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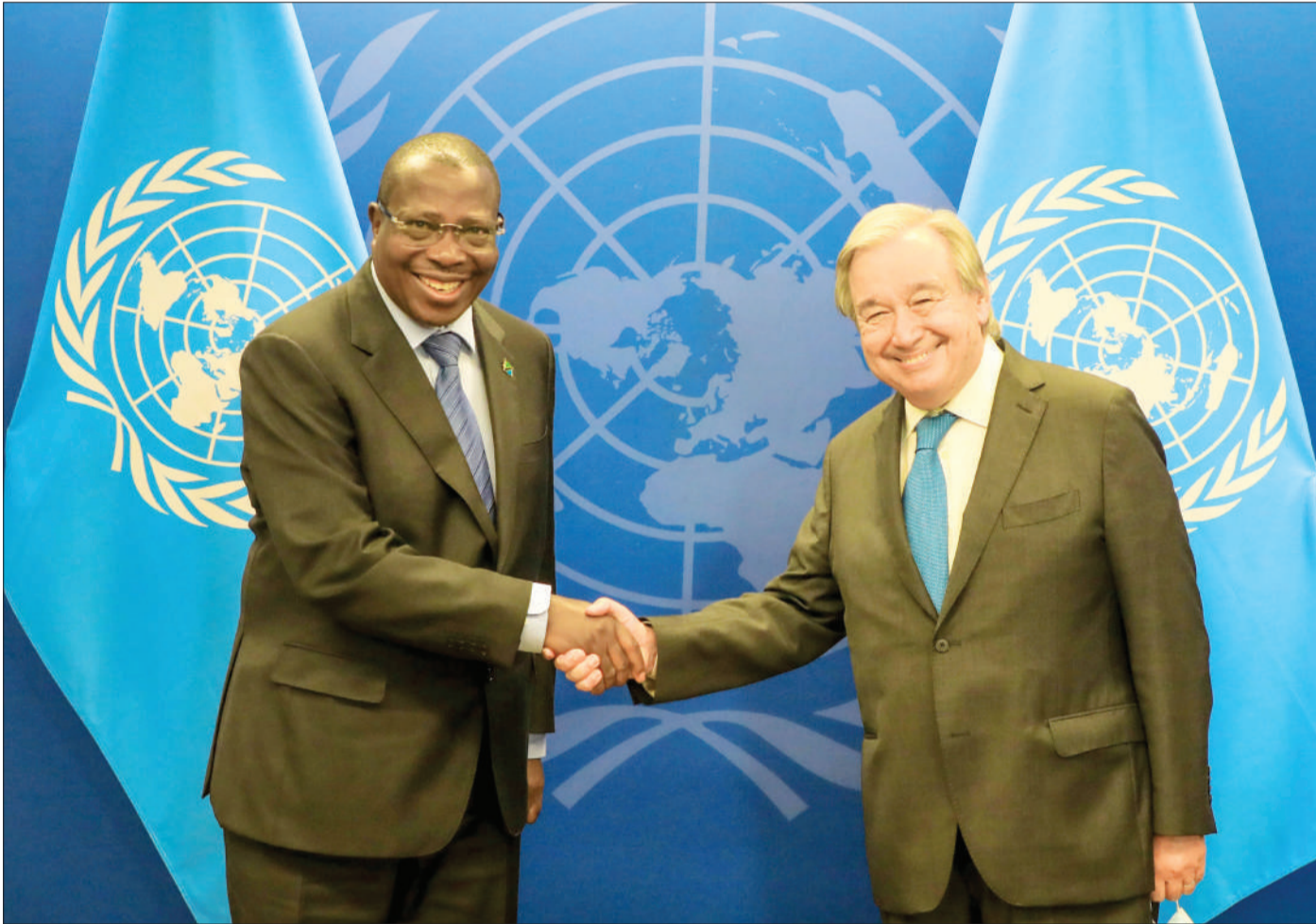


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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango and United Nations Secretary General António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres exchange greetings shortly before they met for talks at the UN Headquarters in New York yesterday. Photo: VPO

Experts advise govt to change ARVs now given to HIV patients

By Felister Peter

IN a situation where one person out of every ten people living with HIV is drug resistant, the government is advised to take measures to change the type of ARVs administered to patients.

Dr Boniface Julu, the country surveillance manager for MDH, a health management voluntary agency backed by the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a federal agency in the United States, issued this appeal at a seminar in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

He was discussing new research findings

on HIV transmission from mother to child showing an 11 per cent rate of transmission, which experts say is linked with HIV treatment drug resistance among pregnant women.

The findings indicate that acquired drug resistance is high among pregnant women who are already on HIV treatment (79.2 percent) compared to pre-treatment drug resistance among pregnant women who were newly diagnosed with HIV (27.5 percent).

Dr Rashid Mfaume, the regional medical officer for the city of Dar es Salaam, said that the research was conducted across the country, with the findings being presented

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Samia meets with Mozambique's Madam Speaker to ratify accords

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday held extended discussions with Esperança Bias Nheuane, Speaker of the Mozambican parliament and highest lady in state functions.

A State House statement circulated yesterday said that the two leaders agreed to strengthen cooperation between the two legislatures to speed up endorsements of accords reached between the two sides to speed up development.

The president said after the meeting that their discussions centred on how the two legislatures can work together, as part of President Samia's three-day state visit to Mozambique.

Observers say the visit highlights the wish to strengthen historical ties of brotherhood

and solidarity, intensifying cooperation in defence and security, along with strengthening commercial interactions.

"We are delighted to be invited to visit the Parliament in Mozambique. I have met my sister Madam Speaker and we had a very fruitful discussion to strengthen cooperation between the two Parliaments," the president declared.

Legislative cooperation is a matter of paramount importance for the ratification of contracts, memoranda of understanding (MoU) and approving national budgets, she stated.

On Wednesday, Tanzania and Mozambique agreed to team up in combating terrorism threats in border areas, with presidents Samia and Filipe

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By Henry Mwangonde, Dodoma

THE National Assembly yesterday elected nine members to represent Tanzania at the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) for the next four years.

Those elected are Angella Kizigha, Nadra Juma Mohammed, Dr Shogo Mlonzi, Dr Abdullah Makame, Machano Ali Machano, Mashaka Ngole (CUF), Ansar Kachwamba, James ole Milya and Dr Ng'waru Maghembe.

Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson said those that the House elected will be there for the people of Tanzania and their participation in the EALA should prioritize Tanzania's interests.

"Tanzania should be at the front of your agenda," she told the newly elected regional representatives, seemingly alluding to the tendency of EALA members taking common viewpoints reflecting

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Put nation's interests ahead of yours, Speaker cautions

exigencies of East African integration protocols

Political parties picked 20 aspirants for the poll, where the 327 MPs were the proper electorate, questioning the candidates seeking to play a role in the regional legislature mandated with the furtherance of EAC objectives.

The EALA function encompasses debating bills from the Secretariat, representing national communities and exercising oversight on the work of the Secretariat.

Candidates vying for nine seats were drawn from the ruling CCM, ACT-

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Gates Foundation wants SDGs 'back on track,' gives \$1.27bn

By Guardian Reporter

THE Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and its partners have announced commitments totalling \$1.27bn for health and other development projects around the world.

Mark Suzman, CEO of the foundation, made this affirmation in a statement as consultations between delegations are taking place on the sidelines of the plenary session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The donation is meant to contribute to efforts by UN agencies to address increasingly overlapping global crises that tend to reverse progress registered towards the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the year 2030.

Heads of governments, philanthropies, corporate entities, a number of global NGOs and community leaders were involved in reaching the total commitments, which observers say are meant to save millions of lives around the world.

The Gates foundation's sixth annual 'Goalkeepers Report' notes that most indicators of the SDGs listed as 'global goals' are off track at the halfway point for achieving them by 2030.

"Despite these challenges, the report highlights opportunities to accelerate progress by investing in long-term solutions and innovative approaches for entrenched issues, including poverty, inequality, and climate change," the statement indicated.

"This week has underscored the urgency of the challenges we face, and the promise of sustainable solutions that save and improve lives," the CEO noted, laying emphasis on the impression that stakeholders can get back on track toward the SDGs, "but it's going to take a new level of collaboration and investment from every sector."

"That's why our foundation is significantly stepping up our commitment to help confront crises now and ensure long-term

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DANGER LURKS ENDLESSLY



A notorious 'style' of serving passengers, particularly pupils, which motorbike taxi riders in many parts of Tanzania have flatly refused to drop despite the high costs it involves - notably in terms of loss of life and limb... A correspondent who identified himself only as Vitus captured this scene at Lucheleele in Nyamagana District, Mwanza Region, yesterday.



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Wazalendo and the Civic United Front (CUF).

CCM aspirants had eight of the nine seats on offer, with candidates from CUF and ACT-Wazalendo battling for the remaining seat, with the CUF picking 11 candidates for the only seat, while ACT-Wazalendo counterpart endorsed Ado Shaibu.

EALA is an organ of the East African Community established

under Article 9 of the treaty, signed on November 30, 1999 and took effect July 7, 2000 with three member states. Four others have joined in the next two decades.

South Sudan joined on April 16 of 2016 while the Democratic Republic of Congo joined last March.

The EALA at present has 54 elected members and eight ex-officio members responsible for various departments in the Secretariat.

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to stakeholders to help them get a clear picture of the problem and take appropriate measures.

The findings show that adolescent mothers, late care seekers and women with advanced HIV remain vulnerable to poor HIV treatment outcomes.

"We recommend strengthened male involvement and peer mother engagement to further improve outcomes of lifelong HIV treatment in routine healthcare," the manager intoned.

MDH focuses on implementing health information system (HIS) projects and its study, 'towards epidemic control: HIV prevention and treatment during pregnancy and breastfeeding' has been making the rounds among experts.

The study assessed the prevalence, patterns and risk factors of pre-treatment drug resistance and acquired drug resistance among pregnant women living with HIV.

The regional official, standing Prof Abel Makubi, the Health ministry permanent secretary, said that despite the wide coverage of Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) services in the country (93 percent), transmission of HIV from mother to child is still high.

HIV drug resistance is the single most noticeable threat to ARV efficacy, he said, noting that Tanzania has made significant strides on progress towards HIV epidemic control goals for 2030.

The country had by July this year nearly attained the 95-95-95 benchmarks set by the United

Nations High Commission for HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), as 90 percent of people living with HIV in the country are aware of their status.

Official estimates affirm that 99 percent of those who are aware of their status are on treatment and 96 percent of those on treatment have substantial viral suppression levels, he said.

By July this year, there were 1.5m people countrywide on HIV treatment, representing 88 percent coverage for an estimated 1.7m people living with HIV, he said, underlining that there is an increase from 61 percent treatment coverage registered in 2017.

"These successes are contributed by our successful nationwide scale-up targeted HIV testing services, including recently the roll-out of HIV self-testing services," he stated.

There is also the scale-up of differentiated service delivery models, optimizing anti-retroviral treatment regimens as well as improved access to timely viral load monitoring for people on HIV treatment across the country, he further noted.

Upwards of 77 percent of infants born to women with HIV obtain early infant diagnosis services, he affirmed, pointing at the need for concerted efforts to work on the gaps hindering progress in ending new HIV infections in children. This would keep mothers with HIV alive and healthy, he pointed out.

Dr David Sando, the MDH CEO, said that despite wide availability of effective antiretroviral medicines preventing HIV transmission, ten out of 100 children born to women with HIV still acquire HIV infection from their mothers.

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Nyusi pledging to cement bilateral ties.

The two heads of state reviewed the political, economic and social situation in the two countries, exchanging views on issues of common interest within Southern Africa, Africa and the world.

The two leaders witnessed the signing of bilateral accords on security and defence on one part and another in search and rescue operations, all of which may have to be tabled in the legislature for intense scrutiny of their provisions.

The presidents agreed on

Tanzanian teachers to give courses on the Swahili language in Mozambique, to make the language more commonplace in education and eventually in other institutions.

There are various sections of Mozambican people who wish they were able to speak the language. This accord will also facilitate the exchange of university students, and also propel investments in the gas and mining sectors.

The two leaders further agreed that exchange of students in higher education was vital to enable young people to live together and reflect the partnership spirit to achieve success.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan has a quick word with the Speaker of Mozambique's National Assembly, Esperança Laurinda Francisco Nhiuane Esperança Bias, moments after arriving at the Mozambican Parliament in Maputo yesterday.

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impact across critical determinants of health and development."

This year's Goalkeepers event convened global leaders and change-makers to discuss current and future efforts to achieve the Global Goals. They included Barbados premier Mia Mottley, Spanish premier Pedro Sanchez, Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates, meeting with more than 300 young change-makers and noted stakeholders from around.

Melinda French Gates, the foundation's co-chairperson, noted that the last time the foundation's stakeholders gathered in person for the Goalkeepers event they discussed how the most well-intentioned programmes can

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perpetuate inequities if the communities they want to reach aren't involved in the design.

"A lot has changed since 2019, but one thing hasn't: We won't make progress toward the Global Goals unless those with lived experiences have a seat at the table. I'm proud of our Goalkeepers Award winners and the many partners from all corners of the world who are working to develop this next generation of leaders."

At the Global Fund replenishment conference, tied to combating HIV,

TB and malaria, governments and the private sector joined together to pledge a record-high level of commitment intended to advance the goal of achieving good health and well-being for all.

The funding will go toward the Global Fund's goal of saving an estimated 20m more lives from building more resilient health systems to prevent future pandemics and putting the world back on track to end these diseases by 2030.

The pledge includes the

foundation's largest commitment yet to the Global Fund of \$912m.

Bill Gates, co-chairman, said that the registered commitment to combat key preventable diseases and save millions more shows that the greatest progress is attained when governments, the private sector and local communities collaborate in global health programs.

The Global Fund replenishment is a great step forward in getting back on track to reach the Sustainable Development Goals," he added.



Zanzibar's Health minister Nasser Ahmed Mazrui (R) holds talks in Zanzibar yesterday with a visiting USAID delegation, chiefly on ways to support the Isles' health sector. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Mwinyi meets new envoys, economic diplomacy on top

By Guardian Reporter

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Mwinyi has called on envoys recently appointed to head diplomatic missions in Zimbabwe, Zambia and the Netherlands to make efforts to advertise the country and seek economic opportunities.

Dr Mwinyi issued the call at Zanzibar state House on Wednesday when he met and held discussions with the delegation of the envoys that included Simon Sirro (Zimbabwe), Lt Gen Mathew Mkingule (Zambia) and Caroline Chipeta (Netherlands).

Dr Mwinyi said that it is essential for the envoys to advertise the country well in the countries they are assigned and maintain good

cooperation, as well as seeking for various economic opportunities for Tanzania including sale of products and provision of services.

He said in implementing economic diplomacy, the government has prioritized the blue economy sector aimed at developing it, hence he stressed for them to work on opportunities therein, including fishing, gas and oil and others.

Dr Mwinyi also called on the new ambassador to the Netherlands, Caroline Chipeta to increase efforts in making sure more tourists from the country visit Tanzania.

He said for a long time, Zanzibar has been receiving many tourists from Europe, including eastern Europe and the US, hence he said

it is essential to increase efforts to increase the number of tourists from Scandinavian countries, calling on the appointed envoys to grab opportunities of markets for cloves and spices in the countries they are assigned to by connecting their traders with those in Zanzibar.

Meanwhile, President Mwinyi appealed to the new envoys to Zimbabwe and Zambia to make sure they maintain the historic relations that have existed and look for business opportunities as well as the maintenance of security.

Meanwhile, the envoys thanked President Mwinyi for the directives and pledged to work on them for the interest of Tanzania and its people.

Govt sets aside funds for renovation of vessels MV Liemba, MT Sangara

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

IN effort to improve transport in Lake Tanganyika, the government has set aside funds for the renovation of MV Liemba and MT Sangara in 2022/2023.

Deputy Minister for Works, Godfrey Kasekenya told the parliament that the government is also investing 105 billion/- to build a new larger ship capable of carrying 600 passengers comfortably in addition to 400 tonnes of cargo to help solve transport woes on Lake Tanganyika waters.

There will also be a second vessel, a dedicated cargo ship that is going to be constructed at the cost of 100 billion /- at Kigoma with capacity to ferry 2,700 tonnes of goods on the continent's deepest lake.

He made the statement in response to a question asked by the Nkasi North MP, Aida Khenan (CHADEMA), who had wanted to know when the government would fulfill the promise to avail the two ships in the lake.

Lake Tanganyika, despite being the deepest in Africa and with the largest volume of fresh water, is also the most used means of transport linking Tanzania, Zambia, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Apart from smaller vessels, the main ship which serves the lengthy lake is MV Liemba which was commissioned by the Colonial German Government back in 1915.

Built in Germany, MV Liemba has seen better days, having served the Lake Tanganyika for 106 years.

Despite its periodic rehabilitations, the ship is clearly past its usable age and thus the state is planning to build two new vessels.

Still on Lake Tanganyika, the government will be rehabilitating an oil tanker, MT Sangara, at the cost of 8.5 billion/-.

MT Sangara is tanker ship commissioned in 1981 with a carrying capacity of 410,000 litres of fuel equivalent to 350 tonnes. The vessel was built in Kigoma in the early eighties by the Belgium Ship Corporation M/S Fulton Marine.

In ferrying people, Liemba sails alongside MV Mwongozo built in 1982, to serve the water body. There are other 16 smaller vessels from the four countries sharing Tanganyika.



Industry, Trade and Investment deputy minister Exaud Kigaha (C) and India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Srikantha Pradhan (2nd-R), pictured moments after cut the ribbon to launch the 23rd AutoExpo Africa 2022 in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Left is Mahesh Desai, chairman of India's Engineering Export Promotion Council. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Govt to purchase special aircraft for cargo haulage

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government is to purchase a special cargo aircraft as it announced yesterday that it had declared the Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA) as one of the strategic airports where cargo airplanes will be landing.

According to Deputy Minister for Works and Transport, Atupele

Mwakibete the envisaged aircraft—Boeing 767 - 300F is expected to land in the country in June 2023 in ensuring that cargo business is flourishing.

Mwakibete was responding to a question asked by Hai MP, Saasisha Mafuwe (CCM) who asked, "Why shouldn't the government declare KIA as a special airport to boost the country's agribusiness by allowing

cargo aircrafts to use the airport without paying landing fees?"

In response, the deputy minister said in efforts to attract cargo business, the government was ready to review landing fees for all cargo aircrafts as it had been proposed by the Hai MP.

"Currently we do not have special cargo aircrafts which have specific schedules to land

at the Kilimanjaro International Airport," he noted, insisting however that the cargo that was coming to KIA was being transported by passenger aircrafts.

Mwakibete added that the number of big passenger aircrafts had increased therefore increasing the cargo volumes at different airports countrywide.

On the MPs suggestion that the government declares KIA as a specific airport for cargo without payment of landing fees, Mwakibete said already the government had made the airport for cargo, although he said plans to review the fees were still ongoing.

EU, FAO roll out €10.6 million to support plant health services reinforcement project

By Correspondent Valentine Dodoma

THE European Union (EU) and Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) have launched a strategic project meant to improve plant health surveillance and PhytoSanitary certification.

Dubbed "Strengthening Plant Health Services in Tanzania for Enhancing Food Security", the three-year €10.6 million (24.4bn/-) worth project aim is to boost the country's agricultural export capacity.

Cedric Merel, head of cooperation at EU delegation in Tanzania said during the launch here on Wednesday that with the project, Tanzania's performance and efficiency of PhytoSanitary control at border posts will be enhanced and aligned to the exigent standards that EU requires.

"Fulfilling the required standards will allow access of Tanzania products to international markets, avoiding risks of interceptions and rejections by official competent authorities in the countries of destinations," the EU official observed.

He stated that, between 2012 and 2017 more than 250 consignments of agriculture products destined to the EU market were seized for administrative on-compliance and evidence of undesired contaminants. This represents in some cases an important economic loss for the country and a risk for the consumers," he added. He said in the implementation of the project, 19 border inspection posts in Tanzania will be equipped with diagnostic and surveillance equipment, 7 cars and 19 motorcycles for surveillance uses have been procured as well as 20 drones surveillance units.

Dr Nyabenyi Tipo, FAO country representative said the project is aimed at opening a new successful chapter for Tanzania to start exporting key economic cash crops to various destinations in EU countries, among others.

She said since 1979, FAO has been working closely in partnership with Tanzania to help improve

performance of key areas in the country's agriculture, chiefly for heightening food adequacy and nutrition.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Anthony Mavunde, observed that implementation of the project was a meaningful stage to help Tanzania meet criteria needed in international agricultural produce markets.

He said that in 2017, the ministry conducted special research which established poor awareness on health plants among local experts and farmers and absence of laboratories for the plant health diagnosis and surveillance facilities, a major challenge placing the country in an uncomfortable position to export agricultural produce to potential international markets.

"With this project, we expect to stand a better side to start exporting crop produce to far international markets, and our prime focus is to increase our crop export value from currently \$1.2 billion annually to at least \$5 billion by 2030. Our determination was also to see the vegetable export value rising from \$700 million to USD \$2 billion," he said.

Mavunde said Tanzania has successfully started to enjoy exporting some crop produce to international markets after it had been accredited by the Southern African Development Community Accreditation Services (SADCAS).

Dr Ephraim Njau, Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticide Authority (TPHPA) director general said the project will expand capacity of the state-owned authority to train the country's plant health inspectors at border posts, improve diagnostic and surveillance facilities at its labs, as well as enhancing field reporting and surveillance efficiency.

Dr Njau said the project will enable the authority to stand a possible chance to adopt modern and innovative data collection and management systems and enhance food safety for export and domestic trade.



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TRA involved in tax disputes relating to massive amounts of money, MPs are told

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) is embroiled in hundreds of tax disputes, amounting to millions of shillings, the parliament heard yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Finance, Hamad Hassan Chande told the lawmakers that as of August, 2022 there were 854 disputes at different stages worth 4.2trn/- and \$ 3.48m/-.

However, he said the government is using different mechanisms to solve the disputes and get it due taxes. He said the Tax Revenue Appeals Board (TRAB) and the Tax Revenue Appeals Tribunal (TRAT) are working on the disputes.

"The increasing or reduction of tax disputes depend on the pace at which the resolutions are made," he said adding that the aim is to ensure

aggrieved parties reach mutual agreement.

The deputy minister was responding to a question raised by the Kisesa MP, Luhaga Mpina (CCM), who had wanted to know why tax disputes take too long to be solved.

He also argued that there were 1,097 tax disputes worth 360 trn/- and \$181.4 million that have taken too long to solve. "Does the government see the need for a quick resolution of tax disputes in the country?" he asked.

In response, the deputy minister expressed the government's commitment to reach peaceful resolution to such disputes.

Experts argue that in most cases tax disputes arise after a tax decision like issuance of tax assessments which may be preceded by a tax audit.

There are various causes of tax disputes including incorrect/arbitrary application of the tax laws by tax officers; issuing tax assessments using incorrect information or without consideration of tax paid.

The understanding of the tax dispute resolution mechanism in Tanzania has never been important given the current government focus on tax collections and its zero-tolerance on non-compliance with tax laws.

While tax disputes are common, if not managed properly they can be costly to taxpayers, both in terms of money and time.

Thus it is imperative for taxpayers to have a thorough knowledge of the requirements of the tax laws to be able to manage tax disputes and reduce the tax exposures to their entities.

Dr Mpango holds conversation with USAID boss

By Guardian Reporter

THE VICE President, Dr Philip Mpango has met and held talks with the Head of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), Samantha Power in New York, the US.

In their discussions, the vice president cited various efforts by the Phase VI government in strengthening the health sector, in particular paternal health by initiating various programmes to save mothers and babies by collaborating with other stakeholders including the M-Mama programme.

Dr Mpango thanked the US government for its cooperation with Tanzania against Covid-19 pandemic by providing 5 million doses of vaccine.

He said the government has placed stress in improving the investment climate by putting in place friendly policies and connecting institutions dealing with investment issues in

order to remove bureaucracy red tape for people seeking to invest in the country.

He also mentioned efforts being done to improve transport infrastructures and energy to be friendly to investors.

In regard to the fight against climate change, the Vice President has invited USAID to work together with Tanzania in accessing friendly technology in the environment that will enable people to continue with economic and social activities without impacting the environment.

Meanwhile, the Head of USAID,

“...the agency supports Tanzania to make it self-sufficient by enabling it access to low price fertiliser to boost the farming sector”

Samantha Power said the institution will continue working together with Tanzania in support of its various efforts for changes in the health and farming sectors.

He said that the agency supports Tanzania to make it self-sufficient by enabling it access to low price fertiliser to boost the farming sector.

Further, the vice president participated in the debate carrying the democracy agenda organised by USAID that also involved various Heads of State and government, conducted on the sidelines of the 77th UN General Assembly (UNGA) Meeting in New York.

In the debate, Dr Mpango said the government of Tanzania has placed stress in changes to boost the economy and democratic governance as well as to make sure the private sector adequately participates in the national building.

Dr Mpango is in US representing President Samia Suluhu Hassan at the 77th UN General Assembly (UNGA) meeting.



Iringa district commissioner Mohamed Hassan Moyo (C) pictured at the Ruaha National Park offices having an audience with division and ward executive officers on a tour of the park on Wednesday. Photo: Correspondent Steven William

Instill democratic culture into children to boost patriotism, parents reminded

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

PARENTS and guardians have been urged to build a democratic culture in children at a tender age to boost public engagement and patriotism in the society.

Dr Lyahwewe Mtahabwa, Education Commissioner in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology made the call yesterday in Dar es Salaam at the launch of HakiElimu report dubbed 'Youth Engagement in Learning and Democratic Processes in Tanzania'.

Dr Mtahabwa said the heart to democracy foundation is something that should start at primary level instead of investing much energy to the youth when at secondary level.

"We will be too late if we decide to build democracy foundations for the youth at secondary school. The foundation should start at primary level," he said.

He added that youth engagement towards democracy depends on their safety and protection as the move will lack meaning if the

foundations who are children will end up facing torture or violence from the community.

"Among the resources human beings were given are children. Nothing is wealthier than children. They are incomparable to mountains or gemstones; it is our task to embrace their childhood to ensure their safety and future," he remarked.

Dr Mtahabwa stressed that it's everyone's task to fight towards the rights of children as he referred to the recent reports of raped and neglected children.

HakiElimu Acting Director, Godfrey Boniventura said report findings have revealed a gap on children engagement upon democratic interests and priorities.

Highlighting democratic practices at family level, Boniventura said findings revealed that some parents are conscious about the full exercise of democratic practices among children with the worry that they can cross borders of parent's domination as per the traditions

and customs.

"Though this may not seem like a democratic issue, it forms students' democratic perceptions and practices because at the family level, it is where the upbringing of children starts and impacts their behaviour, attitude and practices throughout their lives," he said.

He added: "we are advocating in this study that the democratic inclusion of students in Tanzania has to be confined within the boundaries of the current cultural and societal norms."

The study aimed at examining the role of civic education in secondary schools in enhancing youth participation in the democratic process in Tanzania driven by the existing 'youth civic participation knowledge gap'.

The study employed convergent parallel mixed methods designs which provided a comprehensive analysis of the research problem.

It was conducted in six districts of Tanzania mainland namely, Mkuranga, Tabora, Ukerewe, Kilwa, Sumbawanga and Arusha.

A total of 24 public and private secondary schools were involved in the study.

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- * Prepare reference materials for users by writing operating instructions, flowcharts, layouts, diagrams, charts, code comments, and clear code.
- * Undertake other tasks within the scope of the role as directed by management from time to time.

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NOTE: Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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NOTICE OF THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING 2022

[Issued under Article 13 of the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club Constitution, 2017]

NOTICE is hereby given that the **Half Year General Meeting** of the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club will be held at the roof terrace of the Club on **Friday 30th September, 2022** commencing at **6:00PM**.

AGENDA:

1. To read the Notice convening the Meeting and confirmation of the agenda.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 31st March, 2022.
3. Matters arising from 2 above.
4. To receive the Report of the Management Committee for the first six months of the year and the Audited Accounts for 2021 in accordance with Article 13(b)(i) and (ii).
5. At the discretion of the Chairman, to consider any other business of which the Half Yearly General Meeting is competent to discuss.

Issued in Dar es Salaam this 09th day of September 2022

By Order of the Management Committee.


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Ikupa fund donates special delivery bed for PwDs to Benjamin Mkapa Hospital

By Guardian Reporter

IKUPA Trust Fund (ITF) has donated a special delivery bed worth 1.3m/- to the Dodoma-based Benjamin Mkapa Hospital (BMH) to support smooth services to women with disabilities.

The support is part of the funds issued by the Nos Vies en Parage Foundation (NVEP) with the sponsorship of Barrick Gold Corporation's CEO and President, Mark Bristow.

NVEP objective is to tackle social development challenges which affect communities with particular focus being on raising funds for those people, especially women and children, who do not benefit from the economic growth in Africa.

Speaking during the handover event, ITF's founder Stella Ikupa said that the disabled women need special care, while seeking medication.

She said that her organisation will continue extending support to the BMH to become a model hospital in the country in provision of special care to people with disabilities.

"We will continue to support the BMH in order for it to become a model hospital in the country in providing special care to disabled people," said Ikupa, who doubles as Special Seats MP.

Ikupa urged women with disabilities not to worry about giving birth because that is God's instructions and let people know that women with disabilities can do what other women can do.

The event was witnessed by Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups, Amon Mpanju, who doubles as ITF chairman.

Mpanju said the delivery bed will help improve services at the BMH enabling the facility to effectively implement duties of serving people with disabilities.

BMH executive director, Dr Alphonse Chandika expressed gratitude to the ITF for the support, saying BMH would set aside a special delivery room for people with disabilities.



We will continue to support the BMH in order for it to become a model hospital in the country in providing special care to disabled people



Dr Alphonse Chandika (R), Executive Director of Dodoma-based Benjamin Mkapa Hospital, pictured in Dodoma city on Tuesday receiving a delivery bed specially made for people with disabilities from Special Seats legislator Stella Ikupa (C). The support is courtesy of funding by the Nos Vies en Parage Foundation (NVEP) with sponsorship from Barrick Gold Corporation CEO and President Mark Bristow. With them is Amon Mpanju, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Community Development, Gender, Women and Special Groups ministry. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Hold to account negligent officials in water, sanitation authorities - Aweso

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

WATER Minister Jumaa Aweso has called on directors of water and sanitation authorities in the country to hold to account negligent officials who fail to serve the people in regard to water supply challenges, saying water service is essential to every person irrespective of their statuses.

Aweso made the remarks here on Wednesday when addressing water and sanitation authorities directors who met to discuss better water supply service delivery.

He called on them to work on all challenges facing the people in

regard to access to basic service.

The minister also called on them to be closer to the community and create good relations in receiving various reports and complaints in order to deal with them accordingly.



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He further instructed water and sanitation authorities that continue implementing various water projects to complete them as soon as possible because after the current parliament sitting, he will

make an inspection visit to follow up their implementation.

Meanwhile, Water Ministry's Director of Administration and Human Resources Barnabas Ndunguru stressed on the directors to adhere to achievements in their daily work performance.

Some of the water and sanitation authorities' directors including Gertrude Deogratus from Ushiroombo Water and Sanitation Authority (USHIWASA) and Eng. Mayunga Kasilimu from Tabora Water and sanitation Authority (TUWASA) pledged to work on the directives given to ensure better water supply services to the people.

HKMU and Kentucky University sign agreement to collaborate in research, teaching programmes

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

HUBERT Kairuki Memorial University (HKMU) and Kentucky University of Unites States of America (WKU) have signed an agreement to collaborate in research and various teaching programmes.

The agreement was made yesterday at the HKMU premises at Mikocheni Dar es Salaam after the conversations between the two parties.

Speaking to reporters after their conversations, HKMU Vice Chancellor Professor Yohana Mashalla, said they have agreed to collaborate in the area of research and proposal write-up to get funds which will facilitate various researches.

He said the partnership will build capacity for HKMU on how to write good project write ups which will attract different donors to provide funds for researchers.

He said in their partnership they will be able to document various research findings which will help to tell the world what HKMU is doing and promote its activities worldwide.

"We here at HKMU have three goals, teaching, doing researches and do consultancies to government agencies, ministries and international intuitions, so this partnership will help to build our capacity so that we can improve consultancies and other services," he stated.

Either, he said in their conversations they have exchanged experiences on teaching methodologies and various modern technologies to the teaching of students of all levels.

He said among the delegates from WKU there is one Tanzanian Professor, William Mkanta who was the cornerstone in the pioneering of the partnership creation between the two universities.

"This partnership has mutual benefit to HKMU and WKU because in the modern world you can't move alone, you have to go with others. We have discussed what they have and what we have to see the gap and how to fill it," he said.

Professor Mashalla said through

the partnership they will have an exchange programme whereby lecturers from the university will come to teach at HKMU and sometimes HKMU students go to study at WKU.

Meanwhile, Professor William Mkanta, who is the Chairman of Department of Public Health at WKU said he saw the importance of collaboration between the two universities and community.

"I was born in Tanzania and studied here but currently I work at WKU in the USA. Universities are the source of researchers, services and learning that's why we saw the importance to come and look what we can do to work together," he said.

He said at WKU they prepare health and human services professionals who will work to improve the quality of life in their communities and beyond.

"Our vision is to be an innovative leader in the student centered, inter professional preparation of health and human services professionals by providing students with an inclusive, community engaged and inter disciplinary academic experience," he said.



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Arusha regional commissioner John Mongella inspects an "Operation General Mabeyo 2022" National Service basic training passing-out parade at Makuyuni camp in Monduli District yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Asraji Mvungi

School girls in Mara equipped with education to fight against violence

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

OVER 600 school girls in Mara Region have been equipped with self-awareness and defense education so as to help them fight against violence acts and make informed decisions regarding their lives.

The training was organised by the Grumet Fund Company under its community development department through the girls empowerment session programme for students from Bunda and

Serengeti districts.

Speaking during the training, Grumet Fund Company development manager, Frida Mollel urged girls to know their value and be confident to make good decisions about their life instead of waiting for other people to decide for them especially in inappropriate things that destroy their future.

"We have come to empower girls, our aim is to ensure that the girls are trained to know their rights and values, you (girls)

should know that you have the right to education and don't hesitate to say no against the stereotypes that oppress you, including early marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM) and early pregnancy," she insisted.

Serengeti District gender and children desk officer, Sijali Nyambuche taught girls on how they can fight FGM telling them to seriously fight against the acts which may harm their health and lives.

Rehema Koka, head of the

livestock department in Serengeti District, asked school girls to recognise and protest against all oppressive customs and put efforts in studies.

"I know girls face various challenges such as oppressive customs as well as menstrual cycle challenges that affect attendance of the girls in school, but we thank Grumet Fund Company for the support of sanitary pads, these will help reduce the challenge," said Koka.

The girls, on their part, thanked the Grumet fund company for being able to provide them with education and support calling on the government and other stakeholders to organise such training to reach all girls in schools.



Works and Transport minister Prof Makame Mbarawa (2nd-L, foreground, gesturing) pictured in Dodoma city yesterday inspecting one of the vehicles running on electricity following modifications at the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology. This was shortly after he graced the start of two-day celebrations to mark the 19th Annual Engineers Day, an event organised by the Engineers Registration Board under the theme: 'Innovation and Skills Development in Enhancing National Sustainable Economic Development: Engineering Perspective'. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Dar residents praise govt for upgrading Mbezi-Mpiji Magoe road to gravel level

By Geoffrey Mgawe, TUDARCO

DAR ES SALAAM residents have commended the government for improving the Mbezi-Mpiji Magoe road at gravel level, which in the past was in poor condition.

In separate interviews, they thanked the Tanzania National Roads Agency (TANROADS) for constructing the road at gravel level, thus making it passable throughout the year.

One of the local government leaders, Agness Tibaijuka said that construction of the road started last week, adding the job has been completed by 90 percent.

Tibaijuka added that its completion would facilitate transport services for the residents as they have been facing

transport challenges especially during rains.

One of the residents, Jerryson Joel said: "I am happy that we will now enjoy using the road because it was rough and sometimes not passable. We are thankful to the government for constructing the road since we have been appealing for its improvement for years."

Upendo Mrope said that construction of the road would enable them to travel comfortably as well as spend fewer hours to and from work.

Isaya Isaac said: "The road is now good for all users; we can comfortably drive our cars because all the potholes have been repaired."

"Building this road at gravel level makes it easy for us, it makes our life easier," he said.

TRC urged not to hike train fares over poor services

By Guardian Reporter, Kigoma

KIGOMA Region residents have appealed to Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) not to hike train fares due to its poor infrastructures, including the grueling ticket buying process and charging of luggage under 20kgs in weight.

The appeal was made here early this week at a meeting called by TRC and attended by its stakeholders that aimed to discuss train fares for the Central Line in order for them to be raised due to increase of operations costs by 38 per cent, due to the rise of fuel prices.

Speaking on behalf of Kigoma residents, Onesmo Mfumya, a resident of Ujiji Okayed the fares increase but said that TRC should first improve its infrastructures and reduce inconveniences facing passengers.

"There are people who sleep at railway stations' buildings even for three days to buy a ticket, they incur huge expenses as they wait for tickets," he said.

Another stakeholder, Omary Dida said due to poor railways services, TRC should restore the old "work gangs" system along its permanent way for repairs to the line when needed to save time and trust to the passenger service.

Commenting, Msanika Almasi said many people and railway passengers in Kigoma Region depend on train transport to Dar es Salaam and other regions, hence, he urged the corporation to increase number of days for its transport services from two to five per week to reduce inconveniences facing travellers.

Leo Ngowi, the Secretary General of LATRA Council advised the corporation not to hike its fares as this will mean

heaping more expenses to travellers including their fares from villages, and living expenses while waiting to travel.

Meanwhile, Nuhu Hussein, a bus transporter, agreed to TRC 15 per cent fare hike on the reason that the corporation's operation costs were also very high and warned that there will be a time when it will collapse for lack of operation funds.

TRC Senior Commercial manager, Iddi Mzugu said as for now the corporation operation costs has increased from 12bn/- up to 18bn/- per year due to rising fuel costs.

He mentioned benefits for the people from the fare rise as including reliable train services, repairs to its rolling stock including passenger wagons and locomotives and other requisites for better running of rail passenger services.

Charcoal traders must abide by laws, deputy minister declares

By Guardia Reporter

THE Government has appealed to charcoal traders to abide by laid down laws, regulations and procedures as there has been uncontrolled harvesting of forest products, including wanton tree cutting and charcoal burning in disregard of the laws.


The remarks were given yesterday in Parliament by the Deputy Minister for Natural resources and Tourism, Mary Masanja when responding to a question posed by Mbogwe Member of Parliament Nicodemus Maganga.

The deputy minister said uncontrolled charcoal burning has contributed to speedy vanishing of the country's forest areas that has in turn contributed to the effects of climate change.

Regarding the government statement on forest wardens who beat up and rob the people of Mbogwe of their charcoal, she said the government will not hesitate to take stern measures against its employees who break the laws, regulations and procedures.

She also called on members of the public to report to defence and security organs whenever they are subjected to such acts for steps to be taken against the perpetrators.

Answering a question from Tabora Urban MP, Emmanuel Mwakasaka on when will the government issue permits for tourism hunting, Masanja said these permits continue to be issued according to relevant regulations and that so far a total of seven auctions for the permits have been held and the winners given their permits.



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Hond XL 125	DFP A 335	2013	Buguruni - Dar
Hond XL 125	DFP 4714	2007	Buguruni - Dar
Hond XL 125	DFP 5788	2009	Buguruni - Dar
Hond XL 125	DFP 5647	2008	Buguruni - Dar
Hond XL 125	DFP 5780	2009	Buguruni - Dar
Hond XL 125	DFP 7820	2011	Buguruni - Dar
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Sign language should be put to more effective use

MARKING International Day of Sign Languages on (September 23) with each passing year is at times an overwhelmingly specialists' event, with educational institutions and activists from organisations of people living with disabilities also involved.

Tanzania had an auspicious moment of reflection two years ago with the theme for the 2020 commemoration: 'Sign Languages Are For Everyone'.

It is said Tanzania's Education ministry sought to make sign language accessible to all - complete with the launch of the first digital dictionary for students with hearing impairments.

It isn't easy to hear people discussing the development on a routine basis, and that is why a commemoration day is set up at an international level to raise awareness on the issue.

A chronicler says the local digital sign language dictionary is free, available in Kiswahili and English, and accessible through mobile smartphones.

There is also a Curriculum Implementation Guide for secondary school students with hearing impairments that the ministry prepared, essentially to help alleviate illiteracy among those with those targeted.

Some data indicate that 55 per cent of the population with hearing impairments can neither read nor write and that the hard of hearing generally are often isolated and denied the right to use their own language. That could also mean that they don't learn it in the first place for lack of facilities, as it requires special schools and instructors.

Upon its publication, the digital dictionary was understandably received with applause and relief, with a newspaper saying both the digital dictionary and the curriculum guide were huge milestones for the country in the quest for inclusive education.

The paper underscored the need

for the public sector, the media and the wider community to learn and understand sign language to ensure enhanced communication in relation to people with hearing disabilities.

The call is well founded even as adding the learning of sign language to seeking one's daily bread and resting evidently came to a stiff climb.

Another write-up showed the situation at a school for students with visual impairment at a secondary school in Dodoma Region, which is reported as expanding.

The school is owned and run by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania's (ELCT) Diocese of Central Tanganyika, where it is possible to find an above normal learning situation for such students, handing their while canes on hooks outside a doorway. They then proceed to their classroom, touching wooden desks to identify assigned spots.

At least, they have the right facilities, including Braille textbooks perched on shelves and tablets loaded with specially designed apps to help those with partial blindness to see what is on the board.

The write-up says the state-of-the-art facilities are obviously great cause for celebration for these students, as they are many times better positioned than their counterparts elsewhere in the country.

In these days where the government has proved increasingly responsive to long-delayed social welfare needs especially with respect to education, health, roads, water and electricity supply, it is only to be expected that the visually impaired are also fairly catered for

A national disability policy aiming for a conducive learning environment for people with special needs came up in 2004 and was adopted by the ministry in 2009. A decade later, just a few schools had the required facilities. It is time for fast-tracked remedial action.

Enhancing links with Mozambique a matter of fundamental importance

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan and her Mozambican counterpart, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, have just pledged the cementing links between their two countries.

According to data cited at their just-held meeting in Mozambique's capital, Maputo, trade between the two states had declined by half in the past year.

This could be taken as a reflection of the dislocation of economic activity and, implicitly, its impact on welfare not just in Mozambique but also across the border over the past year and half. No plaudits for guessing that the major reason is terrorism.

It is with this background that the two leaders have put up a firmer resolution on inter-state cooperation in some critical spheres, mindful of the fact that doldrums in the entire north of Mozambique disrupt economic activities on our side of the border as well.

When conditions are left to deteriorate and people are disgruntled, a 'new normal' emerges of growing disappointment and despair - which can mean a much worse future.

Neglect is clearly among the more precipitous conditions for groups far from well-intentioned recruiting youths with cash and uniforms to foment, precipitate or fuel all manner of violence.

There was no hiding from the priority issue of the two countries working together in combating terrorism threats in border areas, as the two heads of state reviewed the political, economic and social situation in the two countries.

They exchanged views on issues relating to Africa generally and southern Africa in particular as well as globally, in view of sea-based and other threats against pirates and traffickers.

Bilateral accords were signed on security and defence - including in search and rescue operations. The latter fills gaps in a field-oriented accord, capable of covering targeted operations in a small area.

The decline in trade between the two countries was noticeable, moving from a total of 53bn/- in the year ending June last year to a lowly 26bn/- this year.

Major investments in offshore gas drilling operations were especially being targeted by terror groups, with a regional force already on the area to help dispel the scattered groups of throat slitters. But the cooperation wasn't just about the doom and gloom in the Ruvuma border zone.

Exchanges of students in higher education institutions was also discussed and agreed on, which is seen as vital in reinforcing social and community links when young people live together and generate the partnership spirit they need to succeed.

Similarly uplifting was an accord relating to the dispatching of teachers to spread the knowledge of Kiswahili in the country, as just a few groups of individuals in the northern part of Mozambique speak the language.

The fact that Mozambique and Tanzania are developing cooperation in tourism, a decisive sector in the development efforts of both countries, looks like Alice in the Wonderland in the ongoing security threat in the vast border area.

In part, President Samia's Mozambique visit indicates that Tanzania is ready to do lots more alongside its southern next-door neighbour. It is not just by assisting Mozambique to contain a rabid and widely expanding terror threat but also about taking it as a challenge for its own security.

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Widening the lens on democratic culture, practice

By Jon Allsop

ONLY the other day, the New York Times and the Washington Post ran more or less the same story about the upcoming midterm elections in the US.

The Post asked the Democratic and Republican nominees in nineteen gubernatorial or US Senate races whether they will accept the result in November.

All but one of the Democrats (the one did not respond) said yes, whereas only seven Republicans did likewise, with the other twelve either refusing to commit or not responding at all.

Not to be one-upped, The Times asked both parties' nominees in twenty gubernatorial or Senate races the same question. All the Democrats said yes, whereas six of the Republicans declined to commit and a further six either ignored or batted away the question.

And several of the candidates who said they would accept the results have previously cast doubt on the outcome of the 2020 election - not least Adam Laxalt, the GOP Senate nominee in Nevada.

"Of course he'll accept Nevada's certified election results even if your failing publication won't," a spokesperson for Laxalt told the Times.

The Times's story was paired on the paper's homepage with a much bigger read: a six-thousand-word essay by David Leonhardt, who typically (and sometimes controversially) anchors the paper's flagship morning newsletter, describing "twin threats" to US democracy.

The first, which Leonhardt described as "acute", essentially echoed his colleagues' new reporting on GOP candidates: "a growing movement inside one of the country's two major parties - the Republican Party - to refuse to accept defeat in an election".

The second threat (or set of threats), which Leonhardt described as "chronic but also growing", is subtler - the idea that "the power to set government policy is becoming increasingly disconnected from public opinion".

And Leonhardt devoted much of his essay to laying it out. He wrote that the chronic threats generally spring from enduring features of American government, "some written into the Constitution, but did not conflict with majority opinion to the same degree in past decades".

More populous states, already representationally disadvantaged by the mechanics of the Senate and the Electoral College, have grown disproportionately, further diluting their per-capita political voice.

At the same time, those states have become more liberal while less populous states have become more conservative - a process of "geographic sorting", as Leonhardt put it, that has layered partisan correlation on top of a system that was already antidemocratic.

The less populous states that enjoy outside power are also disproportionately white. Whereas, before 2000 only three presidents won the Electoral College after losing the popular vote, two - both Republicans - have since done so.

The same dynamics have helped bring about disproportionate Republican representation in the Senate, where minority power was already reinforced by the filibuster or delaying tactics. Together, presidents and senators set the direction of the Supreme Court, whose recent influence need not be restated.

Meanwhile, in the House of Representatives, gerrymandering (or manipulation) and geographic sorting have disproportionately hurt Democrats. Similar trends have been observed in many state legislatures, with Republicans then using their control to implement voting restrictions.

In sum, political scientist Steven Levitsky told Leonhardt, the US is "far and away the most counter-majoritarian democracy in the world".

Leonhardt ended his essay with a warning about the intersection of the twin threats: "If the only challenges to democracy involved these chronic, long-developing forces, many experts would be less concerned than they are. American democracy has always been flawed, after all."

He added: "But the slow-building ways in which majority rule is being undermined are happening at the same time that the country faces an immediate threat that has little precedent." Add the two together, and "American democracy has never faced a threat quite like the current one".

Like other critics, I found aspects of Leonhardt's essay to indulge questionable historical framing or contemporary bothsidesism, especially in his analysis of the first, acute threat.

"In some cases, Republicans' claims that they are merely trying to protect American values rely on falsehoods - about election fraud, Biden's supposed 'socialism', Barack Obama's birthplace, and more," Leonhardt wrote, in the essay's weakest passage.

He added: "In others, they are rooted in anxiety over real developments, including illegal immigration and 'cancel culture'."

Other passages, though, were much more clear-eyed about the

acute threat and who is responsible for it; I particularly appreciated the mention of Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin and his "winking references" to Trump's election lies, a departure from much credulous punditry that has cast Youngkin as a savvy, post-Trump moderate.

In the end, the greatest value of Leonhardt's essay came not in its line-by-line framing but in its core concept: its presentation of threats to democracy as a function not only of election subversion but also of unresponsiveness in America's governing institutions - including those that, far from being subverted, are working as intended.

A great many journalists, academics, and commentators have pointed out the unfitnes of America's institutional settlement, and the close links between that and what Leonhardt refers to as the acute crisis of American democracy.

Some have done so in the pages of the Times; in one particularly impressive example, a columnist at the paper has recently laid out provocative and imaginative suggestions for radical reforms of the Supreme Court, the Senate, and the House, starting a dialogue with his readers in the process.

Still, something struck me about Leonhardt's essay, and it lies, I think, in my sense that major news organisations have not to this point done as much as they collectively could have done to convene broad debates about routine institutional dysfunction and how it might be fixed, given how many big current stories are downstream of that dysfunction.

Dissecting the basic failures of democratic institutions and imagining more representative alternatives should not just be a matter for the op-ed pages, or academic symposia, or Sunday morning long reads (though it is good fodder for all of these).

It should also inflect day-to-day coverage of American politics. Sometimes, it does: coverage of the Supreme Court, for instance, often notes that big recent decisions do not reflect majority sentiment in the country.

And yet so much day-to-day political journalism seems mired in either complacency or cynicism; the sense that everything is just fine or the sense that, even if it isn't, nothing can be done about it anyway - at least not at an institutional level.

Reforming some institutions, of course, would require changing the Constitution, which is very hard to do. Still, the press devoting more expansive space, more consistently, to the story of democratic dysfunction and reform has value whether or not prospects for reform are realistic.

It should, simply, be the job of

the media to facilitate big debates about things in society that don't work. The institutional architecture underpinning everything else isn't too big a thing to be debated.

At a time when basic election rules are at risk of collapse, devoting airtime and column centimetres to discussions around, say, radically changing the proportionality mechanics of those rules (as Alaska has recently done) might seem indulgent.

However, as Leonhardt and others have shown, the two discussions are linked. As I've written before, saving democracy requires more of the press than guarding against the most explicit immediate threats to it; it requires scrutiny of how a whole political system is performing what should be its basic functions.

And the latter, we should remember, is an evergreen demand. Sometimes, journalists and commentators frame explicit threats to overturn elections as a question of probability - the likelihood or not of the worst coming to pass, a legitimate yet limiting prism that can easily slide into either complacency or cynicism, depending on your assessment.

Functionality offers a second, universal reason for the media to stay focused on democracy. To borrow the old saw about climate change, whatever the actual extent of the threat, a cleaner environment benefits everyone.

Again, this isn't to say that the media should dilute their focus on the acute threat to coming elections - media critics, myself included, want the urgency around that ratcheted up, not down.

It's to say, rather, that while American democracy might die if a coming election gets overturned, avoiding such a fate won't represent a clean bill of health and thus an excuse for the political media to move away from a democracy focus.

The Times's and Post's weekend stories asking candidates whether they'll accept their results were a useful starting point for democracy coverage - they got (at least some of) the candidates' intentions on the record, and exposed a chasm between the Democrats and the GOP without any more effort than sending both parties the same very basic questionnaire.

But this sort of exercise is also limited. That's true in a narrow, methodological sense: respondents may have lied, of course. Confusingly, J.D. Vance, the Republican Senate nominee in Ohio, is recorded as having committed to accept his result to the Post, but declined to do so to the Times. It's also limited in a much broader sense.

• CJR

You can manoeuvre the system and land your dream job with low GPA

GRADE Point Average (GPA) is a big deal upon graduating. Some potential employers liaise with top universities and colleges to get the list of top performers. That is why there are those lucky fellows who report to work or job training with blue chip companies just a week after graduating.

Those with average and low GPA have to run when others walk in the job market. Because you have a disadvantage already, you have to do something extra to beef up your resume and professional abilities. The aim is not to hoodwink potential employer but to actually be able to perform the task when given.

In our education system, a GPA which is lower than 3 is a disadvantage and might leave the bearer with questions as to whether they will secure employment in their desired fields of study. Unfortunately, some despair and venture into fields they did not study.

As low as the GPA your college awarded you as a graduate, while seeking employment, the job search process should neither come to an end nor should you give up hope of thriving in the job market one day.

I am aware that with our growing economy, the majority of Tanzania students come from average earning families meaning very few of us can afford a master's degree programme abroad or even within the country.

Well, a scholarship programme would save a great deal but doesn't apply here too due to terms and conditions that include high college performance that are often listed in scholarship opportunities.

Well, as the saying goes, where there's a will, there's certainly a way. Commit to seeking mentorship and that mentor has to come from your field of study and the profession you seek to engage in.

Given the experience, your mentor can assist you in drafting a CV that no future employer will resist, guide you through how to tailor your cover letter and CV to match the job role, teach you or direct you to places, sites you can visit to polish skills relevant to the jobs you seek.

I am aware how difficult it might be to find one, but search, ask, network,

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and use your social media profiles if you have to. Go for skill acquisition; seek to acquire professional skills in your field. Good enough, in Tanzania, we have various skill development programmes run by youth that seek to impart knowledge and skills relevant in business and in the job market today.

Some of these programmes are totally serviced for free, all they require from you is your willingness to learn, consistency and the ability to bring in results. Examples include The Launchpad whose main aim is to inspire and positively influence individuals to achieve organizational and individual goals. Another well-known programme is the Shape Fikra that does the same. All these programmes, among others, have social media presence where you can visit and participate plus a majority of



other career bootcamps.

Online programmes are also paving way for skilled professionals and you can be one too. Google has the Google Skills for Africa which has abundant skills to learn and also offers a certificate that is also totally free.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to

learn, information is certainly at your fingertips, the world is indeed a village. We have thousands and millions of online courses. Take the personal initiative to learn today.

American professional basketball player Kevin Durant famously remarked that hard work beats talent when talent

doesn't work hard. Work hard, volunteer, be an intern. Show commitment, passion and dedication. Someone big there will see and appreciate it.

With the right mentor, your CV will be ready and you should certainly go for these kinds of opportunities when they arise, don't miss out. Internships offer you the chance to add a referee list to your CV, network, learn and just so much more.

Volunteering might seem exhausting but who knows what you might acquire from offering free professional services in an organization? Well, whichever opportunity that arises, grab it wholeheartedly and keep in mind that you are seeking to stand out among those whose GPAs speak for them before they enter the room.

You might as well be such a great asset with what you acquired working in these career sharpening opportunities more than an individual with a higher GPA. With this said, hard work will always beat talent when talent doesn't work twice as hard.

Network as much as you can. I cannot stress this enough. Meet people, collect business cards, save contacts, keep communication going and learn about various career events and attend. Use social media platforms, LinkedIn is such a great platform for you to showcase your skills, update your profile every now and then and learn how to navigate through that platform to create a better network of people.

Create a business card of your own and always find a way to chip in what you possess as a professional individual every chance you get in a conversation with potential employers in events. Have a professional online presence too and engage in as much discussions as possible around your professional field.

Don't be ashamed of a low GPA. It's certainly important to be honest about it while you may have to discuss some negative aspects of your career history during a job interview; you should always highlight accomplishments alongside it as well and these tips will make you stand out among the rest.

You might as well explain to your interviewer the transition into more positive aspects of your college experience regardless of the Low GPA. Talk to the interviewing panel about your ability to build other skills and fulfill a number of other accomplishments.

By Guardian Reporter

TOTAL annual climate finance flows in Africa for 2020, domestic and international, were only USD 30 billion, just 11 per cent of the USD 277 billion needed annually, shows research released yesterday by Climate Policy Initiative found that

While the financing gap is significant, Africa's rapid urbanization, expanding infrastructure and energy-access needs offer significant investment opportunities.

Commissioned by Financial Sector Deepening (FSD) Africa, the Children's Investment Fund Foundation, and UK Aid, the 'Landscape of Climate Finance in Africa' released this week is a first-of-its-kind analysis to map climate finance flows in Africa by region, by sector and by source.

By improving the understanding of the volume, sources, thematic uses, and sectoral allocation of these flows, the research will help investors and climate negotiators identify entry points, financing gaps and opportunities for new investments. Crucially, the research also provides a baseline against which to measure progress on climate finance and the success of particular interventions.

Key takeaways from the analysis include that private sector financing remains too low. It contributed only 14 per cent (USD 4.2 billion) of total climate finance in Africa, much lower than in other regions like South Asia (37 per cent), East Asia and Pacific (39 per cent), and Latin America & Caribbean (49 per cent).

Consumer Price Index (CPI) estimates that Africa requires USD277 billion dollars annually to implement its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and meet its 2030 climate goals.

However, the most recent data show annual climate finance stands at only USD30 billion. This gap is likely even greater. Countries often underestimate their climate fi-

Climate finance for Africa needs to grow nine times to meet 2030 goal



nance targets, especially in relation to adaptation, due to data and methodological problems in costing their NDCs.

Investment gaps vary between countries, but all regions receive significantly less finance than they need. The Southern African region bears the largest financing gap in absolute terms.

This is mainly attributed to high climate finance needs of South Africa alone, estimated at USD 107 billion, combined with one of the lowest regional levels of

climate investment.

Climate finance is concentrated with 10 countries accounting for more than 50 per cent of Africa's climate finance. These include Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia and South Africa.

Africa strikes a better balance between adaptation and mitigation than other regions. Mitigation accounted for 49 per cent (USD 14.6 billion) of climate finance flows in Africa, followed by 39 per cent (USD 11.4 billion) towards ad-

aptation, and 12 per cent (USD 3.5 billion) to dual benefits. This is a positive trend, given Africa's disproportionately high vulnerability to climate change. Yet funding for both adaptation and mitigation must still increase by at least six and 13 times, respectively.

There is huge potential to translate Africa's sustainable energy needs into investment opportunities and reduce investments in fossil fuels. Africa will need around USD 133 billion annually in

clean energy investment to meet its energy and climate goals between 2026 and 2030 (IEA, 2022). However, annual investment in renewable energy – arguably the most attractive sector for commercial investors – stands at a mere USD 9.4 billion.

Stakeholders need to boost funding for agriculture, forestry and other land use in particular. Despite the sector's economic and social importance, and implications for food security, gender, biodiversity, and water security, it drew only 16 per cent of the total climate finance in Africa.

Recommendations from the analysis to address the current climate financing gap and accelerate investment into Africa's diverse opportunities include:

CPI's Global Managing Director Barbara Buchner said: "Africa offers a wealth of climate-related investment opportunities. New value chains are taking root as the continent's industrial mix extends beyond extractives and other traditional sectors. However, public and private actors must act with scale and speed to help bring Africa's climate goals to fruition. While the investment opportunities are substantial, the social, economic, and environmental benefits which could be realized are even greater."

FSD Africa CEO Mark Napier said: "Climate finance will be critical for enabling Africa to adapt to the growing impacts of climate change. Public and the much larger sums of private sources of financing remain critical components of climate finance for Africa. The research findings, represented in this new report, the Africa Landscape of Climate Finance, provide the first independent, comprehensive, and accurate analysis of the funding that is currently available to Africa. This data is crucial to set the context for negotiations at COP27 and for our ability to measure global progress on climate finance."

"This report is a crucial one and comes at a time when it is urgently needed, and to inform the discussions and negotiations at COP27 in Egypt," said Valli Moosa, Deputy Chairperson South African Presidential Climate Commission. "Importantly, a report such as this allows us to measure whether the commitments of developed countries to provide finance to developing countries, is indeed being delivered."

Pacific community's agricultural gene bank wins global award

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Safeguarding plentiful, nutritious supplies of food for the present generation of Pacific Islanders and those who come in the future is a frontline goal in the wake of the pandemic and the continual threat of climate extremes to island farming. But the region, where 50 to 70 percent of people depend on agriculture and fisheries for sustenance and income, is now one step ahead in that objective. The region's agricultural gene bank, established by the development organisation, Pacific Community (SPC), is now acclaimed as world-class and a leader in building future food supplies.

The Pacific Community's Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees manages the major research centre for plant genetic biodiversity and repository of seeds, tissue culture, and DNA. The gene bank, which currently conserves more than 2,000 varieties of trees and crops in the Pacific Islands, was the winner of the Innovative Island Research Award at this year's global Island Innovation Awards in April. The new award program was launched last year by former President Bill Clinton and is supported by his New York-based Clinton Global Initiative.

"We won the award because of our strong research programs and our use of tissue culture to conserve plant genetic material. Through research, we are developing tissue culture as a means to sustainably conserve genetic material in the long term. Through tissue culture, we can also improve mass propagation and multiply genetic resources to meet a high level of demand. Tissue culture is also better for the safe distribution and exchange of plant materials across national borders," Logotonu Waqainabele, Program Leader for the Pacific Community's Genetic Resources in Fiji, told IPS.

The awards aim to reward and raise the profile of individuals and organisations who are leading positive change in people's lives in island nations and communities around the world. They are also part of the Clinton Foundation's mission to mobilise innovative and effective solutions to some of the most urgent challenges facing the world. This year, the twenty judges included Anote Tong, former President of the Republic of Kiribati, and James Michel, former President of the Republic of the Seychelles, along with Peter Thompson, the United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, and Maria Concepcion, Program Manager for Oxfam America.

Karen Mapusua, Director of the Pacific Community's Land Resources Division in Fiji, believes the accolade will also bring greater certainty to the future of its work. "I think one of the important benefits will be funding and the sustainability of operations for the gene bank. To move to an increasingly sustainable funding model, we need more investment. And increased awareness of what we can provide, so that people know what we hold in the Pacific, the material, and its availability, for the world to see as well," she told IPS.

"The broadening of our partnership base and attracting of other partners who are willing to support our programs, research and distribution will help us to achieve full food security, added Waqainabele.

The gene bank's services are global: it supplies tissue culture, seeds, and planting materials to countries in all regions. These include all 22 Pacific Island states, but also



The Pacific Community's Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees gene bank conserves more than 2,000 varieties of trees and crops in the Pacific Islands. Credit: Pacific Community

African nations, including Ghana, Nigeria and Burkina Faso, the Caribbean and, in the Asian region, the Philippines, India and Indonesia, among others.

This year, the Pacific Community opened two new facilities to support its international distribution. A molecular laboratory, which provides pathogen testing of genetic material to international standards, and a quarantine greenhouse, which will be a reception centre for new plant imports.

"A key role of the gene bank is to provide material that is safe and clean. Our molecular laboratory screens gene ma-

terial, so that it is safe to send to other countries without diseases," Mapusua explained.

The importance of SPC's work in genetic resources cannot be overestimated. There is no food without seeds. And, looking to the future, 'crop improvement and the delivery of high-quality seeds and planting materials of selected varieties to growers is necessary for ensuring improved crop production and meeting growing environmental challenges,' reports the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The Cook Islands is one of the gene

bank's beneficiaries. It's vital to the "long-term conservation of important genetic resources of the Cook Islands. There are more than 50 clones of taro, bananas or plantain and sweet potatoes from the Cook Islands at the Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees for long-term conservation and future breeding work to improve crop genetic resources in the Pacific and other parts of the world," William Wigmore, Director of Crops Research at the Cook Islands' Ministry of Agriculture, told IPS.

"We also receive [from the gene

bank] new varieties with higher yielding potential and better adaptability, pest, and climate tolerance. These are important food crops for food security," he added.

Now, as the Pacific Islands strive to overcome the economic and social impacts of the pandemic, the reliable provision of seeds for food growing is even more critical. Unemployment and inflation have risen, incomes plummeted, and food supply networks widely disrupted. A World Bank survey in Papua New Guinea in 2020 found that about 25 percent of people who were employed before the onset of the virus had lost their jobs, and 28 percent of households had reduced their food consumption. In the Solomon Islands, the survey revealed that 60 percent of households with children under 5 years had cut back on their intake of essential foods.

In response, many Pacific Island governments have placed a high priority on encouraging the growing of food staples by families. For instance, in Tuvalu, workshops were organised by the government to train youths in agriculture, such as taro planting, and Fiji's Ministry of Agriculture launched a program to provide seedlings direct to households.

"It is critical to provide the planting materials for recovery. It's very important for maintaining food security in the region," Mapusua told IPS. "It was very difficult during the pandemic as we had to fly these planting materials to different countries, but we were still able to sustain the collection and deliver these materials to countries."

But, even before COVID-19 emerged, island nations were confronting numerous threats to agricultural productivity, such as high exposure to extreme climate, natural disasters, pests and diseases and a trend toward greater consumption of imported processed foods. According to the latest findings of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Pacific Island nations are among the 'most vulnerable and exposed to climate change impacts,' which include more frequent and extreme tropical cyclones, heatwaves and droughts, increasing water and food insecurity and the loss of marine and terrestrial biodiversity.

To address all these challenges, the Pacific Community has a long-term vision and action plan which starts with investing in plant research and crop development for the century ahead. "Our role is conservation for the future, but also the development of new varieties. For the future, climate change, food security and nutrition are the biggest issues. So, we have a big focus on conserving our plant diversity to help us develop new varieties which have a high climate resilience," Waqainabele emphasised.



Pacific Community's Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees gene bank supplies tissue culture, seeds, and planting materials to countries in all regions, including 22 Pacific Island states, several African nations, the Caribbean, and, in the Asian region, the Philippines, India and Indonesia, among others. Credit: Pacific Community

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GEF calls for robust strategies for gender equality

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

THE chairperson of the National Advisory Committee on implementation of the Generation Equality Forum (GEF) on economic, justice, and rights, Angelah Kairuki has said it is essential to have in place robust strategies for gender equality in both parts of the Union.

She said that the aim is to simplify the road to gender equality generation in the economy as well as the nation's development in general.

Kairuki made the remarks here recently during her discussion with the Speaker of the Zanzibar House of Representatives, Zubeir Ali Maulid where she went for GEF introduction in the House of the Representatives.

She said the Forum committee that plans to deal with 11 issues has already put in place its own five-year task plan of which stakeholders will also get the opportunity to contribute their views to make sure it is improved.

The Committee with 26 members from both Zanzibar and the mainland stems from global efforts to bring about gender equality; it was formed and launched last year by President Samia Suluhu Hassan.

Citing the 11 issues, Kairuki said they include child care centres, access to safe clean water, electricity, and simple

technology, boosting employment opportunities, investment in education especially in science, Maths, and engineering, and production of goods that can compete in the market.

She said other issues include strengthening women's funds, mobilising for change of misleading customs and traditions, and identifying unpaid jobs.

One of the Committee Members, Abeida Rashid Abdallah, who is Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Zanzibar's Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elders, Gender and Children, requested the House Speaker to advise House Members to adhere to gender equality in the budget as well as in regard to reports submitted to the House in order to realise gender equality aims.

Abeida asked the Speaker of the House to advise members to consider gender equality in the budget as well as the reports presented to the Council in order to achieve the goals of gender equality.

On the part of Zanzibar, the committee involves Deputy Speaker of the house Mgeni Hassan Juma, Abeida Rashid Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Zanzibar's Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Elders, Gender and Children, Tanzania Media Women's Association in Zanzibar (TAMWA-Zanzibar) director Dr Mzuri Issa, Najma Hussein, Executive Director of Zanzibar Women Chambers of Commerce and former NMB's Zanzibar



GEF chairperson Angelah Kairuki (R) and her delegation visited the Speaker of the Zanzibar House of Representatives, Zubeir Ali Maulid. Photo: Guardian

Head, Abdalla Duchi.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam recently during the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)'s conference on Women and Youth in Trade, President Samia, who is also the AfCFTA Champion for Women and Youth in Trade said: "In collaboration with my fellow leaders of the African continent, I will strive to carry this responsibility to the best of my ability to ensure that the participation of women and young people in business is increased or increased in order to raise their incomes."

President Samia said the conference theme: "Women and Youth: The Engine of AfCFTA Trade in Africa" was well chosen as it corresponds with

what Africa needs.

"It is very important and appropriate for women and young people in Africa; it is a theme that clearly explains the main role of women in the African economy in general. As it's an undeniable fact that women and young people invest more for their families, but more women for the areas of education, health and nutrition and to build the economy for the future of society in general."

She said that empowering women and young people economically, primarily through their participation in business, creates guaranteed employment opportunities for everyone. It's my hope that this will lift women and youth in business.

She also emphasized



Eureka Trading Tanzania's Chief Marketing Officer, Alan Oxenham, speaks at the launch of Eureka wine products in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Mauritian wine debuts in local market as competition intensifies

By Guardian Reporter

NEW wine brand christened 'Eureka' has been introduced in the local market where a number of local and foreign brands are already involved in cut throat competition.

Eureka Trading Tanzania Limited's Chief Marketing Officer, Alan Oxenham said as the Mauritian based company celebrates 90 years in the global market, management has decided to join the Tanzanian market.

Oxenham said the mother company of Eureka Trading Tanzania was born in 1932 and the brand has been well known for its hard and soft drinks that have

gained a good market share over the years.

He said leveraging on the experience from Mauritius, the company is delighted to bring the same experience to Tanzania promising customer a more pleasing experience coming from variety of product offerings.

"I am proud to be here tonight as a member of the third generation of the family for the official presentation of our range of products which is being commercialised by Eureka Trading Tanzania, this range of products is particularly successful in Mauritius and I am sure will please the Tanzanian consumers too," he said.

Eureka's varieties include Frizzantégrapefruit, Frizzanté lime, OxanoSemi sweet white, Avino sweet red and Oxenham old port with each of which having a distinct taste and usage to fit different customer needs.

"Our Frizzantégrapefruit is a delightful and delicate rose with bursting aromas of grapefruit, ideal as an aperitif but can also be served with desert. Perfect on hot summer days, it will give you a feeling of freshness second to none," the CMO argued.

The products are currently available in Dar es Salaam with expectations to reach other regions in the near future through agents and franchises.



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Job Purpose
Climate Change impacts rice production through exacerbated and more frequent climate extremes, rising sea levels and temperatures. Understanding future trends is crucial to plan ahead and implement adaptation options to increase resilience of agricultural systems. Working with various national and international partners in different projects, IRRI develops strategies to mitigate climate change (effects) and to adapt to climate change, e.g., through the development and dissemination of climate-smart technologies in rice production.

The Sustainable Impact through Rice-based cropping Systems (SIRS) Platform aims at developing and promoting climate-smart, nature-friendly rice-based farming systems and value chains. Within the platform, the research unit Adaptive Agronomy and Pest Ecology deals specifically with cropping systems analysis, agronomy 'at large', soil science, and pest ecology and management. Within this unit, a research position is open in the field of 'cropping systems agronomy and climate change' (see 'purpose' below), which will be part of a multi-disciplinary team of scientists to optimize production and address climate change challenges.

This position will be based in Tanzania and is open for international applications.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Develop novel, sustainable and climate-smart (mitigation or adaptation) management practices and farming systems in rice-based, rainfed and irrigated ecologies in Africa that boost and sustain production and income. This may involve the shift from transplanting to direct seeding, novel mechanization options, introduction of new stress-tolerant varieties and associated management practices, novel diversified farming systems, etc.
- Develop of dissemination, scaling and partnership approaches (including digital tools), and/or business models for above-mentioned systems that will lead to impact 'at scale', such as improved resilience to climatic change and climatic shocks, improved food security, and reduced poverty
- Develop and lead (scientific and managerial) of a strong multidisciplinary R4D team on climate-smart agriculture at IRRI in Africa that will execute a

well-defined 'climate-smart agriculture' R&D program

- Resource mobilization to support the above-mentioned R4D program.
- Contribute to developing strategic partnerships, knowledge sharing, and capacity development of various stakeholders
- Nurture and initiate collaboration with NARES partners, private sector and development partners, advanced research institutions (ARI) and policymakers in East and South Africa and conduct joint research
- Collaborate with governments, donors, rice R&D partners, and private enterprises to align with client and donor expectations; across CGIAR initiatives and other IRRI projects
- Communicate key messages and project progress with donors, policymakers, and other primary stakeholders
- Coordinate closely with project partners and build a relationship with other stakeholders to ensure research outputs are transferred effectively
- Develop new projects together with IRRI colleagues, ARIs, and NARES in Africa
- Supervise, and mentor junior staff
- Demonstrate scientific leadership through publications and representing IRRI in scientific and strategy forums
- World-class R4D agenda on development and delivery of climate-smart cropping and farming systems in rice-based ecologies in Africa;
- Novel climate-smart cropping and farming systems
- Effective scaling approaches, business models, and partnerships with public and private sector parties, including leading R&D entities (ARIs) in the region
- Articles in peer-reviewed journals, proceedings, technical manuals, and training materials that highlight findings from research activities, showcasing the incumbent's scientific leadership
- An effective resource mobilization strategy and a well-funded portfolio of R4D projects
- A well-functioning and effective R4D team based on principles of mutual trust and respect for gender and inclusion

Qualifications

- PhD in agronomy, cropping systems analysis, soil science, climate change, or related fields with at least 4+ years post-PhD

Skills Required

Mandatory

- Strong background in field oriented research and extension activities
- Have a mix of practical field skills, quantitative abilities; appreciation of interdisciplinary work, and a core commitment to achieving science-led agricultural development
- Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills
- Strong proficiency in written and spoken English

Preferred

- Experience with rice; work experience in a developing country environment

IRRI offers a highly extensive employee benefits package inclusive of globally-covered medical insurance, retirement plan, life and accident insurance and other allowances. Join our team and be part of our story!

Please note only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

This position will remain open until filled.

Civil disobedience - how to make enemies and influence people

ROME

Blocking metros and highways in rush-hour traffic to stop commuters getting to work. Vandalizing petrol pumps to put them out of use.

Halting sporting events such as the French Open and the British Grand Prix. Disrupting bemused art lovers by gluing oneself to priceless masterpieces.

The methods used by the radical climate groups that have sprouted up in many countries in recent years, such as Extinction Rebellion, Just Stop Oil (JSO) and Insulate Britain, seem better suited to alienating people than bringing them on board efforts to stop the looming environmental catastrophe. And alienate people they have.

The reaction to a series of road-block protests in Rome in June by Italy's Ultima Generazione (UG - Last Generation) group is a good example. Videos released by the group have you on the edge of your seat in fear for the protestors. In one, a car drives so close to a young woman sitting in the road

that she appears to go under the vehicle.

In another, motorists violently drag protestors from the highway, with a young male protestor getting pulled away by his pony tail.

The online abuse is high voltage too, with group members getting called everything, from spoilt brats to terrorists.

Many commentators cannot understand why the protests hit ordinary people going about the business, rather than the rich and powerful. Other actions, such as protesters gluing themselves to Sandro Botticelli's Primavera at the Uffizi's gallery or throwing paint over the Ecological Transition Ministry, have generated bafflement too.

The actions have not just come under fire from people unaware of the scale of the environmental crisis.

Even Adrian Ramsay, the co-leader of the Green Party in England and Wales, told The i newspaper that "we don't always agree with their tactics" when asked about Insulate Britain blocking motorways.

But, with the effects of the climate emergency increasingly manifest, these



XR Red Rebels at a climate protest in Rome. Credit: Paul Virgo/IPS.

groups are not worried about being unpopular, as long as their message is heard.

"The main aim of our protests is to break the wall of indifference and polarize people," Beatrice Costantino, a qualified vet who quit her

career to dedicate herself full-time to fighting the climate emergency with UG, told IPS.

"We cannot have a constant, deep discussion on climate and ecological emergency without touching people's emotions. We don't want

to make people feel guilty for driving a car or not doing much to have a lighter carbon footprint. "But we do want them to remember that they're citizens and members of a community.

"So they have rights, as we

live in a democracy, but they also have duties. We cannot offload our social responsibilities anymore and we must accept that our inaction is the biggest part of the problem. We cannot ask the government to change if we don't put enough pressure on it and we are not willing to lose our privileges, our goods and our liberty for the (common) good and the truth".

The group that led that way in adopting non-violent civil disobedience to demand climate action was Extinction Rebellion in the UK in 2018. UG and JSO are among several younger, even more radical groups that are part of the international A22 network.

Stop Old Growth in Canada, Derniere Renovation in France and Declare Emergency in the United States are other members. They are inspired by examples of the successful use of civil resistance in the past, such as with the Suffragettes and the civil rights movement in the United States.

They believe that small groups of determined people can garner the active support of a relatively small proportion of the population, perhaps as low as 1% or 2%, to reach a sort of social tipping

point that generates rapid change.

"We're confident that this is the number of people that we really need for a non-violent revolution, as it has happened like this most of the time in the past," Costantino said.

"When people are constantly bombed by news about climate crisis and people struggling against it, they start looking for more information, discussing it with friends and family, reflecting within themselves".

She says the actions of the A22 network have produced results already.

"In Canada in 2021 more than 1,000 people protested against the destruction of virgin forests, going into the forests, blocking trucks, climbing up trees and tying themselves to them.

"But they received little media attention and lots of Canadians were not aware of the problem or didn't care. "Now the Save Old Growth campaign is disrupting the public with fewer than 70 people. "They have been on the national news, they have been taken to prison and they have shocked the nation. "According to polls, now more than 80% of Canadians are worried about the problem and want the government to stop the destruction of their forests".

Another characteristic of these protestors is their fearlessness when it comes to putting their safety and freedom on the line.

Indeed, many have faced prison for the cause, including 51 JSO supporters jailed on September 15 after taking action at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal in Britain.

Whether the majority like these tactics or not, with more protests planned in the coming weeks and months, we are certain to hear more about these groups. "What's the price of inaction?" said Costantino.

"If we don't cut emissions immediately, more than three billion people will be forced to leave their homes by 2070. "We must open our eyes and understand that our parents, our children, our loved ones are going to die in huge numbers if we don't act now".

THE GUARDIAN SIMPLE WORD FIT // THE GUARDIAN CROSSWORD --00 361 00--

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

3 LETTERS: ART, HUT, RIB
 4 LETTERS: COST, TING, LEAD, TASS, STAR, ROME, UNIT, (7 WORDS)
 5 LETTERS: ASIDE, DOORS, TSARS, SKULL GRAIE (5 WORDS)
 6 LETTERS: ENDURE, ARREST, BEAGLE, SERENE ASSIGN (5 WORDS)
 7 LETTERS: MEXICAN
 8 LETTERS: HARANGUE
 10 LETTERS: CALAMITIES

CLUES: Across
 1 able to operate independently
 5 a list of meals
 7 a tripod frame used to support an artist's canvas
 8 Chief city of Jordan
 10 the whole quantity
 11 an inlet
 13 group of musicians playing together
 15 an enzyme which breaks down RNA into smaller molecules
 17 afflicted
 19 the chief male character in a book
 20 the chemical element of atomic number 68

Down:
 1 an unspecified amount
 2 former monetary unit of India
 3 a thing that is borrowed
 4 an instrument for sewing
 6 community of Muslims
 7 festival of the Christian church celebrating the resurrection of Christ
 9 unusual
 12 ended, stopped
 14 person who donates something
 16 beard in Kiswahili
 17 exclamation expressing triumph
 18 a kind of rock in which metal is found

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FIFA WORLD CUP VISITORS ARE INCREASING BUYING PROPERTY IN DUBAI

DUBAI

Several football lovers, who are looking to base themselves in Dubai for the Qatar World Cup, are choosing to buy property in the city. This is strengthening the already robust real estate market of Dubai, according to experts.

"Dubai's real estate investment throughout the country is projected to exceed Dh300 billion by the year-end," said Arash Jalili, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Unique Properties. "With Dubai and the entire UAE being recognized among the leading destinations across the globe, and several real estate developments rising up post-pandemic, the property market is poised to flourish in the short- and long-term."

However, none of these purchases are a spur of the moment decisions, according to another property expert. "These are people who have realized the potential of a long-term investment in the UAE," said Shabna Ibrahim, a property consultant from AI Properties. "They have done their research and they know that buying a property in Dubai is going to give them



long-term return. So, they decide that they will buy an apartment or villa here, stay there when they visit here for the World Cup and then rent it out the rest of the time."

The Fifa World Cup, which occurs only once every four years, has historically been a great boost to the economy of its hosts. Qatar is no different, with the country expecting \$17 billion to be injected into its economy. However, due to limited accommodation in the peninsula, UAE and other neighbouring countries stand to benefit immensely from the event.

"We have been getting a lot of calls for short term rentals from

the people who are attending Qatar World Cup," said Jeff Raju Kuruvilla, Sales Manager at Positive Properties. "Several of these clients have already asked me details of new projects and the process of investing in property in Dubai. It is clear that they are very interested in investing here."

Clients of High Net Worth Due to the nature of the event and its price points, most of those who will attend the Qatar World Cup are High Net Worth Individuals (HNWI), according to Jalili.

"Finals tickets for the 2018 World Cup ranged from Dh600 to Dh4,000; in comparison, the

cheapest QWC finals ticket for non-Qatar residents start upwards of Dh2,200 and can cost up to Dh6,000," he said. "The pandemic and people's desire to return to normalcy can be attributed as factors that have caused these price spikes. For this reason, HNWIs will likely represent a large majority of those in attendance."

This translates into the kind of property they are looking at too. "With HNWIs classified as people who have between \$1 million and \$5 million of fortune, luxury properties are typically their purchase preference," added Jalili.

The average age of homeowners in the UAE has reduced in recent times. "The average age of first-time property buyers has dropped from early 40s to mid 30s," said Ibrahim. "Their age plays a role in the areas that they look to invest in as well. Younger buyers prefer areas that they see as happening like Dubai Marina, Business Bay and Downtown with metro access. However, the seasoned investors are ready to take a bigger risk and invest in areas that are

not fully developed like Dubai South as they are looking at capital appreciation. Dubai South has been extremely popular with our international clients in recent times."

Investing in Dubai One of the major reasons why international visitors are opting to buy when they come to visit Dubai is due to the reputation of the city worldwide.

"Dubai has positioned itself as a really place to invest in and a lot of people are ready to put their money here because they know it is a secure investment," said Ibrahim.

Some other factors also influence their decision, according to Jalili. "These individuals often purchase luxury developments due to their lavish infrastructure and appeal as assets for long-term investment," he said. "In addition to the prospect of property as an asset, investment in the UAE is increasingly appealing with the country's Golden Visa program, new regulations that will enable dual citizenship, and favourable tax advantages that few other countries offer."

US-based EdTech OneScreen enters the Tanzanian market

By Correspondent Geoffrey Nangai

US-based EdTech Company OneScreen yesterday launched all-in-one interactive video collaboration solutions targeting Government, health, education, emergencies and businesses across the country.

Speaking during the launch of the company's services in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the OneScreen Regional Director Business Development Armughan Muhammad said the launch of the company's products reiterates its commitment to supporting efficiency and enhancing service delivery in Tanzania.

He said his company has evolved from a hardware-focused thinking to offering today's intricate combination of software and hardware to create seamless services.

"OneScreen solutions offer the flexibility to customers to communicate. As a company, we believe that the next generation should have smart tools like ours readily available," he said.

He said the company's solutions have been designed in a simple manner allowing conversion of the old technology making them user-friendly to all users.

"We are committed to ensuring that those who invest in this solution use 80 per cent of the features available," he added. In terms of after sales care, Muhammad said the company's products come with a three-year warranty re-affirming company's confidence in its products.

"We will repair our products or replace them. This is a life-time commitment from us," he said.

Asked on whether the solution is the first of its kind in the Tanzanian market, Mohammad said, "It is not but it's very unique to the market in terms of product offering such as operating systems, speed, response and after sales support."

On his side, Said Seleman, the Technical Head of Office Depot Limited, the authorized distributor of the solution during the event said the company's solutions offer a platform for users to share multiple devices on both iOS and Windows operating systems.

"The world is growing so fast thanks to the rapid evolution of technology, as a company, we felt duty bound to partner with OneScreen to offer this wireless and user-friendly solution to enhance efficiency," he said.

Seleman said his company is now set to roll out the all in one interactive video collaboration solution to various regions across the country including Dodoma, Mbeya, Mwanza and Zanzibar.

CBE completes construction of Mbeya Campus

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

THE College of Business Education (CBE) announced that has completed the construction of its campus in Mbeya by using internal funds.

This was announced yesterday in Dar es Salaam by the College Rector, Professor, Emmanuel Mjema, when speaking about the fundraising climax for girls' hostel scheduled to take place this Saturday in Mbeya.

The campus has the capacity to accommodate 2,000 students and have already enrolled 1,000 students taking various courses. He said the new building will be officially opened by Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa on 08th October.

Professor Mjema said the building involves administration block, lecture rooms, Library and workers officers adding that the building cost 1.4Bn/

"I would like to announce that we have completed the construction of our campus in Mbeya and the environment is good for our students because the infrastructures are new and modern so we argue people to help us in the construction of girls hostels," said Professor Mjema

He said they have started with the construction of girls' hostel because of their vulnerability compared to male students when they stay off campus but later on they will build males hostel.

Speaking about the fundraising which will have its climax this Saturday, Professor Mjema said the situation is encouraging because many people have showed



College of Business Education rector Prof. Emmanuel Mjema (C) speaks at a recent press conference. He is with Deputy Rector for Planning, Academic and Finance, Dr Emmanuel Munishi and (R) is Public Relation Manager Leonidas Tibanga. (Photo; Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole)

interest to contribute and some have promised to show up in Mbeya this Saturday.

"We are thankful because the response is so good so far because many people have contacted us and ask for procedures on how they can contribute through MNM number 20601100030 au MPESA 977992 and we ask others who will hear this information to contribute and help our girls stay in main campus," he said

CBE has three campuses of Mbeya, Mwanza and Dodoma and soon it will start the construction of another Campus in Zanzibar after they have awarded land by the

Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

Last week, Professor Mjema told reporters that they have organized fundraising to collect 1.2Bn for construction of girls' hostel in their Mbeya campus.

He said the Speaker of the National Assembly Dr. Tulia Ackson is the patron of the CBE Mbeya campus and she has been in the forefront to solicit funds from various stakeholders for the construction of the girls' hostel.

Professor Mjema said many diploma and certificate students are at adolescent stages so it becomes very difficult for them to

stay off campus while pursuing their studies.

Either, he said the college has done all efforts to reach various stakeholders including institutions, public and private agencies to solicit funds for the construction of the hostel.

"We have engaged honorable members of parliament who are important stakeholders in education sector and we would like to ask others well-wishers to join hand with us in this campaign to make our dreams come true for the benefit of our girls," he said.

He congratulated various stakeholders who have already contributed in the fundraising and those who have promised to contribute.

Professor Mjema mentioned donors who have already contributed as NMB, Weigh and Measures Agency (WMA), Business Registration and Licensing Authority (BRELA), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), National Housing Cooperation (NHC), St John University, CBE members of the board, CBE alumnae and current student, Mbeya Regional Commissioner, Mbeya, Juma Homera, who have donated 5,000,000.

"I would like to congratulate Mbeya RC Juma Homera and Tanzania Education Authority TEA, Bahati Geuzye they have been very close to us to make sure this mission is successfully," he said.

Vodacom spends 174bn/- on 4G upgrading, infrastructure enhancing

By Guardian Reporter

Vodacom Tanzania Plc has invested a total of 174bn/- capital expenditure during the year ending March this year directed towards improving the quality of its network by accelerating 4G site roll-out and upgrade as well as enhancing IT infrastructure.

Speaking after the end of the company Annual General Meeting held yesterday in Dar es Salaam, the company acting managing director Hilda Bujiku this was done to go hand in hand with the increasing demand for data services.

She said this was complemented by rural connectivity programme which already span 1,680 sites, including 283

sites built in collaboration with the government through the Universal Communication Services Access Fund (UCSAF), to widen connectivity for the deep rural communities.

"We continue leveraging our wider network and digital ecosystem to transform the lives of Tanzanians beyond our connectivity with a focus on education, health and environment," she said in a press release.

According to her, data revenue grew by 18.9 percent which is largely driven by increased demands for data services.

"Data usage per customer increased by 22.3 percent resulting from increased smartphone adoption as well as continuous investment in our network.

Smartphone users increased by 12.1 percent to 4.1 million users, representing penetration of 54.2 percent of our data customers," she said.

She said despite the pressure on revenue, the successful execution of the company's strategy has continued to deliver good results in other key areas, helping the company to move closer to achieving its vision of leading Tanzania into a digital age and change lives through technology.

It was announced during the AGM that there will be no dividends for this year, as the company made loss during the year contributed by the pressure on revenue.

However, the company reports that has paid out a total of 549.3bn/- as

dividend to its shareholder in the last five years, including 400bn/- paid as special dividend.

The company reporter service revenue of 956.5bn/- which was down 1 percent compared with the previous year earning largely impacted by a 103.8bn/- revenue loss from levies imposed on mobile money services starting July 2021.

Board chairman Justice (Retired) Thomas Mihayo said the company managed to maintain its leading position in terms of market share and customer satisfaction opinion, measured by a tool called Net Promoter Score (NPS).

"I believe that the company delivered a pleasing performance against a challenging business environment. This

performance reflects the resilience of our business model, the strength of our management team and the quality of our execution as we strive to promote digital and financial inclusion," he said.

The financial year 2021/2022 was characterized by introduction of mobile levy whose impact was immediately felt with citizen calling for review of the rates.

The company financial results show M-Pesa revenue declined by 7.6 percent while those from non-traditional M-pesa services proved resilient to the impact of the levies, with strong growth of 26.1 percent in revenue from lending services driven product including Songesha and M-Pawa.

GOVERNMENT INVITES INVESTORS IN SMART, GREEN TECHNOLOGIES

By Francis Kajubi

THE government has said smart and green innovative technologies are inevitable to realize its National Development Vision 2025 goal, as it now invites investors to come and explore vast opportunities in the agriculture value chain and other sectors.

Inaugurating the 23rd East African International Trade Exhibition 2022 that kicked-off yesterday in Dar es Salaam, Deputy Minister Industry, Trade and Investment Exaud Kigahe (pictured) said that for the country to tackle current and future climate change threats, the government is encouraging smart technologies that favour the use of clean energy.

The minister shared the government's clean energy perspective as he was addressing over 90 foreign firms most from India and the United Kingdom who are in Dar es Salaam for three days to showcase technologies and machineries for the agriculture sector, mining, manufacturing, transport, construction and auto mechanic sectors.

"Tanzania needs the infrastructure that is environmentally friendly. We



encourage both existing investors and those who wish to come to Tanzania to focus on investing into smart climate technologies and invent machines that are not only affordable, but those that rely on clean energy for operations," said Kigahe.

Kigahe called upon the firms to establish close ties with the Tanzanian private sector through sharing experiences, technologies and entering agreements that will lead to growth of local companies to the regional and global

levels.

Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) Director General Charles Itembe welcomed the over 90 companies to come and establish factories of the same products that they have come to exhibit as Tanzania is the gateway to the East African countries where they can find a large market far from the local market.

Itembe said at EPZA there are a number of incentives that are subject to investors who are coming to produce for

exports.

"We have incentives for investors who come to invest for exports through special economic zones (SEZ). Some of these privileges that they can enjoy is the 10-year term corporate tax exemption. However, we have an import duty exemption on imported capital goods for investors entering the country through EPZA, ZIPA and TIC," said Itembe.

He asserted that the authority is rich in land of up to 100 acres that investors may need to establish a special economic zone. According to him, the authority owns plenty of land in Bagamoyo special economic zone, Kwala, Nala, Ruvuma and Ruvuma special economic zones.

However, the authority has land at the Mtwara Free Port Zone, Bunda special economic zone and Kigoma special economic zone for blue economy investors.

Replying to Kigahe's appeal on technologies, Engineering Export Products Council of India (EEPC) Chairman Mahesh Desai said the council has entered a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (TCCIA) targeting at transferring and adopting

Indian engineering innovative technologies into Tanzania's market.

He said EEPC is specialized in new technologies that can help SMEs, young graduates and peasants to afford low-cost machinery for production. Operating through different platforms such as the Indian Engineering Exhibition (INDEE), EEPC is coordinating INDEE in Dar es Salaam for the first time to showcase technologies and machineries at the 23rd East African International Trade Exhibition.

He said the INDEE in Dar es Salaam is not only about selling machinery but strengthening relationships between Indian firms, Tanzania institutions and technology innovators and the EEPC itself.

"We want to share our experience in technology with Tanzania. EEPC has more than 10,000 members that Tanzanian firms can choose to work with in the engineering sector. TCCIA and India go back to a mutual relationship," said Desai.

He said that the MoU with TCCIA has set a proper approach to expedite and carry forward the businesses and agreements that will emanate from the INDEE and ensure there is smooth take off.

NBC Bank launches scheme for financing of agricultural equipment

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Commercial Bank (NBC) in collaboration with KANU Equipment have signed a memorandum of understanding to provide cheap loans to farmers for the purchase of agricultural inputs to increase productivity and efficiency.

Speaking at the event held at the NBC Bank Headquarters in Dar es Salaam, NBC Bank's Director of Business Division Elvis Nduguru said; "We at NBC Bank, being the biggest stakeholders in agriculture in the country, appreciate and recognize the contribution of agriculture to the national income."

Agriculture contributes more than 65 percent of economic production and provides more than 75 percent of employment.

"Agriculture is the backbone of our nation. Recently, the government through the Minister of Agriculture has announced a special plan to improve agriculture known as the "10/30 Agenda" which aims to increase the growth of the agricultural sector from 5 to 10 percent by the year 2030," he said.

"We, NBC Bank, being the largest stakeholders in agriculture in the country, have seen it is good to support these efforts of our government by collaborating with KANU, who are experts in selling agricultural equipment to provide cheap loans to increase efficiency in production. Through this agreement, buyers of agricultural inputs through KANU across the country, including tractors, will be able to get cheap and quick loans to buy equipment within fourteen days."

Previously, the Head of the Bank's Agriculture Division, Raymond Urassa said; "This agreement we are signing will enable farmers and traders in the agriculture value chain to acquire farming tools and inputs at a low cost and at the right time. Our goal is to ensure that the farmer gets his tractor within fourteen days while they have a friendly time for loan repayment according to the season of the relevant crop."

KANU Equipment representative Edson Nalogwa said; "NBC Bank is the right partner in the development of agriculture in the country if they have various products to help promote the sector".

"These loans are friendly and have favorable conditions, including the instrument itself to be used as a guarantee for the loan," he said.

NBC Bank is a major agricultural stakeholder in the country, as it is among of top banks providing large portion of loans to the agricultural sector and its entire value chain.

Son loses Sh2bn tycoon's estate fight

NAIROBI

The son of the late Kiambu tycoon Mbugua Mwangi has lost a court fight seeking to reverse the distribution of a Sh2.1 billion estate.

Justice Wilfrida Okwany rejected an application by Daniel Mwangi Mbugua who claimed that an out-of-court deal reached between his siblings was made without his knowledge since he had dropped the lawyer who acted on his behalf in the talks.

The late billionaire, through his firm Ndunde Investments, owned Paradise Lost along Kiambu Road that is within a coffee farm, Misarara Coffee Estate, Sugaror Ranch in Laikipia, among other possessions indicted in court papers to have a combined value of at least Sh2.1 billion.

Mwangi died intestate leaving his wife who also passed on before distributing the assets.

The court said before consent was recorded and adopted, the siblings were engaged in negotiations.

The judge said from the evidence on record, it was clear that the law firm, which represented Mr Mwangi was involved in the whole process.

"There is no evidence to show that the applicant had withdrawn his instructions to the said law firm at the time the consent was recorded," the judge said.

Justice Okwany said there is no proof that there was fraud or collusion to warrant the setting aside of the consent.

Mr Mwangi is battling with his siblings Isaac Gichia Mbugua, Joseph Mba, Elizabeth Wanjiku, Catherine Wanjiru and Gladys Wangare over the multi-billion shilling property among them Ndunde Investments Ltd.

They owned thousands of acres of prime



land, including at least 2,475 acres in Laikipia county and over 165 acres in Kiambu. The family also owned an acre in Karen, another half-acre in Runda, 25 apartments in Kangemi and 260 acres in Kiambu Misarara Farm.

Mr Mwangi wanted the court to discharge the consent dated September 23, 2020, and all transactions arising from the agreement.

He argued that the parties in the fight for the estate had no legal mandate to

deal with the estate of his mother, Ms Christine Mithiri Mbugua because no grant of letters of administration has been issued.

Ms Wanjiku opposed the application and stated that Ndunde Investment is a family company and that all respondents are children of Christine, who owned 25 percent shares in the company.

She said all siblings had knowledge of the proposed distribution of the as-

sets of the company even before their mother passed on.

Ms Wanjiku added that it is Mwangi who gave instructions to the law firm to act on his behalf and other shareholders had acted on the terms of the consent and are in possession of their respective properties.

His argument was supported by Mr Gichia saying the law firm was properly on record.

Airtel to disburse 1.5bn/- to mobile money customers

By Guardian Correspondent

Airtel Tanzania the Smartphone Network is set to disburse 1.5bn/- to Airtel Money customers, Agents and stakeholders for their loyalty in use of Airtel Money services.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam while announcing the move yesterday, Airtel Money Tanzania Director Isack Nchunda said the interest will be disbursed to all Airtel Money customers, Agents and Stakeholders who have been using the services across the country for a period between April and June 2022.

Airtel has been giving back accrued interest to all Airtel Money custom-

ers and agents since 2015. Airtel gives back to Airtel Money customers and agents depending on the amount of balance one has on Airtel Money account on daily basis.

Nchunda said that customers can use their dividends on buying different bundles and airtime, paying different bills or making transactions through Airtel Money including sending money to family, friends or business while enjoying sending and receiving money without government levy as Airtel Money will be paying for customers who send money Airtel to Airtel up to 29,999/-.

Speaking at the same occasion, Airtel Communications Director Ms, Bea-

trice Singano said that "every Airtel Money customers and agents will receive portion of this interest through their Airtel Money wallet/accounts from today".

Airtel Money agents will also receive their interest direct in their Airtel Money accounts as usual, and with that note, I call on them to continue offering the best services to our customers countrywide in the coming quarter so that they may continue enjoying their Airtel Money share quarterly," said Singano.

"I take this opportunity to comment Airtel customers, agents and stakeholders for trusting us and continue using our services", added Singano.



Airtel communication director Beatrice Singano addresses journalists in Dar es Salaam when announcing the disbursement of 1.5bn/- to Airtel Money customers, Agents and stakeholders for the period of April to June 2022. Left is Airtel Money services director Isack Nchunda.

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OIL PIPELINE FABRICATION, CONSTRUCTION MARKET TO HIT \$59.47BN

NEW YORK

The global oil and gas pipeline fabrication and construction market size is expected to grow by \$59.47 billion between 2021 and 2026.

However, the growth momentum is expected to decelerate at a CAGR of 4.82% during the forecast period.

The report considers active rig count number of oil wells, upstream CAPEX, revenue generated by upstream E&P companies, and investments in the oil and gas sector to estimate the market size. Understand the scope of the full report.

Technavio has announced its latest market research report titled Global Oil Gas Pipeline Fabrication and

The market is fragmented due to the presence of several vendors occupying the competitive landscape.

Vendors in the market are adopting growth strategies such as M&As, forming partnerships, and business expansion to attain market dominance and enhance their shares.

The report identifies

A.Hakpark B.V., AECOM, Barnard Construction Co. Inc., Bechtel Corp., Bonatti Joint Stock Co., Fluor Corp., Gateway Companies LLC, KAD Construction LLC, Larsen and Toubro Ltd., Ledcor Group, MasTec Inc., McDermott International Inc., Michels Corp., Primoris Services Corp, Shengli Oil and Gas Pipe Holdings Ltd., Snelson Companies Inc., Strike Inc., Sunland Construction Inc., Tenaris SA, and AES Corp. as dominant vendors.

Growing natural gas consumption has been instrumental in driving the growth of the market.

The demand for natural gas is on the rise globally, especially in developing regions such as APAC. This is due to the rising need for energy security and environmental benefits associated with the use of natural gas.

By 2030, the consumption of natural gas is expected to be significant compared to all fuel types.

Thus, the rising consumption of natural gas is expected to increase the demand for oil



and gas pipeline fabrication and construction during the forecast period.

However, issues related to pipeline transportation might hamper the market growth. Competitors have to focus on differentiating their product offerings with unique value propositions to strengthen their foothold in the market.

Market vendors also have to leverage the existing growth prospects in the fast-growing segments, while maintaining their positions in the slow-growing segments.

The market growth in the oil segment will be significant over the forecast period. The segment is driven by the increasing consumption of oil.

The global oil consumption was increased to 5.5 million barrels per day in 2021. This is expected to further increase by 3.3 million barrels per day in 2022.

The increased application of petroleum-based products in various industries is propelling the market demand in the segment.

The Middle East and Africa is the dominant region, occupying 36% of the global market share. The region has a large number of pipeline projects that have been planned or are in progress.

In addition, the increased investments in unconventional natural gas reserves and rising construction activities will have a positive impact on the growth of the regional market.

Canada real estate investments hit new highs

VANCOUVER

The real estate world in BC and Canada at large has been very focused on supply chain issues and rising interest rates this year, but new real estate market investment statistics show that those factors did not noticeably affect the market in terms of transactions.

According to a new report published by Avison Young, BC saw approximately \$8.29B worth of commercial real estate investment in the first half of 2022, across a "near-record" amount of 458 transactions.

Those transaction types include investments in the following markets: office, retail, industrial, land, and multi-family.

Real estate investment in BC office spaces was quieter in the first half of 2022 compared to the same period last year.

Between January 1 and June 30, BC recorded a total of 20 transactions totaling a value of \$475M, compared to 31 transactions for \$771M in the first half of 2021, which is about a 33% decrease in the amount of transactions.

As a percentage of all sales, investment in office space also decreased, representing 12.7% of total sales in the first half of 2021, but just 6% in 2022.

This waning can be primarily attributed to a lack of supply, Avison Young says. Downtown Vancouver is the traditional hotspot, but Avison Young notes that nearly a third of office transactions in the first half of this year occurred outside of Metro Vancouver, in places like Victoria, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Kelowna, and Kamloops.



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The biggest such sale was a \$10.1M deal for the Yates Centre in Victoria, which was acquired by an institutional buyer in January.

Within Downtown Vancouver, however, the largest office sale was that of the 16-storey, 147,088-sq.-ft building on 1185 West Georgia Street for \$135M. A different Avison Young report that focused on the office market alone in the first half of 2022 found that Downtown Vancouver is adding high-end supply faster than absorption can keep up with, resulting in a high vacancy of class AAA office space.

Absorption was starting to catch up in the first half of the year, but more office buildings are set to add to Downtown Vancouver's supply before the end of the year, such as The Stack, but have yet to reach full occupancy.

Investment in the retail market was "exceptionally strong" in the first half of the year, Avison Young says. The first half of 2022 saw \$892M of investment in the retail space, not much more than the \$885M in the first half of 2021,

but there was a large increase in the volume of transactions, with 2021 registering 41 deals and 2022 registering 59 at mid-year.

Avison Young says that although the pandemic changed how people shop, with fears that it would destroy brick-and-mortar retail, investment statistics such as that increase in transactions are showing that those fears have turned into confidence. The Province of BC announced in late August that it had a surprising budgetary surplus of \$1.3B, with a re-opened economy also cited as a significant reason.

Similar to the office market, however, a significant amount of that activity in the first half of the year occurred in secondary markets, primarily due to there generally being more land available the farther away from Downtown Vancouver you get.

To that tune, Vancouver still saw the highest amount of transactions, with close to 15 of the 59 deals, but the highest-value transaction was a \$30.8M

transaction for the Wing Sang Building in Chinatown, which is set to be turned into Canada's first major Chinese-Canadian museum.

Meanwhile, outside of Vancouver, multiple deals involved significantly more money. Those include the sale of New Westminster's Columbia Square for \$136M, Valley Fair Mall in Maple Ridge for \$76M, Trenant Park Square in Delta for \$70M, and Logan Creek Plaza in Langley for \$57.3M.

Both industrial and land markets were hot in the first half of the year, according to statistics. The BC industrial market saw 79 deals for a total value of \$1.26B, up slightly from the 73 deals and \$1.1B at the same point in 2021. Last year saw an unprecedented 154 deals for \$2.3B for the entire year, which means we are currently on pace to surpass that.

"Demand for development lands as well as for complete buildings for industrial remains strong as product continues to improve and increase in quality and efficiency," says Avison Young. "However, demand for strata units is not quite as strong, making up a much smaller portion of the market."

For land, which is primarily valued-based on redevelopment potential, BC registered 61 ICI (Industrial, Commercial, Investment) deals for a total of \$1.36B in the first half of 2022, while the residential sphere registered 182 deals for a total of \$2.88B.

Noteworthy is that unlike the office and retail space, transactions for land occurred primarily within Metro Vancouver.

In 2021, Avison Young estimates that 51% of ICI land deals occurred in Metro Vancouver, but so far this year that number has increased to 83%. That was the case for residential land deals as well – despite increasing interest outside the region – with only 8% of sales occurring outside Metro Vancouver.

UAE accelerates development of huge gas field

DUBAI

Continued high gas prices in Europe in the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February have prompted several major European oil and gas companies to expedite the development of gas projects in the Middle East, with Italian major Eni's latest announcement regarding the UAE being the latest example.

According to comments from the company, its chief executive officer, Claudio Descalzi, met last week with his counterpart from the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), Sultan al-Jaber, in Abu Dhabi, to discuss speeding up the development of the Ghasha sour gas project, and the Offshore Block 2 project.

The Ghasha concession is the world's largest offshore sour gas development, comprising not just the Ghasha field itself but also the Hail, Hair Dalma, Satah, Bu Haseer, Nasr, SARB, Shuwaihat, and Mubarraz fields as well.

First production from it had been expected to begin in 2025, with the target being the production of at least 1.5 billion cubic feet per day (bcf/d) of gas by 2030. Eni is the holder of the largest foreign share of the ADNOC-led project, with a 25 percent stake, followed by Germany's Wintershall Dea (10 percent), Austria's OMV (5 percent), and Russia's Lukoil (5 percent).

ADNOC's al-Jaber confirmed recently that: "ADNOC is committed to unlocking the UAE's abundant natural gas reserves to enable domestic gas self-sufficiency, industrial growth and diversification, as well as to meet growing global gas demand."

The Ghasha concession was one of the key projects that was part of the US\$2 billion of drilling contracts handed out recently by ADNOC as part of the UAE's plans to help OPEC's third-biggest producer achieve gas self-sufficiency, and after that to look to exporting the surplus.

Becoming self-sufficient in gas is part of the UAE's broader 'Operation 300 Billion' plan that intends to raise the contribution of the country's industrial sector to AED300 billion (US\$81 billion) from the current AED133 billion within the next 10 years.

This objective, in turn, is part of the UAE's Circular Economy Policy 2021-2031, and will be achieved in large part through the creation of 13,500 industrial companies over that period, covering the manufacturing, construction, electricity, gas, mining and quarrying sectors in the first instance.

All of this aligns with the ADNOC's broader plans to expand its hydrocarbons (and low-carbon) businesses, for which it has announced spending plans of \$127 billion between this year and the end of 2026.

Self-sufficiency in gas will also allow the UAE to build out a strategic petrochemicals sector and to avoid being reliant on Qatar for the gas that it requires for its electricity grid.

This drive towards self-sufficiency in the gas sector was energised after the huge shallow gas field discovery made in 2020 in Jebel Ali, which, according to statements from the companies developing the site – ADNOC, and the Dubai Supply Authority – holds around 80 trillion cubic feet of gas across a 5,000 square kilometre area between Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

World's largest battery-electric mine truck to be unveiled in 2024

JOHANNESBURG

The world's largest battery-electric truck for underground mining is on its way to becoming commercially available in 2024.

Sandvik's 65 t TH665B machine removes between 1 t and 2 t of carbon dioxide (CO₂) a day, along with heat and noise.

"When we talk about sustainability and electrifying mining, we focus a lot on what we can reduce, such as CO₂

emissions, heat and noise. That's one side of the coin, and that's great.

"But what's important to emphasise, too, is that you can also increase a lot of things. Battery-electric machines have more power, which provides the potential to improve performance, speed and tons moved," Sandvik VP strategy and commercial for the battery and hybrid/electric-vehicles business unit of Sandvik Mining & Rock Solutions Jakob Rutqvist highlighted to Mining Weekly in a Zoom interview.

(Also watch attached Creamer Media video.)

By the end of this year, Sandvik will have three proven battery-electric production units to help satisfy the rapidly increasing demand for decarbonisation – a 4 t loader, 18 t loader and 50 t truck.

The 65 t truck will be the next big product launch, amid the company's overall commitment to provide – by the end of 2025 – an offering covering all the major size classes, with the ex-

ception of low-profile machines.

"Low profile is one of the potential next steps beyond 2025," said Rutqvist.

The official unveiling of the 65 t battery-electric truck was one of the attractions of this month's Electra Mining Africa exhibition in Johannesburg, which was attended by more than 30 000 people at a time when major mining companies the world over are going all out to meet their net-zero decarbonisation commitments.

WORLD

World leaders pledge billions to fight AIDS, TB and malaria

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THE Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria on Wednesday reached US\$14.25 billion pledged as world leaders seek to fight the killer diseases after progress was knocked off course by the COVID-19 pandemic.

US President Joe Biden, who hosted the conference in New York on the sidelines of the annual high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, said the funding is crucial to combating the diseases.

"This is an investment that will save another 20 million lives, reduce mortality from these diseases another 64 percent in the next four years," Biden said.

The United States had previously said it would pledge US\$6 billion for the next funding cycle.

The fund, a public/private alliance based in Geneva, is seeking US\$18 billion for its next three-year funding cycle from governments,

civil society and the private sector. Before Wednesday's conference, it had already raised more than a third of the total.

The Global Fund said the US\$14.25 billion figure is likely to increase as more donations are expected.

"For the government and people of Malawi, this is not a conference but a life saver," Lazarus Chakwera, the president of Malawi, said earlier in the day, pledging US\$1 million.

According to UNAIDS, there were 990,000 adults and children in Malawi living with HIV in 2021, and USAID says that tuberculosis is a "major public health problem in Malawi."

European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen pledged 715 million euros (US\$703.63 million) to the fund, which she said was an increase of 30 percent from its previous pledge.

"We can cure tuberculosis. We can prevent malaria. We can fight these terrible diseases. We will end AIDS, we will end tuberculosis, we will end malaria - once and for all," she said.



(From left) Bill Gates, Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida, French President Emmanuel Macron, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, President Joe Biden, Connie Mudenda (RED) ambassador, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Global Fund Executive Director Peter Sands pose for a photo during the Global Fund's Seventh Replenishment Conference on Wednesday, in New York. AP

In its 2022 report, the Global Fund said the reach of its treatment and prevention efforts rebounded last year after declining for the first time in almost 20 years in 2020, but the world is still not on track to defeat these diseases.

French President Emmanuel Macron pledged another 300 million euros, bringing France's total contribution for the funding period to 1.6 billion euros.

Nigeria pledged US\$13.2 million, the Netherlands pledged 180 million euros and Indonesia pledged US\$15.5 million, alongside private sector pledges.

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The fund estimates its work has saved around 50 million lives since its inception in 2002.

But in 2020, the numbers treated for tuberculosis fell by 19 percent, to 4.5 million. In 2021, this went back up by 12 percent, to 5.3 million - still just below the 5.5 million pre-pandemic number.

While malaria and AIDS programs did exceed 2019 levels, the pandemic's impact means they are still off-track from ending the diseases by 2030.

The fund has also warned the conflict in Ukraine and the global food crisis could exacerbate the situation. Infectious diseases are usually much deadlier for people whose bodies are weakened by malnutrition, and they also do not respond as well to treatment or prevention efforts.

Agencies

Wang Yi: China seeks common growth with other nations

NEW YORK

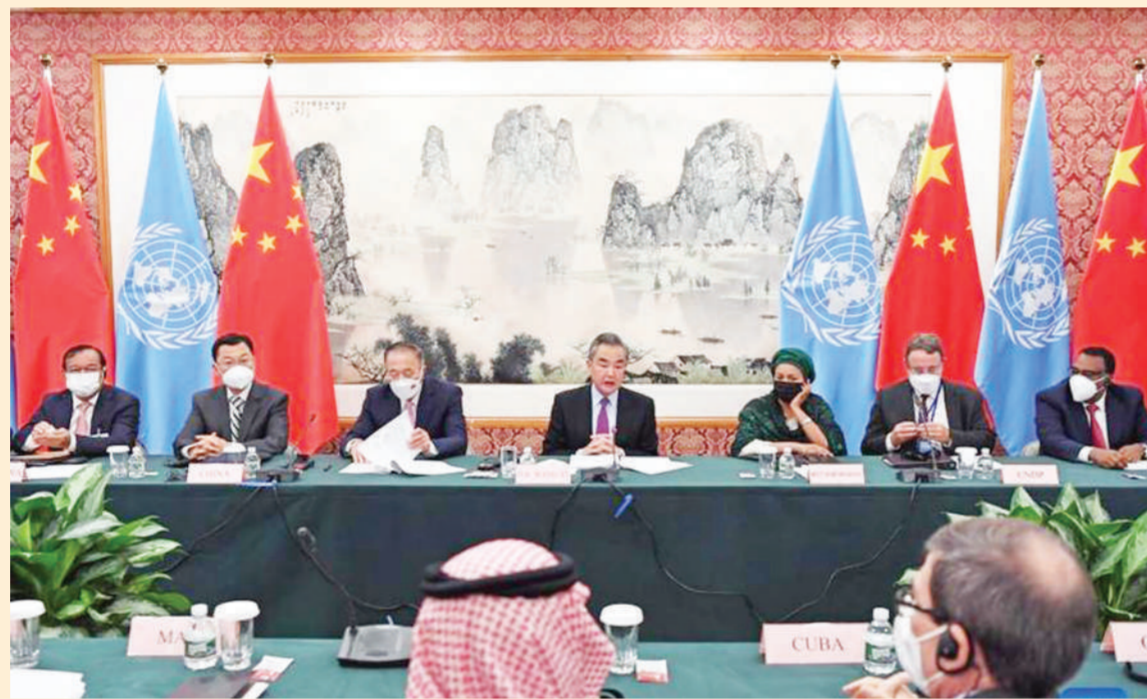
STATE Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi reiterated on Tuesday China's willingness to firmly stand with developing countries to implement the Global Development Initiative with all-out efforts, saying that no country can be left behind on the path toward development.

Wang made the remark as he chaired the ministerial meeting of the Group of Friends of the GDI in New York on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly meeting. The GDI was first put forward by President Xi Jinping in a speech at the UN General Assembly on Sept 21 last year.

In the year since it was unveiled, the initiative has received support from more than 100 countries and multiple international organizations, including the UN, and the Group of Friends has grown to 60 member states, Wang said.

At a critical time when developing countries face severe challenges in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, Wang called for greater efforts to push forward the initiative that aims to support developing countries in poverty alleviation, food security, COVID-19 response, climate change and other issues.

Wang said that China has worked with international part-



Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi chairs the Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Friends of the Global Development Initiative in New York, the United States, on Tuesday. XINHUA

ners to implement the GDI by setting up platforms for cooperation, increasing the gathering of resources and addressing pressing challenges facing developing countries.

A cooperation center has been established between China and Pacific Island countries to deal with climate change, and China has engaged in joint production of COVID-19 vaccines with 13 countries, including nine from the

Group of Friends of the GDI, he said.

The Group of Friends also recently made a collective appeal at the UN General Assembly for the international community to jointly respond to the global food crisis.

Wang said that China, the country that first proposed the GDI and the world's largest developing country, will further strengthen its strategic synergy with the

UN's development institutions and take a series of new measures to help implement the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

These measures include launching 50 projects focusing pragmatic cooperation in fields such as poverty alleviation and industrialization, a special campaign to promote food production and the proposal to establish a world league focused on digital

education, he said.

Concerted global efforts are required for promoting the GDI, Wang said, and it is expected that developed countries will participate in GDI projects and expand their assistance to developing countries, especially to least-developed and small island countries.

Wang also expressed his hope that international and regional organizations such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank will be actively involved in GDI cooperation and provide greater financial support for developing countries.

In a video message sent to the meeting, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres underscored the importance of solidarity and a renewed multilateralism amid multiple crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the climate emergency, growing numbers of the poor and hungry, and rising social unrest.

"The holistic Global Development Initiative is a valued contribution to addressing common challenges and accelerating the transition to a more sustainable and inclusive future," he said.

The meeting was attended by foreign ministers from nearly 40 countries, the group's member states' permanent representatives to the UN and heads of several UN institutions. Xinhua

Former Rwandan minister in court over corruption charges

KIGALI

A Rwandan court in the capital Kigali Wednesday started the trial of the former state minister Edouard Bamporiki who is facing corruption charges.

THE Yellow River, the second longest river in China, is hailed as the cradle of Chinese civilization. Over the past 20 years, China has intensified its efforts to restore ecology along the river, and the river that once dried up has seen no flow cutoff for 23 consecutive years.

According to Zhang Li, who works at the Lijin hydrometric station managed by the Yellow River Conservancy Commission (YRCC) in Dongying, east China's Shandong province, the last hydrometric station before the Yellow River flows into the sea, flow data of the Yellow River at the Lijin hydrometric station was absent for 226 days around 1997. Besides, the seawater gradually eroded the shore and reduced the variety of near-shore species.

Unlimited water exploitation was

China reaps fruitful results in ecological conservation along Yellow River

the major reason for the river's drying up. This set of data might suggest the tension between the supply and demand for water from the Yellow River: the waterway accounts for only 2 percent of China's total runoff but feeds 12 percent of the country's population and irrigates 17 percent of the arable land.

Unified water volume regulation was key to the Yellow River treatment. "With a target of keeping the river flowing, a total consumption volume from the river was set at the national level based on which local governments made their respective water usage plans. Adjustments were made every month and important cross sections were put under regular monitor-

ing," said Ke Sujuan, an official with the YRCC.

On March 1, 1999, the first water volume regulation order was issued by the YRCC, and ten days later, water started running again in the river course. The Lijin hydrometric station finally saw flow data appear again.

As a result, wetlands along the Yellow River expanded, attracting more and more bird species and recovering biodiversity. Since 1999, the river has supplied over 670 billion cubic meters of water for tributaries and relevant regions, offering strong support for socioeconomic development and ecological progress in these places.

Meanwhile, by promoting water-saving agriculture and implementing

water-saving projects in irrigation areas, China has constantly improved the effective utilization of irrigation water in the Yellow River basin. The average water consumption for irrigation per mu (about 667 square meters) in the Yellow River basin is lower than the national average.

In Dayudu irrigation area, Ruicheng county, Yuncheng, north China's Shanxi province, water from the Yellow River is elevated over 300 meters and used to irrigate over 500,000 mu of farmland. In the fields, irrigation poles are established every 18 meters and all of them can be started remotely on farmers' mobile phones.

The underground sprinkler system has reduced water consumption

per mu from 150 cubic meters to less than 60 cubic meters, said Hu Tianni, a major local crop grower. The system has saved over 160,000 yuan (\$22,698) in irrigation costs for the woman, who grows over 1,000 mu of wheat. Besides, Hu has also equipped her farmland with sprinklers, sensors, internet of things facilities and other new tech devices.

The water-sand imbalance was what made the Yellow River treatment difficult. As early as 1952, the YRCC set up an experiment station for the conservation of water and soil in Suide, a county lying on the west bank of the Yellow River in northwest China's Shaanxi province. A year later, the first silt arrester in northern Shaanxi was

built in the county's Maliangou village by researchers.

Villager Li Wenyuan was told many stories about the silt arrester by senior villagers. According to him, a piece of farmland covering 150 mu has been formed by the sands and mud blocked by the silt arrester just years after it was built.

"Silt arresters not only conserve water and soil but also help increase grain output," said Dang Weiqin, chief engineer of the Suide experiment station.

Today, trees and grass are densely planted on local hills, and a series of biological, agricultural and engineering measures have been taken to block sand and mud in local waterways. "It means that more sand and mud is staying in gullies and more clean water is flowing into the Yellow River," Dang explained. People's Daily

Russian diplomat slams Biden's UN address

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova has hit out at US President Joe Biden's address at the 77th session of the UN General Assembly where he misquoted Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"As for the address by the US president, I think that it was absolutely unseemly how it began and how it went mainstream, since it was framed around our country. The thing is that he began by allegedly quoting Russia's president."

He attributed remarks to the Russian president that our country was threatening the world with nuclear weapons," she told the Soloviev Live TV channel yesterday.

The diplomat noted that such a stance was a "propaganda tie-in, inflicted upon society despite what was actually said." "And, unfortunately, this is just how this stance is again being presented in Western media outlets. And the US president just reaffirmed what is being spun in the US media," she added.

Earlier, Biden insisted that Moscow made "overt nuclear threats against Europe" and displayed "a reckless disregard for the responsibilities of the non-proliferation regime." That said, he asserted that "a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought." Additionally, Biden vowed that the US was ready to take "critical arms control measures" regardless of the global situation.

On September 21, Russian President Vladimir Putin backed a proposal by the Defense Ministry and the General Staff on a nationwide partial mobilization and signed the relevant decree.

He pointed out in a televised address to the nation that the line of contact in the zone of Russia's special military operation stretches "over 1,000 kilometers long," and that the allied forces were fighting "not just against neo-Nazi units but actually against the entire war machine of the collective West," which threatened Russia's very existence.

Putin also emphasized that Russia was ready to use all possible means to defend its territorial integrity and people.

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African conservationists say bushmeat trade fueling zoonotic diseases

NAIROBI

ILLEGAL trade in bushmeat, meat from wildlife species that are hunted for human consumption, most often referring to the meat of game in Africa, due to lax policing, poverty, and soaring demand for protein is to blame for the regular outbreak of zoonotic diseases in Africa, experts said on Wednesday.

Speaking at a virtual forum in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, the conservation experts decried the trafficking of bushmeat in the continent which exposed already vulnerable communities to the risk of fatal pathogens. Kenneth Kimiti, the Landscape Ecologist for the Tsavo-Mkomazi Landscape at Nairobi-based African Wildlife Foundation, noted that criminal syndicates are fueling the illegal trade in bushmeat, which caused the spread of zoonotic diseases like Ebola, Marburg virus, and monkeypox in Africa.

According to Kimiti, rampant poverty, demand for proteins in urban centers, cultural beliefs, and weak surveillance were to blame for the illegal trafficking of game meat in a continent grappling with myriad public health and ecological threats.

He said some of the iconic wildlife species targeted for meat by poachers across the East African jungles include the Maasai giraffe, zebra, buffalo, gazelle, and a host of reptiles. He added that strengthening anti-poaching measures, awareness raising, and providing alternative livelihoods to communities living near wildlife sanctuaries will be key to curbing the illegal trade in bushmeat.

Daniel Ndizihwe, the Wildlife, and Protected Areas Manager, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Uganda said that the East and Central African region has become the epicenter of the illegal bushmeat trade, creating a security and public health crisis.

Ndizihwe said 5 million tons of bushmeat is being consumed in the East and Central African region annually, and in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), one million tons of bushmeat flows into urban centers every year.

He noted that soaring food prices, the pandemic disruptions, civil strife, and lethargic policing have been fueling illegal trade in bushmeat and the spread of zoonotic diseases in the vast East and Central African region.

Daniel Mdeteele, a Tanzanian epidemiologist, said that limiting interaction between wildlife and communities, enhanced surveillance, public outreach, and improved sanitary standards will be key to containing zoonotic diseases in Africa.

Xinhua

With queen's funeral over, colonial legacy reviewed

LONDON

THE funeral of Queen Elizabeth II in London on Monday united a nation and attracted the attention of the world. But as the solemn day ended, some nations resumed conversations about the relevance and future of a hereditary system that reminds them of a bygone colonial era.

Nowhere is that more pronounced than in the Caribbean, where eight local countries are still in the Commonwealth of Nations and with the British monarch as their head of state. Several of them are contemplating a different future.

Gaston Browne, prime minister of Antigua and Barbuda, said the country wants to hold a referendum in the next three years on the idea of breaking away from the Commonwealth and the royal family, and becoming a republic.

In the summer, he told Prince Edward, the brother of King Charles III, that he would also like the United Kingdom to pay reparations to former colonies for having permitted slavery.

"We believe that all human civilization should understand the atrocities that took place," he said.

Protests against the royal family and past British colonialism flared in the Caribbean during the summer, when dignitaries visited to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the queen's coronation.

Repeated call

And Browne repeated his call for a referendum this week. "This is a mat-

ter that has to be taken to a referendum for the people to decide," he said.

Saying he did not want the idea to be confused with "any form of disrespect to the monarch", the BBC quoted him as saying: "This is not an act of hostility or any difference between Antigua and Barbuda and the monarchy. It is a final step to complete the circle of independence to become a truly sovereign nation."

Browne, who was among mourners at Westminster Abbey, is not alone. Elsewhere in the 56-nation collective known as the Commonwealth, several other nations are contemplating an end to their royal ties, largely because of the monarchy's historic links to the British empire and slavery.

Barbados decided to sever its links earlier this year, and Jamaica is planning to hold a referendum.

Critics said the unfolding threat to the monarchy is the most pressing challenge facing King Charles III.

Royal expert Myko Clelland, who has worked with the royal family for a decade on documenting and digitizing their lineage, told Metro newspaper: "The queen was a rock and a stable institution. In 1947, she said she was going to devote her life to service, and this is a sentiment Charles echoed in his very first address to the nation."

But Clelland said the king will need to find a way to ensure "continuity during this huge sea of change".

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World should attend to marginalised: South African minister

UNITED NATIONS

SOUTH African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Naledi Pandor, said Wednesday that the world should prioritize attending to the needs of the marginalized and forgotten.

"We meet at a time when the UN family is facing its greatest tests. Member states have to work with the United Nations to develop effective responses to the current challenges," she said at the General Debate of the UN General Assembly. "Our greatest global challenges are poverty, inequality, joblessness and the feeling of being entirely ignored and excluded," said Pandor.

Some have referred to this moment as a critical turning point in history. The COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine conflict strongly influenced these attitudes.

For South Africa, the real inflection point will be a world attending fully to the needs of the marginalized and forgotten, she said.

Acting on Our Common Agenda proposed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres should become the primary objective because addressing poverty and underdevelopment will be the beginning of the real inflection point in human history, she said.

The UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its human rights protocols all commit to protecting all people without distinction, she said, addressing that "we must acknowledge that we face these crises today because we have not always upheld these foundational prin-



South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Naledi Pandor

ciples consistently and fairly."

"We believe international law matters when this one is affected but doesn't matter when this other one is affected. That does not help to uphold international law," said Pandor. As in the fight against COVID-19, global solidarity is also required to meet other pressing challenges such as energy and food insecurity, climate change and the devastation caused by conflicts, including the existential threat of nuclear weapons, she said.

"Up to now, instead of working collectively to address these challenges, we have grown further apart as geopolitical tensions and mistrust permeate our relations. We should, however, move forward in solidarity, united in ef-

orts to address our common global challenges to ensure sustainable peace and development."

Pandor stressed the importance of ensuring developing countries are not left behind when COVID-19 treatments are available by creating and supporting research and innovation capacity in Africa for vaccine production, investing in public health systems and producing thousands more professional health workers.

She said that the mobilization of resources and capabilities to strengthen pandemic response and preparedness of all nations must be substantially increased.

"It will be a tragic indictment on all of us as leaders if future pandemics found the poorest as unprepared as many were for COVID-19." She also stressed the need to help developing countries tackle energy, education and climate action challenges.

While Africa is the least responsible for the climate crisis, it does find itself at the epicenter of its worst impacts. The upcoming UN Conference on Climate Change in Egypt must develop an agreement with enhanced and balanced adaptation, mitigation and financing actions. In addition, she said there must be agreement on a mechanism for loss and damage.

The multilateral trading system must be strengthened to create a conducive environment for fair trade and opportunities for developing economies; otherwise, developing countries will remain subject to an imbalanced global financial and trading system, she warned.

Building a better world requires peace and stability. South Africa continues to believe that conflict resolution must not come through fuelling conflicts but through investing in political dialogue, said Pandor.

"To overcome all these acutely global challenges, we must agree to a common path out of an increasingly polarized world. A rules-based international system, predicated on international law and strict adherence to the provisions of the UN Charter, is essential. Such a system should safeguard the interests of all and not only the powerful countries," she said.

"Let us use this moment of renewal to reiterate our commitment to multilateralism as the only means of building a better world," Pandor said. "The United Nations itself must be transformed so that it serves its role cognisant of current global dynamics."

US says it kills 27 al Shabaab militants in Somalia air strike

MOGADISHU

THE US military said on Wednesday it had killed 27 fighters from the al Shabaab militant group in an air strike in Somalia's central Hirran region, where the army and allied forces have launched an offensive against the insurgents in the last month.

The United States has been carrying out air strikes in Somalia against al Shabaab, an al Qaeda franchise, for years. Sunday's strike was the sixth recorded in 2022, according to the US Africa Command (AFRICOM) website.

In Hirran region residents say al Shabaab's torching of houses, destruction of wells and killing of civilians, combined with demands for taxes amidst the worst drought in 40 years, has pushed locals to form paramilitary groups to fight alongside the government.

"The defensive strikes allowed the Somali National Army and African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) forces to regain the initiative and continue the operation to disrupt al Shabaab in the Hirran region of central Somalia," AFRICOM said.

"This operation is the largest combined Somali and ATMIS offensive operation in five years."

An ATMIS spokesperson and Somalia government officials did not respond to requests for comment. ATMIS has not

publicly acknowledged any role in the operation, which one local elder said had captured 10 villages from al Shabaab in recent weeks.

The militants, who are seeking to overthrow the Western-backed central government and implement a strict interpretation of Islamic law, were killed while attacking federal forces near Buulobarde, a town around 200 km north of the capital Mogadishu, AFRICOM said in a statement. Rights activists have previously accused the United States of shrouding its Somalia operations in secrecy, potentially undermining accountability for incidents involving civilian deaths.

Somalia has been in civil war since 1991, when clan-based warlords overthrew a dictator then turned on each other.

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he defensive strikes allowed the Somali National Army and African Union Transition Mission

Sanctions fail to shatter Russian economy, harm population of Western countries - Lavrov

MOSCOW

THE West was unable to shake the Russian economy through sanctions, and the introduced anti-Russian restrictions caused damage to the population of Western countries, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview with the Newsweek magazine.

"The West has been imposing unilateral restrictive measures under the guise of crippling Russia. However, they have failed to shatter the Russian economy. Moreover, the sanctions have appeared to be a two-edge weapon: increasing prices and decreasing incomes are seen in many European countries, as well as energy shortages and threats of social upheavals," Lavrov said.

The Russian Foreign Minister stressed that now "the routine benefits of civilization become the privilege of the rich."

"This is the price that ordinary citizens pay for the anti-Russian policy of the ruling elites," he said.

Lavrov recalled that the whole sectors of European economies (including metallurgical and chemical) have been prospering for decades due to stable supplies of Russian inexpensive energy commodities.

"It allowed the EU countries to enter into successful competitions, including with American companies. It looks like this will not be the case anymore, and it has not been our choice. If they want to act to the detriment of their own interests in the West, we cannot keep them from doing that," the Russian top diplomat said.



Palestine counts on mobilising UNGA support for saving Mideast two-state solution

RAMALLAH

PALESTINE is counting on mobilising the support of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the Palestinian cause and saving the two-state solution, which is threatened by Israeli policies, Palestinian media reported on Wednesday.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who is currently in New York to participate in the 77th session of the UNGA, has held a series of meetings with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, Jordan's King Abdullah II, Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez and Norway's Foreign Minister Anken Hoenfeldt, the official Palestinian news agency Wafa said.

The meetings "are an important opportunity to explain the Palestinian cause and the difficult situation in the Palestinian territories," Ziad Abu Amr, member of the Palestine Liberation Organization and deputy Prime Minister, told "Voice of Palestine," a radio station based in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Abu Amr, who accompanied Abbas, said the meetings discussed the Palestinian people's demand to end the Israeli occupation, recognize a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital and preserve the two-state solution.

"In his meetings, President Abbas calls on the international community to assume its responsibilities towards the continuation of the Israeli occupation and to provide international protection for the Palestinian people," Abu Amr said. According to Palestinian officials, Abbas is scheduled to address the UNGA on Friday.

"President Abbas's speech before the UN General Assembly will be important and decisive and entail serious measures on the ground," Abu Amr said. Abbas had earlier stated that the Palestinian side is ready to work during the year to demarcate borders and end all final status issues under the auspices of the International Quartet under the UN resolutions.

Palestine's envoy to the UN Riyad Mansour said in a press statement that President Abbas's speech will include

"justified Palestinian anger after prolonging the occupation."

Mansour added that the speech would address the Palestinian endeavors at the UN to preserve the two-state solution.

The Palestinians want to establish an independent state alongside Israel on the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel in 1967, including the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

Since 2014, when the direct peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians had stopped, the Palestinian cause was marginalized amid the refusal of the Israeli government to sit at the negotiating table to revive the stalled peace process.

The Palestinians are looking for a different approach from the international community towards finding a serious and quick solution to dealing with the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

On Tuesday, Guterres and leaders of many countries delivered speeches during the UNGA, emphasizing the importance of resolving the Palestinian-

Israeli conflict.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry called on the international community to take measures to end the Israeli settlements and occupation of Palestinian state territories, including East Jerusalem.

Enabling the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination in their homeland "is the key to achieving security, peace, and stability in the region," the ministry said in a statement sent to Xinhua. "The existence and continuation of the occupation is the main reason for all the existing tensions and escalation campaigns in the conflict arena," the statement said.

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Short videos give a boost to popular science

NING Yuan is an influencer that owns 9.67 million followers on Douyin, the Chinese version of TikTok. His videos, mostly about popular science, such as why volcanoes are rekindled, the physiological structure of crawfish and why mosquitoes bite, teach audiences in a fun and easy-to-understand way.

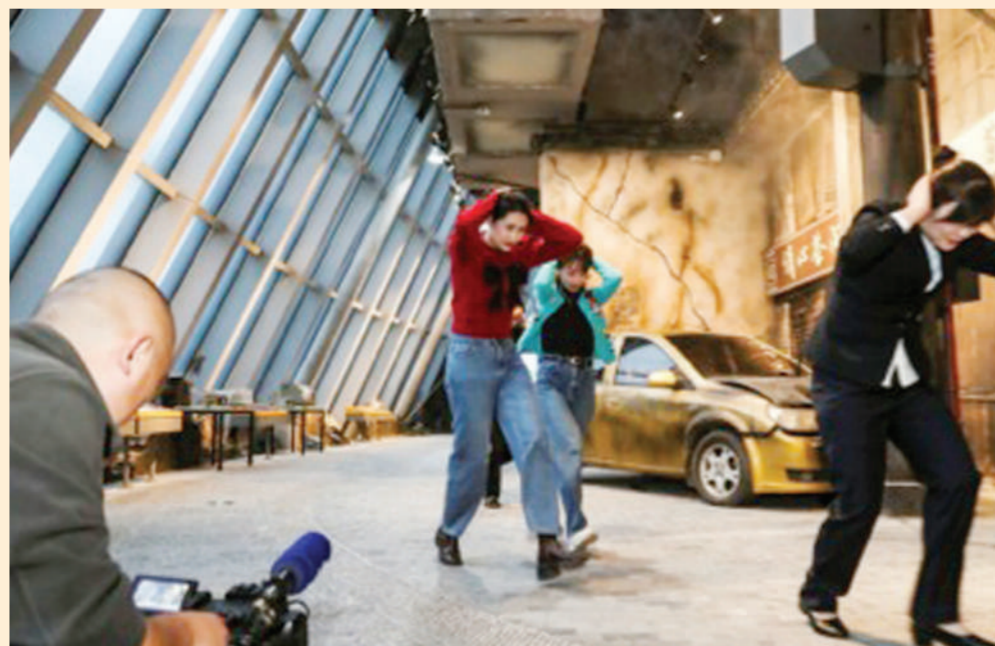
Ning likes employing hand-made models in his videos to present scientific laws and often uses close-ups to help audiences better understand.

"Popular science videos are meaningless if they are made opaque. The good ones are those that are both understandable for children and attractive for adults," said Ning.

He told People's Daily that the biggest challenge in making popular science videos is not about science, but about how to make the videos popular. In other words, video bloggers must try their best to explain highbrow scientific knowledge to audiences in the simplest language.

Today, digital technologies are making popular science extremely accessible online, and the internet, which enables people to learn anytime and anywhere, has become an important way for young generations to enrich their minds.

According to the 50th China



A livestream activity about earthquake response and disaster relief is held in a civil defense museum in Huai'an, east China's Jiangsu province, May 2022. File photo

Statistical Report on Internet Development recently released by the China Internet Network Information Center, the number of short video users in China reached 962 million as of June this year, accounting for 91.5 percent of the country's total internet users.

"As user demands evolve, videos play an increasing role. In the past, we wanted funny short videos, but today we want them to be useful and even enlightening," said Zhang Zhi'an, professor at the School of Journalism, Fudan University.

Many short video platforms have made concrete efforts to enrich their content in popular science, and scholars and experts

from a wide range of fields, from energy to manned space, are sharing the latest progress of frontier technologies on these platforms.

For instance, Douyin, in collaboration with the China Association for Science and Technology, recently launched the second season of a popular science short video program joined by Chinese academicians. Relevant videos have been played 130 million times in total.

Chinese geologist Liu Jiaqi noted that short videos are an excellent medium of science popularization as they are interesting and easy to watch.

"A lecture given in a short video can obtain 5 to 6 million views, which is impossible for a traditional one given in a classroom," Liu said.

Short video platform Kuaishou also launched a knowledge-themed livestreaming activity covering a wide range of areas, including economy and psychology. An employee of Kuaishou introduced that cooking lessons were the most sought after in prime time of summer, while musical instrument teaching gained more views between 21:00 and 23:00.

"Short videos and livestreaming are making a new trend of science popularization," said Bai Xiaoping, an associate professor at the Television School, Communication University of China. They can present scientific knowledge in simple language, as well as in pictures and animation which makes the content more artistic and attractive, she said, adding that such videos can be reached by a wider range of audiences.

People's Daily



American coach of Somali origin, Abdihamid Moallin, parted ways with Azam FC at the end of last month. PHOTO: COURTESY OF AZAM FC

NBC Premier League witnesses early dismissal of tacticians

By Correspondent Cheji Bakari, Tanga

WITH approximately one month gone since 2022/23 NBC Premier League kicked off, already all sixteen sides have taken part in four rounds as per Tanzania Football Federation fixtures.

Despite registration procedures done by teams, some of them have showcased good football while others have performed poorly.

The sides showcasing below-par showing have been forced to sack their head coaches despite taking part in a few matches. The top three teams in the top flight table are tied on 10 points each with different goal differences.

The squads are the top flight defending champion Yanga which leads the rest, followed by second-placed Simba SC and Namungo FC now placed third.

The bottom three sides are Ihefu SC with no points, followed by Dodoma Jiji FC with two points, and Geita Gold FC which has posted three points.

Due to poor performance showcased by some of the clubs, local soccer followers witnessed some clubs' management part ways with the squads' head coaches.

Tanzania's soccer giant, Simba SC, resorted to sacking head coach, Serbian Zoran Manojlovic.

He served the position for about two months and the gaffer was replaced by former Coastal Union head coach Juma Mgunda.

Since moving to Simba, Mgunda steered the side to victory in the 2022/23 CAF Champions League first preliminary round against Malawi's Nyasa Big Bullets FC, commanding a 4-0 victory.

Mgunda moreover guided his new side to defeating Prisons FC 1-0 in fourth round clash NBC Premier League which took place in Mbeya.

Simba SC and Manojlovic succumbed to a decision to mutually part ways following the club's unsatisfied results.

The Msimbazi Street squad also confirmed it had let go of its fitness coach Sbai Karim and goalkeeping tactician Mohamed Rashid.

Dar es Salaam's Azam FC announced head coach Abdihamid Moallin's exit on August 30 and opted to hire French coach, Denis Lavagne to replace the former.

The outfit made the decision just two league games into the new season, and just over a week after settling for a 1-1 draw with Geita Gold FC in a clash held at the Azam Complex Stadium at Chamazi on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam.

Mbeya-based Ihefu SC recently hired Juma Mwambusi as the club's new head coach replacing Zubeir Katwila now serving as one of the assistants to the new coach.

The decision came after Ihefu SC performed poorly despite making good registration of professional and experienced footballers.

In all four matches, Ihefu SC did not win any game. According to a statement issued by the club's management, Mwambusi has been brought in to help the outfit excel in this season's Premier League and Federation Cup.

Recently, Coastal Union secretary-general Omari Ayoub announced Kenyan national Yusuf Chipso as the squad's head coach after signing a one-year agreement.

According to records, Chipso had been Coastal Union's U-20 youngsters' head coach and led them to clinch U-20 Premier League, then known as the 'Uhai Cup', a few years ago.

Some of the players now making Coastal Union's first side had early on turned out for the U-20 squad that was under his tutelage.

Is Mandonga an underappreciated character in boxing growth in Tanzania?

By Correspondent Ernest Mwamwaja, Morogoro

As a sports lover in Tanzania hears the name Mandonga today, the natural reaction would probably be a wide smile that prepares him/her to hear another antic from the charismatic boxer.

Well, if anything, this is one of the special talents that Tanzanians may not naturally associate with a boxer.

It was not until I set off in search of Karim Said alias 'Mandonga Mtu Kazi' that I realized that the once easily accessible athlete has now moved up the social ladder.

I naively thought that I only needed a quick impromptu visit to Msamvu bus station here in Morogoro to get hold of him.

I could not be more wrong! While at Msamvu I immediately found myself negotiating through a fortress of associates, screening, and approvals to only be able to get the pugilist's phone number.

If it was not for my introduction as an academic from the Department of Tourism and Recreation at the Sokoine University of Agriculture, it would probably have taken me a few more days of trying.

'Mandonga' colleagues were probably more assured when I explained to them that our department has a strong training and research interest in all forms of recreation

and sports development in the country.

When I finally got hold of 'Mandonga' on the phone, he sounded surprisingly different.

Warmth in his voice and a great sense of hospitality stood in total contrast to the terrorizing and bullying image portrayed on social media.

And more importantly, despite his heavily loaded schedule, he was quick to spare time for my impromptu discussion with him. 'Mandonga' has certainly become a household name far beyond the circles of boxing in Tanzania.

The name 'Mandonga' is heavily transacted among people from all circles of life from men to women, old to young, and from the ordinary masses to the distinguished. It is a name that has even penetrated through fortresses of State House!

The reason for my decision to write about Mandonga today is as simple as what one might have already guessed, that is, he is the most talked about a boxer in Tanzania at the moment.

This is indeed true, but there is more. 'Mandonga's enormous contribution in bringing boxing into the hearts of millions of people who would otherwise stay outside the circles of boxing is undeniable.

It is for this reason that I rather choose to place my discussion in a more pragmatic context. So,



Tanzania's professional Middleweight boxer Karim Said, alias 'Mandonga'.

this discussion aims at highlighting the role of his character in the development of boxing in Tanzania.

Despite his fame, 'Mandonga' does not have an outstanding record in any known boxing sources.

In Boxrec, for example, 'Mandonga' has five fights in total, out of which he won only one fight, he lost three and has one fight declared a draw.

So, contrary to local sports enthusiasts' expectations, 'Mandonga's rise to fame is not based on his impeccable performance in the ring but outside it.

'Mandonga' is a master orator and actor who knows how and where each of his words matters most.

Well, either eloquence or oratorical skill in boxing has a long and interesting history.

The last ring appearance of Mohammad Ali was back in 1981 when he fought Trevor Berbick to a decision loss.

ferently with each boxer. Sonny Liston is one of the most feared Heavyweight champions in history.

Although he looked unendurably intimidating, he spoke very little. His looks and near superhuman punch power were enough to inflict psychological damage on opponents.

On the other hand, Sonny's archrival, Ali, stood as his true opposite. Despite his exceptional ring IQ, Ali's special fighting tool was his mouth.

He was gifted with oratory skills that can hardly be replicated by any of the modern boxers.

Unlike Liston, Ali would not promise his fans an early knockout as he never had Mike Tyson's iron-hard punch. He instead intimidated more effectively by his good looks.

Ali would relentlessly torment his opponents that he was as pretty as a girl hence he could not be possibly beaten.

When Ali was asked how he would take on the older, more experience, much bigger, and undefeated Liston, he simply said: "I will float like a butterfly and sting like a bee."

Although even the most seasoned boxing experts laughed at him, he went on to knock Liston out to win his first title just as he predicted. To be continued tomorrow.

Dar official to head WBSC Baseball 5 Africa Commission

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIA Baseball and Soft Ball Association (TaBSA) Secretary-General Alpherio Nchimbi says he will use his chairmanship at Baseball 5 Africa Commission to promote the sport in the country.

Speaking yesterday after he was appointed the commission's Chairman, Nchimbi described the appointment as the best opportunity to take the sport to greater heights in the country and Africa.

"I thank the World Baseball and Softball Confederation (WBSC) Africa Zone for having trust in me, being Chairman of Baseball 5 Africa is very demanding but will use it to promote the sport in the country and Africa in general, it will also help our country prepare well for the Dakar Youth 2026 Olympics," Nchimbi noted.

The appointment letter from Francis Karugu that serves as WBSC Africa Zone Secretary-General said Nchimbi will head the commission for four years.



Dar es Salaam's women's softball side takes part in training that was supervised by a Japanese coach in the city recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TANZANIA BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

"Under article 14.1 (g) and article 15 of WBSC Africa statutes, The WBSC Africa board wishes to inform you of your appointment as the chairperson of the commission...this is with immediate effect for four years," said part of the

appointment letter from Karugu.

Other officials appointed by WBSC to head various commissions are Enerst Danso who will head Sponsorship and Marketing, Denis Kasozi set to head Finance, and Adeyinka Adewusi ap-

pointed to head the Development, Technical, and Competition.

Ibrahim Shareef will head Media and Publicity, Felix Okuye is to head Baseball Commission, and Victoria Sodipo is the Softball Commission's head. Fernando

Atannon now heads the Children's Baseball and Softball Commission.

In May this year, Tanzania hosted the first ever Baseball 5 Championship which attracted 10 countries, and ended with South Africa lifting the silverware whereas Kenya ended as the runner-up. The two countries consequently qualified for the World Cup.

In its efforts to promote the sport domestically and internationally, Tanzania recently announced that it has plans in place to promote the sport's philosophy of Baseballership.

Shinya Tomonari, president of Japan Africa Baseball and Softball Association (J-ABS) said the philosophy centers on discipline, respect, and justice.

He said the philosophy is under the project termed Africa 55 Kosgien seeking to reach all African nations.

Geita Gold FC now focuses on 2022/23 Premier League

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

NBC Premier League side Geita Gold FC which was eliminated from the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup first preliminary round by Hilal Al Sahil of Sudan says it has shifted its focus to the domestic top flight.

The CAF Confederation Cup rematch between the two squads took place at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam last weekend. Despite winning 2-1 Geita Gold FC which had made its maiden appearance in a continental showdown was booted out via away goal rule.

The visitors proceeded to the following stage following the 2-2 aggregate results which favoured the side. Geita Gold FC goals were scored by Daniel Lyanga and Edmund John. In the first match played in Sudan, Geita Gold FC lost 1-0 to the host.

Speaking after the game, Hemed Kivuyo, Geita Gold FC's information officer, said they had planned to make it to the following stage of the CAF Confederation Cup but given they have been eliminated, the focus was on the Wednesday top-flight match between the side and Singida Big Stars FC which took

place at CCM Kirumba in Mwanza.

The two squads ended up settling for a 1-1 draw. Kivuyo noted after the weekend results, morale in the camp was low but he was confident that before Wednesday the players were expected to develop readiness physically and psychologically.

The leader pointed out: "We did not expect to be eliminated from the CAF Confederation Cup, we gave our all but sometimes football has unexpected results, we are out and this has affected everyone in the team but we have to move on and today (Sunday) we are departing

for Mwanza where on Wednesday we will meet Singida Big Stars in NBC Premier League."

"The duel against Singida Big Stars was supposed to take place last week but was postponed to Wednesday to allow us to prepare for our CAF tournament tie."

"But we are confident that by Wednesday the players will be ready for the game and hopefully we will collect the desired results," he said before the clash.

Kivuyo also disclosed that they were expected to field newly signed Burundian winger Said Ntibanzokinza who has been

missing since the club signed him at the beginning of this season.

"On Saturday, Ntibanzokinza nearly made it to the lineup but we failed to process his permit documents as the internet was very slow, actually he was on the first lineup released by the coach to the media and other relevant authorities, I'm sure he will be in action on Wednesday," he said.

Geita Gold FC, under the tutelage of Fred Felix, is sitting 13th with two points from three games the side has featured in.

Barcelona threaten legal action over Messi leak

BARCELONA

BARCELONA have threatened to take legal action against a Spanish newspaper that leaked details of the club's contract negotiations with Lionel Messi in 2020.

On Wednesday, El Mundo released a series of requests Messi made to the club to renew his deal at Camp Nou as he moved into the final year of his terms.

Messi wanted his release clause cut down to a symbolic €10,000, private boxes at Camp Nou for his and Luis Suarez's families, guarantees that deferred wages would be paid back to him and back-dated commission payments to be paid to his brother Rodrigo for his work as an agent.

"In relation to the information published in El Mundo under the title 'Barca Leaks, the club's secret files', Barcelona express indignation at the intentional leaking of information that is part of a legal process," the Catalan club said in a statement.

"The club regrets that the media in question boasts of having 'access to a huge number of documents and emails that are part of the Barcagate investigation' when this information is yet to be shared.

"In any case, the article in question makes public documents that have nothing to do with the ongoing case and their use is an affront to the reputation and confidentiality of the club. For that reason, and with the aim of protecting Barcelona's rights, the club's legal department are studying the legal measures that need to be taken."

Barcagate is an ongoing legal case relating to third-party payments, breaching internal protocols and smear campaigns against club legends involving the previous president Josep Maria Bartomeu and his board of directors.

Messi is not part of that case, nor is his previous contract subject to any misdemeanours, but emails exchanged during talks over a renewal were seized by police as they gathered information for the Barcagate case.

Those emails subsequently ended up in El Mundo on Wednesday.

The Spanish newspaper's revelations detail how Messi wanted a three-year deal until 2023 with a €10 million signing bonus and a unilateral option to extend the contract until 2024.

Messi was willing to take a 20% deferral to his annual salary -- which was around €70m, as revealed by El Mundo in a previous leak -- in 2020-21, but wanted guarantees he would be paid the deferred sums back in the following years with added interest.

Later that same year, after an 8-2 defeat to Bayern Munich in the Champions League, Messi filed a transfer request via a burofax, a form of recorded delivery, but it wasn't until 2021 that he left for Paris Saint-Germain on a free transfer.

(Agencies)

City's Grealish hits back at Souness criticism

LONDON

JACK Grealish has dismissed repeated criticism of his playing style from Graeme Souness by revealing Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola has urged to him to show the "balls" to adapt to a different approach.

The 27-year-old moved from Aston Villa to City last summer in a £100 million transfer and although Guardiola's side won a fourth Premier League title in five years last season, Grealish was sometimes a peripheral figure, starting only 22 games and scoring three goals.

Former Liverpool midfielder-turned pundit Souness this week claimed Grealish is "a good footballer, not a great player" and claimed he was fouled so often at Aston Villa because he lingered too long in possession and was "not seeing the picture quick enough."

It is the latest in a series of withering assessments from Souness on Grealish, who chose a press conference at St George's Park following his call-up to the latest England squad for UEFA Nations League matches against Italy and Germany as an opportune moment to respond.

"I don't know what his problem is with me," said Grealish. "He always says stuff about me. But I try not to read a lot of it. It is difficult, you know, when he's on Sky Sports and it's everywhere around the training ground at times.

"Listen, he was obviously a great player and won a lot but I know he has a lot of stuff to ... I don't know what it is with what he says about me or what problem he's got. I know my own ability.

"I know before that he used to say a lot of stuff about me not moving the ball quicker but when I'm playing for a manager like Pep Guardiola and he's telling me to keep the ball as much as I can and have balls to take it everywhere, that's what I'll try and do.

"Obviously I am always going to have people, if I'm not playing well ... listen, I know within myself, I always watch my games back and stuff like this and I am very critical of myself.

"I know that there were games, especially in the second half of last season, where I wasn't at my best at all."

Grealish started City's opening game of the season at West Ham but picked up an ankle problem which reduced him to a second-half substitute role against Bournemouth, after which he was sidelined for three weeks. (Agencies)

Qatar's World Cup preparations: Are the 2022 hosts ready for November?

DOHA, Qatar

THE 2022 World Cup is just two months away.

Twelve years after being awarded the rights to host the tournament, the tiny Gulf state of Qatar has built the stadiums, opened five-lane highways and a \$36 billion Metro system, and undertaken a huge construction effort on a grueling timeline to ensure that fans from all over the world can attend the four-week competition. But with the big kickoff just a matter of weeks away, how ready is Qatar to pull it off?

ESPN travelled to Doha earlier this month to assess the preparations and Qatar's readiness to host the first Northern Hemisphere winter World Cup and the first to be held in the Middle East.

Every major tournament -- World Cup, Olympic Games -- takes place amid the backdrop of concerns of stadiums not being ready, security issues or expensive accommodation and travel for fans and Qatar is no different. The reality of Qatar 2022 is that, with the opening game between Qatar and Ecuador just 61 days away, there is good news and bad news as the clock ticks down to the 32-team tournament.

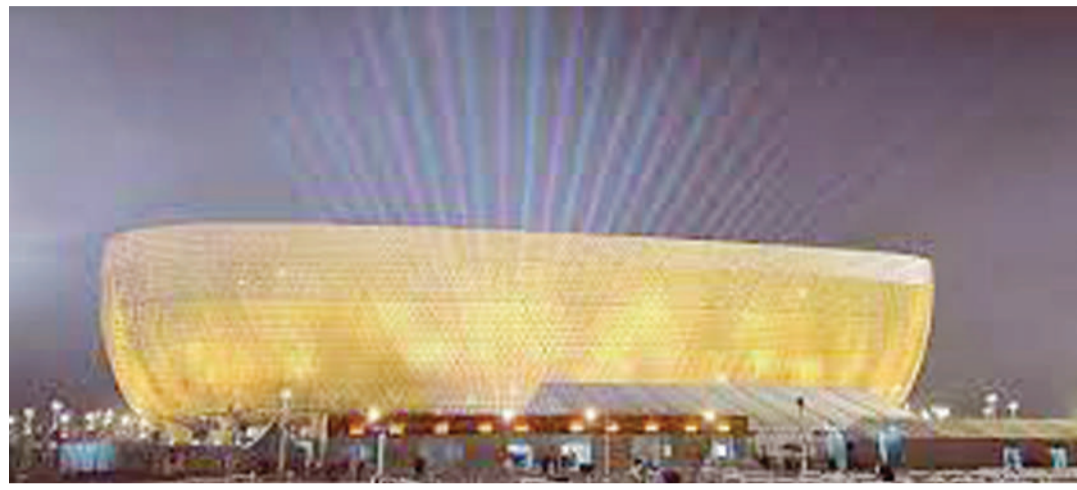
*How ready is Qatar to host the World Cup?

When the 80,000-capacity Lusail Iconic Stadium staged a friendly between Egypt's Zamalek and Al-Ahly of Saudi Arabia on Sept. 9, it was the last of the seven new stadiums (Khalifa International Stadium opened in 1976) built for the World Cup to officially open its doors. The Lusail will host the World Cup final on Dec 18, and it is a spectacular stadium: Think the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium (both were designed by stadium architects Populous), but bigger.

All seven new buildings are ready and match-tested for the World Cup, while the stunning designs of Al-Bayt Stadium and Al-Janoub, shaped like a pearl, will ensure that Qatar gets 10 out of 10 for aesthetics and stylistics. But just as the vast five-lane highways and Metro system are ready to connect fans between the stadiums, with the longest journey no more than an hour from Al-Janoub in the south to Al-Bayt in the north, there is precious little in terms of fan amenities with just weeks to go before the opening game.

Some stadiums are surrounded by dust bowls -- huge areas of desert, construction sites or empty car parks -- with no hotels, shops or cafes for miles. The organisers told ESPN that all stadiums will be dressed with fan zones, food stalls and fun areas between now and the World Cup, but there is still plenty to do.

Accommodation will also be a worry. Right



Lusail Stadium was the final new stadium built for the 2022 World Cup, with the venue officially opening on Sept. 9 with a friendly between Zamalek and Al-Ahly. (Agencies)

now, Qatar is a massive building site. Some hotels and apartments will be ready, others will clearly not be finished in time. Around the Lusail, a five-year project to build hotels, restaurants, shops and apartments is still years, not months, from completion.

*Where will fans stay?

The Qatar Supreme Committee, which is in charge of delivering the World Cup, expects 1.3 million fans to visit Qatar during the tournament, a figure equal to half the current overall population of the country. And here's the bad news: There won't be enough space for all of them to stay in Qatar.

Earlier this year, Qatar agreed for 160 daily shuttle flights between Doha and the United Arab Emirates to allow fans to take the 40-minute flight from Dubai and Abu Dhabi. The route is usually served by just six flights a day.

In Qatar itself, the limited options range from sleeping pods (\$80 per night) to the opulence of Banana Island, a 20-minute boat ride from Doha, which is offering beach villas on stilts above the water for \$2,500 per night. Sources at Banana Island told ESPN that bookings have already been taken from the families of France and England players. Meanwhile, 80% of hotel rooms in Doha have been booked by the Supreme Committee and FIFA for teams and officials, though 20,000 rooms are due to be released in the month before the tournament.

There will be tented campsites, similar to those offered at music festivals such as Coachella and Glastonbury, with a deluxe tent on offer for \$380 a night at Al Khor. But while thousands are set to be offered cabins at the Al Wakrah Camp, for \$190 a night, they offer little in the way of luxury right now. At present, they're rows of metal cabins in the desert for which the pictures speak for themselves.

The organisers insist they will be ready and appealing in time for the World Cup, but they will be a culture shock to many fans.

*What's the situation with alcohol? Can fans drink or not?

Alcohol is available in Qatar, but it is strictly regulated and will continue to be controlled

during the World Cup. ESPN asked the Supreme Committee's Head of Security whether fans could bring their own alcohol to Qatar and the answer was a firm "no."

Supporters with plenty of cash to spare can visit one of the many luxury hotels in Doha and buy alcohol from the sports bars and pubs within them. Prices for beer in the Inter Continental Beach, Marriott Marquis and Kempinski Pearl -- the USMNT have booked the Kempinski as their base -- range from between £12-14 for a pint.

Alcohol will be available for supporters at stadiums before and after the game, but fans will not be able to buy a beer and watch the game from the stands. World Cup sponsors Budweiser will supply the beer at stadiums and the fan zones. The 40,000-capacity fan zone at Al Bidda Park in central Doha will serve alcohol on matchdays, but only after 6:30 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Non-Muslim residents in Qatar can secure a permit to buy alcohol from the Qatar Distribution Company, but there are no plans to ease restrictions for visitors to buy alcohol outside of hotels, restaurants and fan zones during the World Cup. Although sources have said that the authorities are unlikely to impose draconian measures on fans caught with alcohol outside authorised zones, drinking in public can lead to a six-month prison sentence or \$800 fine.

*How easy is it to get around Qatar and the eight stadiums?

Qatar is small -- very small, at roughly the size of Connecticut or half the size of Wales -- so there will be no arduous journeys for fans as in recent World Cups in Russia in Brazil. And the good news is that Qatar has built new roads and a metro system that connects all the stadiums. The Metro costs just 6 riyal (\$1.65) for a day pass and it will be free for the duration of the World Cup for fans with match tickets.

Ubers are widely available and also inexpensive. A 30-minute journey from Hamad International Airport to central Doha costs just 40 riyal (\$11).

Fans could ride the Metro between all eight venues and do them all in just over two hours if they were feeling adventurous. Getting into Qatar will depend on having a match ticket and downloading the Hayya app, which will enable fans to display their ticket, but is also required for access to transport, hotels, restaurants and some shops and

malls.

*What about the air conditioning? Is that for real?

All the stadiums, with the exception of 974 Stadium, will have air conditioning for spectators and players during the tournament, although it may not be required due to temperatures in November and December unlikely to top 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit). The temperature in the stands will be regulated to hover between 21-22 degrees Celsius (69-71 degrees Fahrenheit) during games. Vents at seat level will pump out cool air, so supporters might even need to take a coat to some games to avoid feeling a chill.

At pitch level, the air conditioning comes from huge vents at the side of the playing surface that will be controlled by 350 different sensors buried beneath the grass. They will measure temperature and humidity, while the air conditioning system will adjust the temperature accordingly for the players on the pitch.

The air will also be refreshed constantly to ensure optimum air quality, filtering out dust and pollen and also providing ventilation to help combat the spread of viruses such as COVID-19.

Dr. Saud Abdulaziz Abdul Ghani -- nicknamed "Dr. Cool" -- designed the air conditioning system in place at the World Cup stadiums, including the system of making them eco-friendly. Solar farms located 30 miles outside of Doha will generate, on a daily basis, 10 times more electricity than required to power the air conditioning units.

*Will Qatar be a safe World Cup?

Every major tournament or event is now accompanied by a major security operation, and Qatar will be no different. Due to the size of their security forces, expertise and personnel will be drafted in from neighbouring nations. The United Kingdom's Royal Air Force will help patrol the skies during the tournament, while the U.S. Air Base at Al Udeid will also provide security and intelligence support.

On the ground, Qatar has built a NASA-style control centre at Aspire Zone as the hub for controlling what happens inside every stadium during the World Cup. Each stadium has at least 2,000 security cameras to monitor turnstiles and crowd flow, while operators can zoom in

on each individual seat for crowd control. Artificial intelligence programmes will trigger warning systems if crowd flow is too great, or too small, at specific times.

When asked whether the system could have prevented the crowd scenes which marred the Champions League final between Liverpool and Real Madrid in Paris in May, Niyas Abdulrahman, the chief technology officer at Aspire Zone, told ESPN, "If a crowd situation forms, we will detect it and act proactively. Every nook and corner of the stadium is under surveillance."

And while cybersecurity can never be taken for granted, a video screen highlighting the cyber threat level across the globe ran alongside the stadium data screens to emphasise their awareness of potential targeting of the system from hackers.

*Will games be sold out, or will fans not travel due to cost and distance?

FIFA has sold tickets in stages for Qatar 2022, with 2.5 million already purchased by fans across the world. The biggest uptake has been from Saudi Arabia and the UAE, but the United States, Mexico, England and Brazil have also been strong markets for ticket purchases.

The final 500,000 tickets are due to go on sale before the end of September, so Qatar 2022 should be played out to full stadiums, regardless of the teams involved. But while supporters in Europe and the Americas have voiced concern about the difficulties of getting to, and staying in, Qatar, the excitement in the Middle East and surrounding regions has been huge.

Organisers are expecting fans from Iran and north Africa to travel in bigger numbers than ever before, while expats living and working in Qatar are also expected to watch their nations in action. But if you want to go to Qatar and don't yet have a ticket, you'll need to be quick to get one.

*Overall assessment: Will Qatar pull it off?

It will be a different World Cup than any that has gone before, but the crucial elements are in place now that the stadiums and infrastructure projects have been completed.

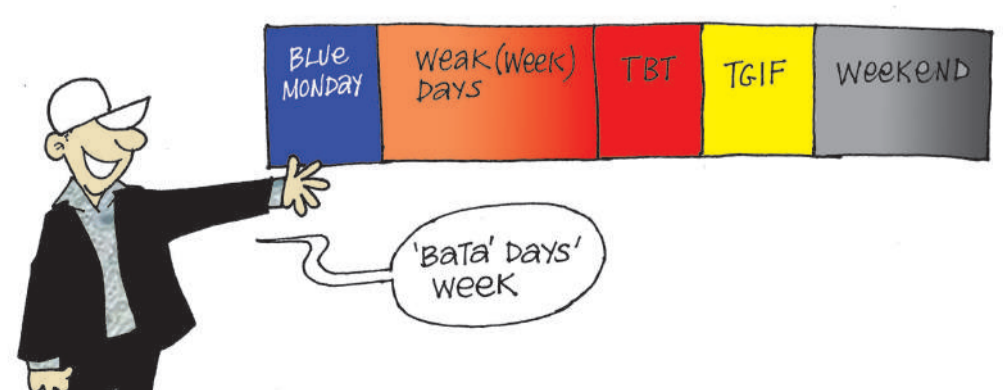
The lack of accommodation will be an issue. Sources told ESPN that the Qatari mentality is to leave things to the last minute, but that they always deliver. Sources also said that approach has jarred with some at FIFA who expect every project to run like clockwork.

There was little obvious concern in Qatar that time is running out for work to be finished, but fans may have to ready themselves for a tournament that lacks the off-field distractions of World Cups in different parts of the world. The facilities are already world-class and the climate should ensure perfect conditions for football.

But the big question is whether such a small country can cope with such an influx of supporters from across the world. That is the question that can only be answered when everything gets going in 61 days.

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Juma Kimori, NMB Bank Chief Finance Officer (C), speaks to journalists (not in picture) in Dar es Salaam yesterday during the announcement of sponsors for the 2022 NMB Marathon, slated to take place at Leaders Club ground in the city on October 1. He has been flanked by UAP Head of Business Development Mariam Hussein (R), and Sanlam Life Insurance CEO, Julius Magabe. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

NMB Bank announces sponsors for 2022 NMB Marathon

By Guardian Correspondent

WITH merely a week to go before the 2022 NMB Marathon, termed 'Mendo wa Upendo', is hosted in Dar es Salaam, the event's organizer NMB Bank has announced more than 20 sponsors for the race.

The institution stated the sponsors have explained the decision to support the event, noting it has come as a response to the bank's positive idea of liberating women in the country.

The 2022 NMB Marathon, aiming to collect 600m/- to support the treatment of women suffering from fistula disease that are treated at the CCBRT Hospital, will be held on October 1 at the Leaders Club grounds. Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa is expected to be the charity event's chief guest.

Juma Kimori, NMB Bank's Chief Financial Officer, speaking at a press conference in the city yesterday, thanked the sponsors for supporting the race and facilitating the goal of collecting 600m/- this year, thus making it possible to direct the collection for the next two years of the race to other areas in need.

Kimori stated: "When we launched the NMB Marathon last year, we set the goal of collecting 1bn/- in four years, a great response enabled us to collect 400m/- instead of the 250m/- we expected, that is when we saw the importance of getting 600m/- this year to complete 1bn/-."

He mentioned the race's main guarantors as Sanlam Life Insurance and UAP Insurance falling in the Executive category, while Jubilee General Insurance is a Gold category sponsor.

Bronze group sponsors include Alliance Life Assurance, Britam Insurance Tanzania, Reliance Insurance, ARI's Risk, and Insurance Solutions.

The rest of the group of sponsors includes Jubilee Life Insurance and Metropolitan Life Insurance, while Toyota, TBL, Strategis, Serena Hotel, Azam, and Johari Rotana Hotel are among the other sponsors.

In the partner media category, Kimori mentioned EFM Radio, TV E, Mwananchi Communications Limited, IPP Media, and Almasi Productions, with SGA Security Tanzania, Gelato, and Grano Coffee completing the sponsors' list. The trustees congratulated NMB Bank for coming up with the positive idea of liberating a group of mothers that have failed to treat fistula disease due to the high cost of treatment.

They noted the institution's decision to come out to support the cause is proof that maternal health is an important priority for society.

Sanlam Life Insurance's Chief Executive Officer, Julius Magabe, thanked the NMB Bank for participating in soliciting funds for the treatment of women suffering from fistula disease, adding to them, it is an important and noble opportunity to support women.

Magabe moreover disclosed they will work closely with NMB Bank in any social initiative.

Mariam Hussein, Head of the Sales Division at UAP Insurance Company, said that peace and improving everyone's life are among UAP's priorities.

The official pointed out the motive is the secret of their urgency in sponsoring the NMB Marathon, she affirmed the firm will not just sponsor the event, given its staff will as well take part in it.

"We thank our sponsors that have been divided into more than five categories, including Executive, Gold, Bronze, and Media Partner for supporting us as requested during the launch of this year's race, and contributing to seeing to it this process is a success," Kimori noted.

Tanzania, South Sudan battle for qualification for 2023 U-23 Africa Cup of Nations finals



Players making Tanzania's national U-23 football team participate in training at Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Youth Park in Dar es Salaam early this week ahead of the 2022 U-23 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers' match against South Sudan slated to take place at Azam Complex Stadium today. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

TANZANIA's national U-23 football team and its counterpart from South Sudan will battle for a place in the second round of the 2023 U-23 African Nations Cup qualifiers when they meet in the first leg of their first-round qualifier at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam today evening.

The winner of the two legs will lock horns with Nigeria in the final qualifying stage for next year's U-23 AFCON slated in Morocco.

Four teams from that competition will make it to the 2024 Olympic Games which will take place in Paris.

Coach Hemed Suleiman 'Morocco'-led Tanzanian youngsters will heavily rely on the experience of Belgium-based striker Kelvin John and

midfielder Novatus Dismas and South Africa-based Ally Msengi in the 7 pm kick-off.

Geita Gold's Edmund John and Azam's Tepsie Evance will be expected to provide ammunition from the flanks, as Dismas and Msengi marshal the central midfield.

Suleiman can also look to Coastal Union's Vicent Abubakar and KMKM's Khalid Habibu Idd to man the midfield.

Between the posts, Morocco is likely to start with Young Africans' Aboutwalin Msherry with a four-man backline of Nathaniel Chilambo, Pascal Msindo, Abdulrazack Hamza, and Elias Lawi.

Captain John and Abdul Suleiman 'Sopu' will most likely lead the front line. Other forward options are Kagera Sugar's Anuary Jabir, Prisons' Oscar Paul and Ed-

win Paul, Mundhir Abdallah, and England-based Ben Starkie.

Coach Suleiman believes he has a good squad that can deliver good results against an improving South Sudan side which he says plays a physical and aggressive brand of football.

Suleiman revealed: "All the players are in good health, we have one more training session. We know

the importance of this game." "South Sudan is an ever-improving team but I believe we have a good squad."

The gaffer noted: "We have had good preparations, my players have adapted quickly beyond my expectations, so I believe we are ready to get the desired results."

Skipper John stressed the importance of winning the first leg to progress to the next round in their quest to qualify for the U-23 AFCON for the first time in Tanzania's history.

John revealed: "All of us players are ready for the game. We know the importance of this game, it is an AFCON qualifier, we aim to qualify for AFCON and we can't do so without a victory in this one. For every game that is before us, we have to get the desired results."

The attacker pointed out: "We respect our opponents, it is a good team as we know each other from previous meetings. It is an important game for us and as the group leader, I can say the squad morale is high."

"We are ready to give our all to get good results not only here at home but also away to progress to the next round."

Alliance Caravans pursues progression to 2022 Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup final

By Guardian Reporter

ALLIANCE Caravans' cricketers are out to secure qualification for the 2022 Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup tournament final, coming up against DTB Gymkhana in the second clash of the last-four stage in the city tomorrow.

Winners of the tie, which will take place at Leaders Club ground, are set to lock horns with I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC in the final at the same facility the following day.

Alliance Caravans have secured progression to the tournament's semi-finals for the second successive season, having earlier done so in the 2021 showdown only to be knocked out by rivals, Aruti Aces, in the stage.

Youthful DTB Gymkhana made it to the last four's stage after defeating Novum Strikers by five wickets in another knockout tie, termed 'Eliminator', which took place on September 11.

Tomorrow's semi-final clash promises to be an entertaining affair, pitting perennial competitors in the knockout stages against the most improved side in this season's showpiece.

Alliance Caravans are an accomplished squad boasting of stellar showing in several tournaments held in recent years, they will be seeking to make full use of their good record as they confront their opponents.



Alliance Caravans' all-rounder, Nasibu Kelvin (L), showcases his batting heroics when the club locked horns with Aruti Aces in this year's Petrofuel Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC) Caravans T20 Cup's tie held at Leaders Club ground in Dar es Salaam on August 21. PHOTO: COURTESY OF CARAVANS CRICKET CLUB

They nevertheless ought to be wary of DTB Gymkhana which has proved to be a hard nut to crack in this season's competition.

With in-form cricketers Kheel Suchak, Amit Raghuvanshi, Gurvinder Singh, and skipper Harshel Shah making DTB Gymkhana, the outfit is expected to put a spirited showing and spring a surprise on the favourites Alliance Caravans.

I&M Aurobindo Aga Khan SC booked a place in the competition's final following a resounding 28-run win over Alliance Caravans in the first of the last-four clashes, termed 'Qualifier', which took place Septem-

ber 11. Petrofuel Limited is the title sponsor of the tournament, while co-sponsors of the showdown include Alliance Insurance, Colourflex, and Pepsi.

Other sponsors are Aruti, Pigabet, Black and Decker, Harab Motors, All Season Hotels, Novum Energy, Diamond Trust Bank, I&M Bank, Aurobindo Pharmacy, Azania Bank, and Horizon Teleports.

Jiuzhou, Flashnet, Ashton Media, Rotana, Aura Suites, Bank of India, Datamanics, Samaki Samaki, A One Bottlers, Africarriers, and GI Security complete the showdown sponsors' list.

The Petrofuel DC Caravans T20 Cup tournament, which has participating outfits locking horns in 20-over formatted duels, brings together the country's best cricket teams.

It is the only cricket competition organized by a private entity under the affiliation of the Tanzania Cricket Association (TCA) and the DC.

The showdown is regarded as the country's biggest T20 tournament and it is usually held during the last quarter of the year.

The competition is backed by several companies in the country which support the initiative as part of their

Corporate Social Responsibilities.

Previous editions of the tournament have been graced by government officials and foreign envoys.

They include former Minister for Information, Culture, Arts and Sports Harrison Mwakembe, his deputy Juliana Shonza, and Director of Sports in the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports, Yusuph Singo.

Former India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Sandeep Arya, and top officials from various firms are other dignitaries that have graced the competition's previous editions.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

