiga Africa (L), hands over an award to SportPesa Tanzania's Director of Administration and Compliance, Tarimba Abbas, on behalf of the latter's firm, for successfully hosting Sevilla FC tour of Tanzania. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SPORTPESA

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

DAR ES SALAAM, last week, experienced plenty of fanfare for three consecutive days thanks to Spain's soccer giants Sevilla FC's tour of Tanzania.

The record champions of the UEFA Europa League toured Tanzania for, among others, an international friendly match against domestic giants, Simba.

Leading betting company SportPesa Tanzania hosted the tour.

The visitors had, since their arrival in Dar es Salaam to the day they locked horns with Simba SC, showcased a high level of professionalism, which turns out to be a lesson for their counterparts in Tanzania.

It is obvious most of soccer

fans in the country will talk about the Spanish club's impressive comeback in the encounter with Simba SC, which ended with the former winning 5-4.

The truth, however, is there are many issues accomplished by the visitors in the tour that people can discuss.

We should, for a while, forget a brace by striker John Bocco, incisive passes by Jonas Mkude, Clatous Chama and Haruna Niyonzima, so that we can discuss the tour in details.

The tour has opened a new chapter in partnership between Tanzania Football Federation, TFF, and Spain's Premier League, LaLiga.

In the seminars on soccer management, held at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam on May 22, LaLiga Africa presi-

dent talked about targets for developing the sport in Tanzania through the league's new partnership with TFF.

Domestic soccer officials at the club level, federation and other soccer institutions learned a lot from Sevilla FC president, Jose Castro Camona, and the outfit's Sporting Director, Ramon "Monchi" Rodriguez, on the business side of soccer administration.

The world moreover witnessed youngsters from Tanzania's soccer center, BomBom, take part in training supervised by Sevilla FC coaches at the Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The center's youths accomplished their dream, given they played with such world-class footballers like Munir El Hadaad and Wissam Ben Yedder that joined the

former in the project.

SportPesa Tanzania Director of Administration and Compliance, Tarimba Abbas, pointed out the tour's target was fulfilled.

The visiting outfit's players and officials, Abbas noted, were pleased and learnt a lot from it, much as it was a short tour.

Abbas added domestic soccer stakeholders have learnt several issues on soccer management and SportPesa expects to see the tour turns out to be fruitful.

"Local players have got skills on the sport, officials have also got knowledge on better management of the sport and marketing, to SportPesa, it is truly pleasing," he disclosed.

He disclosed workshops play a vital role in the development of the sport domestically as envisaged by SportPesa.

## Spice Girls respond to complaints about sound at Dublin gig

LONDON

SPICE Girls star Melanie Brown has said she hopes the sound "will be much better" for the group's next gig after some fans complained about the sound during the first show of their tour in Dublin.

The pop group took to the stage for the first time in seven years at Dublin's Croke Park on Friday night to kick off their highly-anticipated stadium reunion tour.

More than 70,000 fans turned out to see Brown, Geri Horner,

Emma Bunton and Melanie Chisholm perform the 1990s group's biggest hits in a dazzling show, which included a number of outfit changes and messages of diversity and unity throughout.

Fans at the concert praised the group for their show, which opened with a performance of Spice Up Your Life and a fireworks display.

However, some took to Twitter to complain about being unable to hear the group during the show, commenting on the poor quality of sound in the stadium.

Brown - otherwise known as Mel B - thanked the group's fans for attending the Dublin show in a video message on Instagram.

She added: "We will see you in Cardiff. And hopefully the vocals and the sound will be much, much better, pfft."

One concertgoer had tweeted that "the sound is awful", adding: "Was perfect for Jess Glynn & is horrific now. Loads of people leaving."

Another tweeted: "Anyone else think the sound is crap at the spicegirls? #spicegirls

#spicegirlsdublin."

Another wrote: "spicegirls at the show in Croke Park and can't hear a word from your mics, turn it up."

However, the concert was largely well-received from those who attended, with one fan tweeting: "Such a surreal night last night at the Spice Girls. Reliving the childhood was amazing, felt so emotional."

"Best night ever #SpiceWorld-Tour2019 #GirlPower #wannadoitagain."

PA

## Virat Kohli sees positives in lower order despite New Zealand drubbing

LONDON

INDIA skipper Virat Kohli preferred to highlight the positives from their six-wicket defeat to New Zealand in a Cricket World Cup warm-up on Saturday and was particularly pleased with the performance of the lower order.

Twice champions India slumped to 39-4 in the 11th over before all-rounders Hardik Pandya (30) and Ravindra Jadeja (54) offered some resistance.

All out for 179 in the 40th over, India were then unable to contain New Zealand's batsmen and a 114-run stand from skipper Kane Williamson (67) and Ross Taylor (71) helped them to victory with nearly 13 overs to spare.

"The one thing we spoke about in a tournament like the World Cup is, you could easily have your top order out for not too many, so the lower order has to look forward to that and I think Hardik batted really well," Kohli said.

"MS (Dhoni) absorbs the pressure really well and Jadeja got a few runs as well, so I think from that point of view, we got a lot out of this game, which is what we wanted to. The lower order getting some runs that was the biggest positive."

Kohli said The Oval surface got easier to bat on as the game progressed.



New Zealand's Ross Taylor in action during their ICC Cricket World Cup warm-up match against India at Kia Oval in London, Britain on Saturday. (Agencies)

"It's going to be very different when batting second and we saw that in the later half of our innings as well," said Kohli, who made 18 before losing his stump to Colin de Grandhomme.

Jadeja said they were not worried despite

the batting collapse.

"The wicket was soft in the first 15-20 overs but it got better and better," said the left-hander.

"Coming from India where you play on flat, low-bounce wickets, suddenly you're in

England and batting first on a spongy wicket.

"It was difficult ... but nothing to worry, we'll do whatever little bit of tuning is needed."

India begin their bid for a third World Cup title against South Africa in Southampton on June 5.

Meanwhile, New Zealand have moved to temper expectations ahead of the Cricket World Cup after their six-wicket victory over India in a warmup match on Saturday, with conditions likely to be more conducive to batting during the tournament.

New Zealand skittled India out for 179 in the 40th over at The Oval with only all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja's 54 saving the tournament favourites from an embarrassingly lower total.

Ross Taylor then top scored with 71 as the 2015 finalists coasted to 180-4 in 38 overs.

The 35-year-old Taylor, however, said New Zealand had the benefit of exploiting a green-topped pitch early on, which saw them reduce Virat Kohli's side to 39-4 in the 11th over.

"It is a warm-up and you have to take what you want out of it," Taylor told reporters. "Time out in the middle for most of the batters is crucial."

Taylor added that familiarity with conditions should benefit tournament hosts England, with New Zealand experiencing a similar boost in 2015 when they played all of

their pool matches, quarter-final and semi-final at home before the final in Melbourne, which they lost by seven wickets to Australia.

"I think that's what makes England the favourites," Taylor said. "They know these conditions very well."

"But there is a lot of cricket and some good cricket needing to be played before we even think about semi-finals and finals."

"If you get off to a good start and get onto a bit of a roll and make the semi-finals then you're only two wins away from lifting the trophy."

Opening bowler Trent Boult, who took 4-33 off 6.2 overs against India, added that pitches around England and Wales were already starting to look dry, which would aid batters as the tournament progressed.

"It was nice to see it swinging around a little bit and I would like to see that everywhere but there are some good wickets around the country ... (and) I think the other wickets look quite dry," Boult said.

"The biggest challenge will be when its not swinging or nipping around a little bit, then how do we take wickets ... (because) we know what early wickets does to any batting side."

New Zealand play West Indies in another warm-up in Bristol while India face Bangladesh in Cardiff, with both games on Tuesday.

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## 'Chelsea want £130m for Hazard'

LONDON

CHELSEA are braced for Real Madrid to step up their pursuit of Eden Hazard after the Europa League final, with the player still hopeful of a swift resolution, sources have told ESPN FC.

Hazard wants his move to Madrid finalised before he joins up with the Belgium squad for their Euro 2020 qualifiers on June 4, but the two clubs remain far apart in their valuations of the 28-year-old.

Chelsea have told Madrid they want as much as £130 million for Hazard, while the Spanish giants have so far refused to go higher than £88m for a player about to enter the final year of his contract.

Any agreement is likelier to be struck in the region of £100m, though Chelsea director Marina Granovskaia is determined to secure the best deal possible for her club's prized asset.

Chelsea are not expected to significantly lower their asking price even if Hazard inspires his team to victory against Arsenal in the Europa League final, and are hoping that Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane's desire to secure the Belgian will encourage the Spanish giants to raise their offer.

Speaking after Chelsea's final Premier League game of the season against Leicester City earlier this month, Hazard revealed he had informed the club of his desire to join Madrid two weeks earlier and is now waiting for them to act upon his wishes.

Sources told ESPN FC earlier this month that Hazard is in regular contact with Zidane and has looked into housing and school options in Madrid. Personal terms are not expected to be an issue.

Meanwhile, Manchester United will not let Romelu Lukaku leave on the cheap if Inter Milan firm up their interest with a formal bid, sources have told ESPN FC.

Antonio Conte is expected to replace Luciano Spalletti at the San Siro after the final round of Serie A games this weekend.

Conte is set to ask his new employers to sign Lukaku -- a target for the Italian when he was in charge at Chelsea -- with Inter favouring a season-long loan deal with an option to sign the Belgian international permanently in 12 months' time.

United, however, will demand a sizeable fee for Lukaku before allowing him to leave this summer.

They paid Everton an initial £75 million for the striker in 2017 but that fee has risen to closer to £90 million after a series of add-ons.

Lukaku would consider a move to Italy because of fears he will not be Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's first choice centre forward next season but the United boss is open to keeping the 26-year-old at Old Trafford.

United have struggled for goals over the past two seasons but Lukaku has still managed to score 42 in 96 games since arriving from Goodison Park.

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## Tuchel extends PSG contract through 2021

PARIS

PARIS Saint-Germain coach Thomas Tuchel has signed a one-year contract extension that will keep him at Parc des Princes until 2021.

The German was originally under contract until 2020 after his appointment last summer, but has been rewarded after a promising debut season -- despite some setbacks.

Tuchel, 45, boasts a strong relationship with the likes of superstars Neymar and Kylian Mbappe. He got his team to show character in fighting back from a slow start to their Champions League group to finishing top before crashing out to Manchester United in the round of 16.

Tuchel said in the wake of the United loss that he plans to stay at Parc des Princes for the long term and is delighted to have added another year to his deal.

"I am very happy and proud of my extension and my commitment to Paris Saint-Germain," he said.

"Thank you to the president and the whole club for the confidence they show me and my staff. This

only reinforces my goal of bringing this team to the top of its ambitions thanks to everyone's work. I am also very touched by the support of the fans. I am convinced that the best is coming for our club."

PSG chairman and CEO Nasser Al-Khelaifi is also pleased with the job that Tuchel has done and expressed his satisfaction with the move.

"The entire Paris Saint-Germain family is delighted today to see Thomas Tuchel extend his contract," he said.

"For a year now, Thomas has been bringing fantastic energy every day, not only to the players, but to the entire club. Our supporters immediately adopted this coach who is always very anxious to share his analysis and emotions with the greatest number.

"Thomas is a huge fan of football, a coach at the same time very demanding and listens to others. Thomas has an expertise of the game as well as very great talents of manager and we are delighted."

PSG ended their season with a 3-1 defeat at Reims on Friday night but finished 16 points clear of runners-up Lille.

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## England must win women's World Cup to support equal pay talks

LONDON

ENGLAND must first win the women's World Cup before they can start a discussion on equal pay with their male counterparts, Lionesses forward Fran Kirby said.

England, who finished in third place in the 2015 edition, are currently ranked third in the women's world rankings and are among the bookmakers' favourites, along with hosts France and United States, to win the World Cup which begins on June 7.

"Ultimately we need to grow the women's game," Kirby told reporters on Friday. "That's the biggest issue, it always has been. Then you can talk about equal pay and everything else.

"We need to win the World Cup to have a leg to stand on in those situations. But if we keep improving the game on and off the pitch, those arguments can start to creep in.

"We're doing the same job as the men but I understand that we're not filling out stadiums -- that makes it difficult to have that argument. As the women's game improves and progresses, then they're the

conversations we can start to have."

The U.S. women's national soccer team, who are the defending champions and ranked number one in the world, sued the country's federation in March with allegations of gender discrimination with complaints about wages and working conditions.

The U.S. players said they have been consistently paid less money than their male counterparts even though their performance has been superior to the men's team and Kirby said winning the World Cup allowed them to make such demands.

"The USA are in dispute at the moment but they're selling out arenas," the 25-year-old added. "They've won the World Cup and have some of the best players in the world in their team. They're in a position to do that."

England begin their World Cup campaign in Group D against Scotland on June 9 before taking on Argentina on June 14 and 2011 champions Japan five days later.

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# Ronaldo's first year at Juventus; Serie A glory, UEFA Champions League despair

BY JAMES HORNCastle, ESPN ITALY WRITER

CRISTIANO Ronaldo was presented with Serie A's inaugural MVP award last weekend. The decision to create a new set of prizes -- recognising the best goalkeeper, defender, midfielder and attacker -- was officially part of the league's latest rebrand but the timing felt like more than a coincidence: Was it an initiative they'd have launched if Ronaldo hadn't moved to Italy last summer?

The new prize helped Ronaldo feel the love and appreciation of his new home while also feeling like a stunt, designed to associate the league -- and not just Juventus -- with the 34-year-old and his huge global profile, which as my colleague Sam Borden wrote, has not escaped scrutiny this season amid the serious allegations brought by Kathryn Mayorga.

Unlike the Gran Gala del Calcio, Italy's main awards ceremony that takes place every winter, the winner was not decided by a players' vote. Accounting firm Ernst & Young crunched the numbers using data from Opta, STATS and Netco Sports to settle on a name, and Ronaldo came out on top.

The result ignited little debate in Italy. Ronaldo is the MVP in a literal sense and in absolute terms. No one is more talented than him in Serie A. He's the most expensive signing in the league's history and its highest-paid player, banking more than three times what the guy with the next-biggest salary makes (Gonzalo Higuain). But in terms of his performances over the course of this season, is he a deserving winner of the MVP crown?

This weekend's final game at Marassi throws the question into stark relief. Juventus finish the campaign away at Sampdoria, who have their own Ronaldo -- the England Under-21 midfielder player who can speak several languages -- and the player the league named its best attacker, Fabio Quagliarella.

Samp fans aren't the only ones to think the veteran had a compelling case for the MVP award, either. Quagliarella matched Gabriel Batistuta's 11-goal scoring record, entered his nominee for goal of the season with a volleyed back-heel against Napoli and will win the Capocannoniere title for top scorer unless something crazy happens on Sunday.

Quagliarella is a goal away from equaling the single-season record at Samp (27) and no one in Serie A history has had as prolific a year at his age. The veteran striker combined for a greater share of his team's goals than any other player in Serie A and still prevails over Ronaldo in the scoring charts even when penalty goals are subtracted from both their



Cristiano Ronaldo

records: Quagliarella converted nine, the Portuguese put away five.

Rather than expand the MVP debate, which we'll leave for next week's end-of-season review column, it's worth pausing here to consider what we expected of Ronaldo instead.

Back in August, the anticipation was he would set new standards in Serie A. Breaking Juventus' single-season scoring record (32 goals), a milestone many had tried and failed to overtake over the past 85 years, surely wouldn't be a problem. The same went for the league record (36) established by Higuain in his final season with Napoli, the man unceremoniously "kicked out" to make room for CR7.

Ultimately, Ronaldo came up short. In his defence, the last Scudetto winner to boast a Capocannoniere was Inter (and Zlatan Ibrahimovic 10 years ago) and Juve are a team that tend to spread the goals around and share the workload in order to be competitive across all fronts. Still, it does come as a surprise to see Ronaldo fourth in the scoring charts behind a 36-year-old, a no-name Pole who came out of nowhere (Krzysztof Piatek) and a mercurial Colombian (Duvan Zapata) enjoying a career year.

We should bear in mind it's Ronaldo's first campaign in a new country, even though the same goes for Piatek, who swapped Cracovia for Genoa last summer and moved to Milan in January. Ronaldo was coming off a World Cup summer and short pre-season, as were a number of other Juventus players.

He needed to get to know the league, a different culture, his new teammates. They needed to understand him and figure out what he wanted from them on the pitch. Massimiliano Allegri had to experiment with systems, partnerships and other combinations in order to help put

him in a position to do his best work without upsetting the balance of the team.

After taking more than five hours to score his first goals in a black-and-white shirt, he went on a tear, ending the first half of the season as the league's top scorer and the most prolific Juventus debutante since John Charles in 1957. But he underwhelmed in the Champions League group stages.

Sent off on his debut against Valencia, he did set up Paulo Dybala's winner against Man United at Old Trafford and scored a magnificent volley -- probably his best goal for the club -- in the reverse fixture. But that game, Juventus' most fluent performance of the season in Allegri's opinion, ended in shock defeat.

Also, if Ronaldo hadn't tried to head in Dybala's wonder strike against Young Boys a fortnight later, they would have drawn and not lost in Berner. In hindsight, that episode feels curiously symbolic. Ronaldo getting in the Argentine's way has been a theme of the season.

The second half of the year was the exact opposite. After his hat trick in the comeback against Atletico Madrid -- the highlight of Ronaldo's season -- he said "this is what they bought me for" and he was right. He scored in both legs against Ajax and is entitled to think he kept his side of the bargain.

After Juve's elimination, Ronaldo's mother claimed he told her "I can't work miracles" and the gesture he made on the pitch, which some interpreted to mean -- let's put this diplomatically -- that his teammates had lost their nerve, spoke volumes.

Meanwhile, in the league, Ronaldo has scored half as many goals in the second half of the season (seven) as in the first (14). A big part of that is down to resting him for the Atleti games in the Champions League or

getting him fit enough to play the Ajax ones after the muscle injury he suffered in March.

Watch his goals again and what you'll see, but for the ballistic missile he launched against Empoli and the aforementioned blast against United, that they're mostly scrappy tap-ins or Ronaldo being first to a set-piece delivery. Five of his past seven goals in all competitions have been headers: the one in Amsterdam, admittedly, a beauty.

It's an odd year to assess because, on the one hand, few would quibble with the idea of Ronaldo being Juve's Player of the Season. You can argue that they miss Giorgio Chiellini more when he is out.

Mario Mandzukic scored bigger goals in grudge matches -- though he was often set up by Ronaldo -- and Wojciech Szczesny distinguished himself in his first full year as the club's No.1. (Recall, though, that the memorable penalty save he made on Higuain against Milan came about in part because Ronaldo instructed him where to dive.)

Ronaldo came to Juve's rescue in Bergamo against Atalanta in the league, as he did in the Champions League against Atleti. He settled the Turin derby and scored the killer goal against Milan at San Siro and in the Super Cup in Saudi Arabia. He was part of a team that went undefeated in the league until mid-March and looked set to break the points record set in Antonio Conte's final year until mid-April.

And yet, there is still a feeling he maybe wasn't as dominant as many people thought he would be in Italy. There was no treble, no Champions League triumph. It was the least successful of Allegri's five years in charge, too, which goes some way to explaining the decision to risk a change of coach.

As Maurizio Crosetti put it in La Repubblica: "If you play worse with Ronaldo than without Ronaldo, if you win less with Ronaldo than without Ronaldo, if you exit the Champions League in a worse way with Ronaldo than without Ronaldo, then you go home. It's as simple as that."

The Champions League is ultimately where Ronaldo should be judged. That was the priority. After all, Juventus didn't sign him to win an eighth consecutive Serie A title. But given that they went out of the cup in January and crashed out of Europe in April, it's understandable that more focus is placed on how he performed in the league.

Still, the song the fans were singing when he arrived was "Portaci la Champions" -- bring us the Champions. Ronaldo has not done that. Not yet, at least.

## Barca's Valverde unfazed by Copa loss: 'I feel fine'

BY COLIN UDOH, SPECIAL TO ESPN

HOW fitting that it was Henry Onyekuru who headed home the winning goal for Galatasaray against rivals Basaksehir, to win the Turkish Cup and claim a domestic double on the weekend.

It was a satisfying conclusion not only to a remarkable game -- which saw the Super Eagles forward denied what seemed an excellent goal on a marginal offside call -- but also to a season that was, for all intents and purposes, a comeback campaign for the young striker.

He is not the biggest of forwards, but Onyekuru's talent for generating destruction within opposition defences -- as evidenced when he rose above bigger men to guide that winner home -- helped propel Galatasaray to this double.

The accomplishment marked a satisfying recovery from a bump in the road that was last season, for both club (actual and parent) and country, and has led to talk of a move to the Bundesliga.

For Onyekuru, 2018 was a season to forget. After rattling off 10 goals for Anderlecht and making his way into international reckoning, he was almost certain to be in contention for Nigeria's World Cup squad... until a torn ACL put paid to those ambitions.

And so, the rest of the season and off-season was dedicated to

recuperating at parent club Everton's Finch Farm, working himself back to full fitness before being sent out on loan again. This time to Galatasaray.

His impact was, as usual, instant. Two goals in his opening three games set the tone for how the season would eventually pan out.

Onyekuru finished with 14 goals and 3 assists in 30 league games, to make him the club's highest scorer. That is four goals and two assists ahead of second-placed Mbaye Diagne. In total, the forward fired home 16 goals and claimed 6 assists in all competitions.

Those goals helped Gala claim their 21st league and 17th cup titles,



Ernesto Valverde

but as much as the silverware are a collective triumph for Galatasaray, they are also very telling personal accomplishments for the 21-year-old.

"This is a dream come true for me,

Gwiji by David Chikoko



# Samatta jets in for AFCON preps

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17:00 ASLEKTI  
17:30 KURASA  
18:00 aNEWS  
18:30 MUSIC  
19:00 EATV SAA I  
19:30 MJADALA  
21:00 UJENZI  
21:30 SPORTS LIVE  
22:30 BONGO HITS

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12:00 Kipanga Xtra  
13:00 Planet Bongo  
16:00 EA Drive  
20:00 Kipanga  
21:00 The Cruise

**88.1FM DAR ES SALAAM**

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

**S**ENIOR national football team 'Taifa Stars' skipper Mbwana Samatta jetted in Dar es Salaam on Saturday night with promises of guiding



Mbwana Samatta

the squad well in the AFCON tournament in Egypt.

The player, who turns out for Belgium topflight side KRC Genk, said he is ready to guide his teammates at Stars in Egypt during the continental showpiece, slated for June 21-July 19.

Samatta, who has just helped KRC Genk clinch the Belgian topflight competition, popularly known as Jupiler, said he is determined to successfully lead Taifa Stars at the AFCON finals.

Many people that included Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports Harrison Mwakyeembe and Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) officials welcomed the skipper.

Taifa Stars that are taking part in the finals after more than 37 years of waiting are in Group C alongside side Senegal, Algeria and Kenya.

"I'm more than ready to lead my teammates to Egypt, yes we may appear underdogs, but the good thing is that everyone is ready for the AFCON finals and in football anything can happen," he said.

He further hailed Tanzanians for supporting him saying the support he gets encourages him

to work harder.

Mwakyeembe hailed Samatta for his success and described the latter as a true son of the land.

The minister noted the player's exploits in the Belgium league have helped to promote Tanzania.

He also said Tanzanians have high expectations on Samatta that he will lead the national team well in Egypt and other assignments.

"I'm happy that you are here, I am also happy that you have carried the national flag well," Mwakyeembe noted.

"It's the hope of the who country that you will led the national team well in Egypt at Afcom finals."

Taifa Stars head coach Emmanuel Amunike unveiled a provisional squad of 39 players who will enter non-residential camp at the end of this month and will days later travel to Egypt for further camping.

The team will start the campaign by locking horns with Senegal on June 23, before facing Kenya four days later and wind group stage games against Algeria on July 1.

## Azam midfielder signs for Horoya



Tafadzwa Kutinyu

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

GUINEA top-flight side, Horoya, have signed Zimbabwe's attacking midfielder, Tafadzwa Kutinyu, from Tanzania Premier League side, Azam Football Club, bringing an end to his two-year spell in the country.

"I am very happy to be here in this big club. I am aware of the challenge ahead, which is continental," he said in Horoya's official statement.

"I would fight for it. I know it's not going to be easy, but with the solidarity of the group we can reach the top. The president and all the staff welcomed me, it's a good sign."

Kutinyu, aged 24, emerged as one of the best attacking midfielders in the Tanzania

Premier League when he joined Singida United last season from Chicken Inn of Zimbabwe.

Singida United, who were then building their ambitious project, snatched him after beating competition from South Africa's side Golden Arrows.

The Zimbabwean was one of the highest paid players at Singida United, earning a reportedly \$3,000 per month.

He was one of the driving forces behind Singida United's qualification for the final of the Federation Cup. The stand out campaign attracted the attention of the domestic giants but it was Azam who managed to get his coveted signature.

He has made 22 competitive

six goals and two assists, in a season that promised much but ended badly after the exit of head coach Hans van der Pluijm. Since Pluijm's exit, Kutinyu barely played for the club.

With his situation deteriorating, he declined a contract renewal and requested an early exit to go back to Zimbabwe and join his country's national team preparations for African Cup of Nations finals.

The midfielder is part of the country's football team's provisional 34-man squad bound for Egypt next month.

Kutinyu is Horoya's third signing of the close season after Congolese striker, Heritier Makambo, and Cameroonian defender, Aminou Bouba, on a two-year deal each.

## Eswatini share spoils with Mauritius in COSAFA Cup opener

DURBAN

A brace from the impressive Ashley Nazira saw Mauritius claim a 2-2 draw in their 2019 COSAFA Cup Group A's opener against Eswatini at the King Zwelithini Stadium on Saturday.

Eswatini scored their goals through Siboniso Mamba and the experienced Felix Badenhorst, and had the better of the play, but could not turn their dominance into three points.

Mauritius led twice and although they had to weather a storm from their opponents, will feel they might have held on for what would have been a precious win.

After a cagey opening, Mauritius took the lead on 28 minutes through the lively Nazira, who beat the offside trap and with a clear run on goal, supplied a neat finish past Sandanezwe Mathabela in the Eswatini goal.

But the lead lasted only two minutes as Eswatini made a set piece count when Mamba headed home from a corner, a simple goal that Mauritius will feel they should have defended better.

Eswatini pressed for the lead before halftime, but the teams went into the break level.

It was more of the same after the break as Kosta Papić's side continued to make the entire running, but was hit by a sucker-punch with 20 minutes to go when Mauritius retook the lead.

Nazira grabbed his second as he turned home a low cross from the right as Eswatini allowed too much space on the flank.

He might have had his hat

trick shortly afterwards, side-footing over the bar with just the goalkeeper to beat.

But once again, the advantage was short-lived as Eswatini drew level again, Badenhorst providing the finish for his seventh career COSAFA Cup goal, and closing in on the all-time record of Zimbabwe's Peter Ndlovu, who scored eight.

As it is, he drew level with Mozambique legend Manuel 'Tico-Tico' Bucuane.

Eswatini continued to push forward in the closing stages and had a number of chances to grab a winner, but did not work the goalkeeper hard enough.

Badenhorst had the ball in the back of the net in the final minute of game, but the goal was correctly ruled out for offside. The COSAFA Cup action continues on Sunday with a double-header in Group B as two matches are played at the King Zwelithini Stadium.

Mozambique and Namibia will kick-off at 14h00 (12h00 GMT) in what is an intriguing clash and a repeat of the 2015 final that was won by the Brave Warriors.

Both teams will believe they should make the next round, and so victory in this one would be a giant step towards achieving that.

The second match is between Malawi and Seychelles at 16h30 (14h30) and will be the test of the islanders' recent improved displays that saw them draw with South Africa late last year.

Seychelles have still only ever won one match in the COSAFA Cup, but will feel they can add to that tally against The Flames.

## Bongo Movies actors, actresses should avoid unethical movies-call

By Correspondent Michael Sikapundwa, Morogoro

DEPUTY Secretary of the ruling party Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Parents' Wing, Najma Murtaza Giga, has warned local actors and actresses against working on unethical movies, which perpetrate moral decay in the society.

Najma made the call in Morogoro recently when she launched an ethics platform, organized by the party's regional parents' wing, which gears towards fighting immoral traits.

The traits, according to Najma, are not related to African traditions and forefathers abhorred the traits.

"As a leader and mother, I have to fight the traits since the new generation has been affected by Western culture and have, in the process, ignored good ethics taught by their parents," she noted.

She disclosed it is a shame to watch some of Bongo Movies actors and actresses dress almost half naked in films, which are watched by children.

She was adamant children are, after a few years, likely to take up the traits.

She called on such other institutions like courts and churches to focus on solving problems brought about by immoral traits.

The institutions, she disclosed, are supposed to be role model to civilians.

Najma noted once one religious leader misbehaves, he or she should be punished in an effort to avoid corrupting the minds of the youths.

She then lamented courts' decision to delay sentencing people that are found guilty of child abuse due to corruption.

"Any court member found delaying sentencing a guilty individual will be punished according to the law, I'm serious about it, as I have assigned people in Mainland Tanzania and the Isles to oversee the issue," she disclosed.

Mvomero District parents' wing secretary Sophia Daniel Bwire said by-laws prohibiting skimpy dresses and local dances, commonly known as 'vigodoro,' have been put in place.

The dances, she noted, contribute to schoolgirls falling prey to early pregnancies.



Deputy Secretary of the Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) Parents' Wing, Najma Murtaza Giga, speaks during the launch of the ethics platform hosted by the party's regional parents' wing in Morogoro recently. The platform gears towards fighting immoral traits in the society. PHOTO: MICHAEL SIKAPUNDWA

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

