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By Felister Peter, Dodoma

THE government is expecting to spend 34.3trn/- in the 2020/2021 financial year, up from the current 33trn/- with priorities being improvement of business environment, climate change and creation of an industrialized economy.

Efforts will also be directed to ensuring successful implementation of the Second Five-Year National Development Plan (2016/17 - 2020/21).

Finance and Planning Minister Dr Philip Mpango said yesterday that recurrent expenditure will be increased by 4.7 percent to 21.6trn/-, equivalent to 13.7 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) while development expenditure will account for eight percent of the total national income, at 12.6trn/-.

He was tabling in the National Assembly estimates of the national budget for the 2020/2021 fiscal year and implementation report of the

national development plan for the first quarter of 2019/2020 financial year.

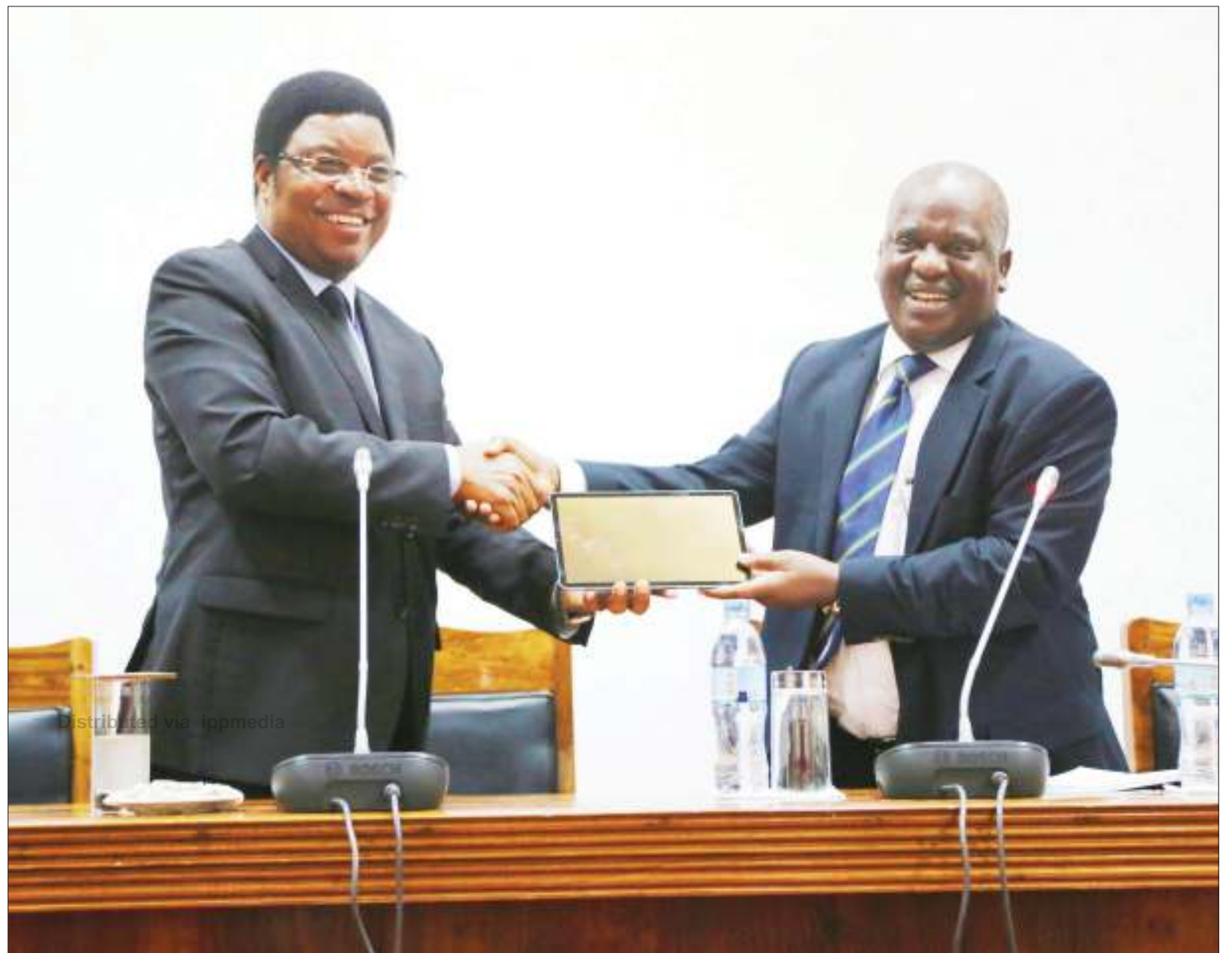
The minister noted that in the 2020/2021 fiscal year, internal revenues are expected to increase to 23.4trn/-. Tax revenues are expected to rise by 4.3 percent to 19.7trn/- from 18.9trn/- this financial year. Non-tax revenues are projected at 3.6trn/- and expected to increase to 4.3trn/- by 2022/23.

Dr Mpango said the government is expecting to receive 154.2bn/- from development partners through general budget support (GBS), with basket funds totaling 172.9bn/- and another 941.5bn/- in project funds.

"Our 2020/2021 budget will focus on creating an enabling investment and business environment to attract both local and foreign investors. We will put in place a good environment for implementation of projects through public-private partnership (PPP) in areas of priority", he

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FOR STEPPED-UP EFFICIENCY:



National Assembly Speaker Job Ndugai (R) hands over a tablet to Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa during the historic presentation of the computers to legislators across the House in Dodoma yesterday. Photo courtesy of National Assembly



Zanzibar uses drone spraying on rice fields to fight malaria

By Guardian Reporter and Agencies

FOR the first time drones are being tested to help fight malaria on the island of Zanzibar, off the coast of Tanzania.

The drones will spray a silicone-based liquid on rice paddies, where there are large expanses of stagnant water where malaria-carrying mosquitoes lay their eggs. The substance will spread across the water and prevent the eggs from hatching. It is hoped this will significantly reduce the numbers of the malaria-carrying anopheles mosquitoes in the area.

The spraying by drones is a pilot effort intended to provide a breakthrough for the government of Zanzibar to realize its goal of eliminating malaria on the archipelago by 2023, on the basis of the strategic plan adopted by the Zanzibar

Malaria Elimination Program.

The drone spraying is a relatively inexpensive way to stop the mosquitoes from reproducing, said Bart Knols, a medical entomologist and lead researcher for the program.

"We are getting to the bottom of it as we will spray the breeding grounds of mosquitoes," said Knols, who is with the Dutch Malaria Foundation.

The drone will spray Aquatain, a liquid gel that will spread over a section of water and kill mosquito larvae, said Knols. The substance has been tested internationally and has been found to be harmless to non-target organisms, non-toxic and biodegradable.

In the initial test, in the Cheju area of southern Zanzibar, the drone flew over and sprayed the shallow, sunlit water bodies in the rice paddies teeming with mosquito larvae, which were trapped as the gel spread across the water. Without the gel, the larvae would have emerged as adult mosquitoes in search of a blood meal. When those mosquitoes

MP demands House debate on civic polls state conduct

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

AS the picking up and returning of forms for the upcoming civic polls continues countrywide, opposition parties have faulted the process, claiming that over 90 percent of their candidates have been inappropriately disqualified and some barred from returning the all-important documents.

Addressing journalists in Dodoma yesterday, the Civic United Front (CUF) vice chairman Maftah Nachuma said the party has received complaints from across the country where its candidates have been disqualified from taking part in the local government elections scheduled for November 24.

Earlier, in the National Assembly, the Mtwara Urban MP requested for the Speaker's guidance on the matter,

urging that parliamentary sessions be adjourned temporarily to provide room for MPs to debate the matter.

"As we speak, all CUF candidates in Liwale district have been denied access to the election forms, while the few who filled the forms have been disqualified. Similar incidences have been reported in Kwimba, Maswa and Ubungu district," lamented the MP.

He asserted that CUF plans to file a court case against the Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments) to protest the government's conduct on the polls. He said the party will also ask the court to suspend the elections over violations of regulations during the picking up and

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Vanilla stakeholders aghast at crop quality, smuggling

By Guardian Reporter, Moshi

VANILLA stakeholders from around the world who are meeting here have called for collaboration between the government and the private sector so as to control the quality of the lucrative spice in Tanzania and other African countries.

Speaking during the first day of the 11th bi-annual symposium on vanilla and vanillin, participants decried deteriorating quality, lack of investment in research and a thriving black market—all blamed on lack of cooperation between governments and the private sector.

Giving an overview of the situation in Tanzania, Juan Guardado from the Natural Extracts Industries (NEI), a leading exporter of the crop, said 60 per cent of vanilla



produced in Kagera Region is smuggled into Uganda. "This is often pegged on premature harvesting and thus reduces its quality," he said.

Consequently, as some farmers and especially middlemen make a killing in the black market, the government loses plenty of money in uncollected revenues.

Dried vanilla beans which are used as spice in food, beverages and fragrances are sold at 10,000/- to 15,000/- per kilogramme, making the crop popular among farmers in regions whose weather favours its cultivation such as Kilimanjaro, Kagera and Morogoro.

Guardado said that Tanzania's current production is less than 10 metric tonnes per annum but the potential is 100 metric tonnes.

He said black vanilla exports alone currently fetch USD 4 million annually (over 9bn/-).

"We appeal for more government involvement as well as academic institutions for research on the crop," he told the symposium.

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Former Controller and Auditor General Prof Mussa Juma Assad (R) hands over office to his successor, Charles Edward Kichere, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

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declared.

The minister highlighted some challenges affecting implementing budgets as reluctance by traders to use Electronic Fiscal Devices (EFD), tax evasion and failure by development partners to remit funds as per their pledges.

Representing the Shadow Finance Minister, David Silinde (Momba-Chadema) urged more investment in the livestock sector since it engages more than 50 percent of the population and contributes between 7.4 and 10 percent in the national income.

The MP cautioned on re-allocation of budgeted funds to other projects, saying it affects implementation of the Five-Year national development plan. He said that there is a need for specific legislation for budget

oversight and implementation of the development plan as its absence contributed to failure of the First Five-Year National Development Plan, 2011/12 - 2015/16.

The MP faulted the government for poor agriculture budget allocation whereby in the 2018/2019 budget a total of 98bn/- was allocated for the sector but only 41.2bn/- was disbursed.

Contributing, Serengeti MP Chacha Rioba said almost half of the country's population depends on agriculture, so there should be strategies to invest more in the sector especially in regions where our main cash crops are produced.

The government should prioritize the construction of ginneries and textile factories to boost cotton production in the 17 regions that cultivate the crop, the legislator emphasized.

Govt assures journalists of safety 'CSOs contributed 236bn/- to national economy'

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE government has said it will continue to cooperate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as well as other organisations in fighting against, and find solutions to all negative challenges that threaten the safety of journalists and other media people including those operating online.

Minister for Information, Culture and Sports, Dr Harrison Mwakembe in Arusha said when opening a five day conference of media stakeholders to mark International Day to End Impunity Against Journalists.

He said: "We as government recognise the importance of the media, as the media enables the world to know what we say and what we want. The media must also recognize they are accountable in instilling respect in the media sector and to protect the journalist."

Dr Mwakembe said the media has a great responsibility to ensure the life of a journalist is safe and stressed that the safety of these professionals begins in

the newsroom.

He said the Media Law Act (No 12) of 2016 recognizes that journalism is a profession if it stands by and put in place conditions in developing the profession and journalism ethics.

The Law has put in place board of control for journalists, independent media board and a system to oversee media service and the media fund and ensure they are fully insured at all times they practice their profession.

He said the media organizations must recognize they have a big responsibility to ensure the lives of their journalists are safe starting from the newsroom.

Responding to one of the resolutions of the 2018 meeting that called on the government to establish the coverage professionally and by law on freedom of expression and to accede to the authority of the African Court of Justice on human rights as well as rights of journalists, Dr Mwakembe explained that Tanzania is among seven African countries which have already ratified the protocol.

Dr Mwakembe praised Mussa Kalokola and Michael Kimollo from Hype Interactive Ltd from Dar es

Salaam for inventing a system to enable getting information and data of journalists who are in danger when doing their work.

UNESCO representative Tirso Dos Santos, reading a message from UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said press freedom is important as it informs and educates people, prop up democracy which is important in realizing sustainable development.

Quoting the UN boss, Dos Santos said when journalists are targeted, the society in general suffers. "Without the ability to protect journalists our ability to receive information and our ability to give decisions are greatly impeded."

On his part the Arusha Regional Commissioner Mrisho Gambo assured the safety of those attending the meeting at all time they are in Arusha and said that the meeting should act as another push for the media people by adhering to the laws and regulations guiding their professions.

International Day to End Impunity Against Journalists is celebrated every year on November 2 whereas in Tanzania the meeting takes five days from November 6 to 8 2019 in Arusha.

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

AT least 16 civil society organisation (CSOs) contributed a total of 236bn/- into the national economy in the past three years, it has been learnt.

Out of this, 169bn/- was paid beneficiaries and service providers, 19bn/- paid to the government in different forms of taxes, 45bn/- were paid in salaries, allowances and benefits, 3bn/- in development interests, all paid between 2016 and 2018.

This is mainly what they inject into the country through foreign currencies in their activities as revealed in a study conducted by Twaweza, a Dar es Salaam based local Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).

Speaking at the second day of the CSO Week here yesterday, Twaweza Executive Director, Aidan Eyakuze, the Executive Director said his organization carried out the survey in only 16 CSOs out of the over 10,000 registered in the country.

"Through this study we have learnt that CSOs contribute greatly in the national economy through different forms" he said, adding that they are still

committed to do much more.

He added that the CSOs contribution can translate to 2,181 kilogram of gold exported outside the country, 42,316 tourists who visit the country for one week, 247 million litres of petrol, diesel and kerosene.

Eyakuze, noted that the amount the CSOs paid to the government in taxes is above what the government received as revenue from soft drinks and cigarettes in the 2018/19 financial year which was 18.8bn/-.

He also observed that the amount is almost equivalent to revenue to the government from five regions of Rukwa, Lindi, Simiyu, Songwe and Katavi in the 2018/19, totaling to 21bn/-.

Speaking about the week-long event organized by Foundation for Civil Society (FCS), Francis Kiwanga, FCS's executive director, said the participants will use the meeting to share experiences.

He said that there is need for the CSOs to see how best they can improve their performances and contributions to the government and entire public.

"During the debates we shall discuss among others our contributions to national development and help the

government bringing services to the people" he said.

CSOs Coordinator at the ministry of State, President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Dennis Londo who also attended the meeting observed that the government highly acknowledges contributions of CSOs in bring development.

Officiating at the opening of the week-long event on Monday, the Prime Minister, Kassim Majaliwa called on the organizations to support the government in driving the country towards attaining the 2025 economic goal and have industrial economy.

More specifically he said the government will work closely with the CSOs to eradicate social issues like gender violence, teenage pregnancies and other practices that deny some members of the society their rights.

Majaliwa also expressed the government commitment in working closely with the CSOs since they are working in the good will of serving Tanzania, say as this year's theme states, "Progress Through Partnership", the CSO has realized that development calls for participation of all stakeholders.

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returning of the forms.

National Assembly, Speaker Job Ndugai said: "We cannot debate on a matter which we do not have proper evidence. There should be evidence to be prove your claims over violations of local government election regulations countrywide."

Ndugai insisted the matter will be debated in the legislature as soon as the MP presents enough evidence on the matter.

At least 19.7 million people have registered to vote in the coming local government elections.

Selemani Jafu, the minister for the portfolio, was recently quoted saying the target was to register 22.9 million voters but around 19.7 million registered.

Dar es Salaam region ranked first where it registered 2.9 million voters, he said.

It was followed by Coast, Mwanza, Tanga, Singida, Morogoro, Mbeya, Katavi, Ruvuma and Mtwara regions by registering the majority of potential voters.

None of the 26 Tanzania Mainland regions registered voters below 50 percent of those eligible, the minister added.

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bite humans infected with malaria, they become vectors for the disease and continue its deadly transmission cycle.

Along the Indian Ocean coast of East Africa, Zanzibar and Mainland Tanzania have had a long, well-documented battle with malaria.

In the last 10 years, Zanzibar, with a population of 1.2 million people, has embarked on different methods of fighting malaria. Thousands of mosquito nets have been distributed to put over beds and insecticide was supplied to spray in homes.

Available data shows that the campaign has succeeded in decreasing malaria prevalence. Some areas of Zanzibar have seen the prevalence of

malaria drop from 40 per cent of the population to less than 10 per cent.

The spraying by drones is a new part of the strategy. The use of drones will be essential to efficiently spraying the large rice fields, which have been identified as malaria hot spots in Zanzibar. The drone is efficient because spraying by hand is time consuming and using a helicopter is too expensive, said Eduardo Rodriguez of DJI, a Chinese drone manufacturer.

With the help of drone pilots based at the State University of Zanzibar, the DJI Agras drone is being tested to spray the rice paddies.

"The ultimate vision of our fight against malaria is to bring malaria down to zero in Year 2023 as our target," said Abdullah Suleiman Ali, the program manager.



Superintendent Abel Swai, head of public education at Traffic Police headquarters, opens a journalism course for the Tanzania Media Fellows of the Bloomberg Initiative for Global Road Safety in Dodoma yesterday. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

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producer, Madagascar, Don Seville said a whopping 80 percent of vanilla in the country is traded through informal and non-transparent networks with no regard for quality of the crop.

"Only five per cent of collectors in Madagascar are registered," he

asserted.

Seville said that lack of extension services and research jeopardizes the future of one of the world's most lucrative crops.

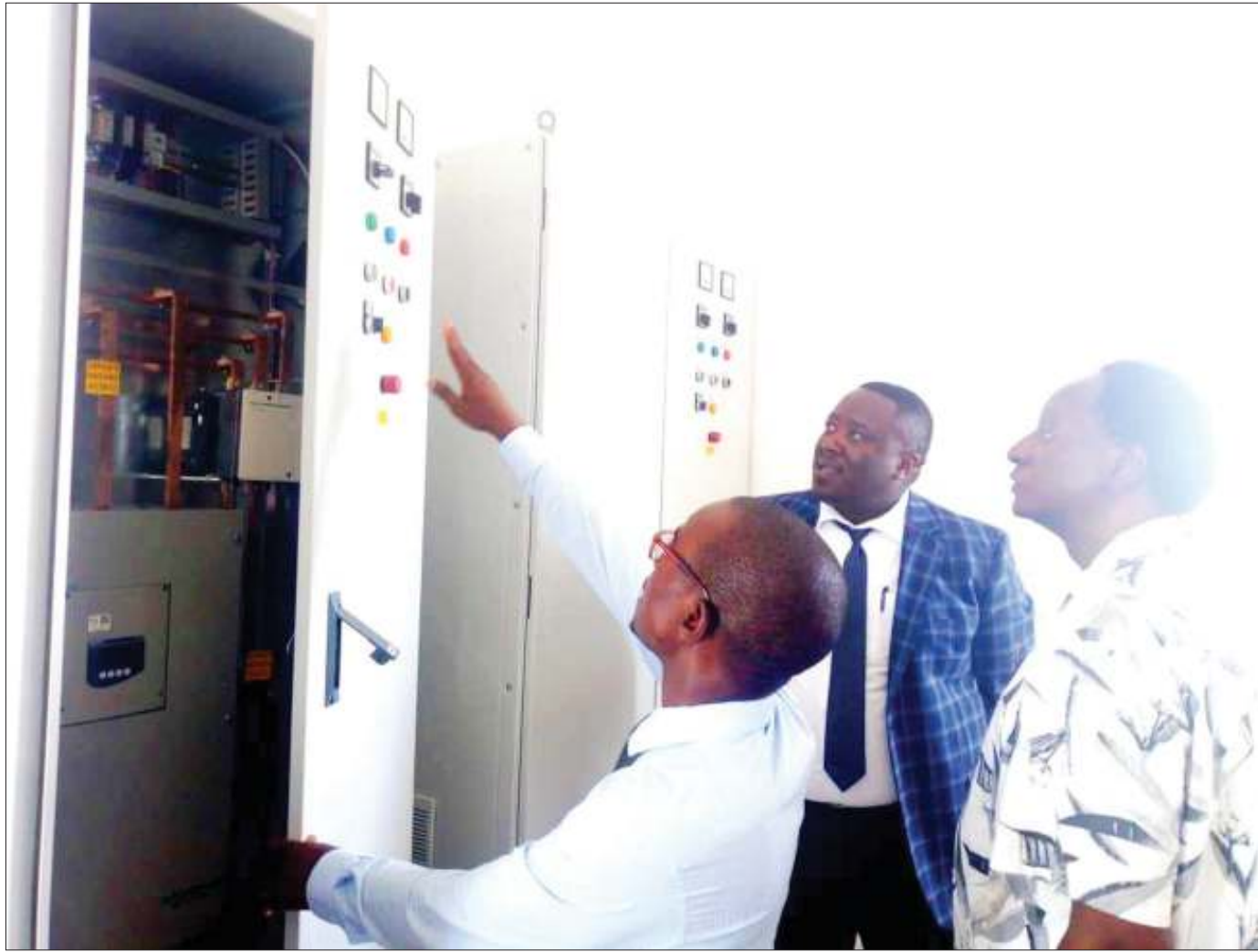
Kilimanjaro Regional Commissioner Anna Mghwira who officiated at its opening said key information such as

how much is produced and the related earnings is not clear.

The RC also threw the blame back to the stakeholders, saying they are partly responsible for the problems because of their preference of working with communities directly without involving the government.

"After this meeting, I would like to meet the organizers in my office so that you brief me on your deliberations," she stated.

As of 2016, Madagascar was the world's top producer with 2,926 tonnes followed by Indonesia (2,304), China (885) and Mexico (513).



Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (Dawasa) board chairman Gen (rtd) Davis Mwamunyange (R) looks on at the weekend as Dawasa acting projects director Ramadhan Mtindasi (L) points to one of the switches used in pumping water from Kibamba to the Kisarawe reservoir to boost the supply of the precious liquid in Kisarawe District in Coast Region. Looking on is Dawasa CEO Cyprian Luhemeja. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Aflasafe TZ01 to be produced locally in Tanzania, says govt

By Guardian Reporter

THE government has announced that the Aflasafe TZ01, which is the effective technology to combat aflatoxin in staple foods, has been commercialised and will start being produced locally so as to reach all corners of the country.

Minister for Agriculture Japhet Hasunga said this yesterday in Arusha when speaking at the first Aflasafe for Africa conference; fighting aflatoxin in food.

The conference is attended by scientists, businesses, policy-makers, and development partners from across Africa, with the aim to strategize on how to accelerate the scale-up of Aflasafe that aims at fighting aflatoxins on the continent.

The technology has been developed by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture through USAID support.

Hasunga said that the commercialization of the Aflasafe products is expected to reduce aflatoxin contamination in agricultural crops and products,

thus leading to enhanced household food, nutrition and income security.

"Currently there is a private company is investing in a manufacturing plant and is organizing the marketing and the distribution of the life-saving product in the country," he said

He also said that the government is also implementing the Tanzania Initiatives for Preventing Aflatoxin Contamination (TANIPAC) project which is aimed to minimize aflatoxin occurrence in the food system with the overall impact of improving food safety and food security, hence improving the health and nutrition of the communities, and promoting cross-border trade.

"This project has adopted a comprehensive strategy to address the issue of aflatoxin in Tanzania. The leading technologies consist of interventions during primary production, including bio-control; post-harvest technologies and handling practices such as drying and hermetic storage technologies; construction of storage facilities; institutional strengthening; coordination; and awareness-

raising among key stakeholders," he said.

He further added that Tanzania has set up a multi-sectoral, multi-disciplinary and multi-institutional Mycotoxin Steering Committee under the ministry of agriculture with the mandate to look into and address issues related to all mycotoxins, including aflatoxin.

The minister underscored the need for increased collaborations between research, the private sector, and policy-makers is essential to catalyze agricultural transformation.

Aflatoxins are a family of toxins produced by certain fungi that are found on agricultural crops such as maize (corn), peanuts, cottonseed, and tree nuts.

The main fungi that produce aflatoxins are *Aspergillus flavus* and *Aspergillus parasiticus*, which are abundant in warm and humid regions or in poorly stored food.

In 2016, an Aflatoxicosis, food poisoning resulting from intake of aflatoxin infected food; outbreak was reported in the country which affected 65 people in Dodoma and Manyara resulting to 19 deaths.

JICA dishes out 7.6bn/- to facilitate trade, bolster border security

By Guardian Reporter

JAPAN through the International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has dishd out aid grant amounting \$3.3 million (7.6bn/-) to support trade development and border security in East African Community (EAC) countries.

The grant agreement is set to be signed today between JICA and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), who is the implementer of the project.

According to a statement issued yesterday in Dar es Salaam, UNOPS on behalf of JICA will deliver and install border control and surveillance equipment to

the five EAC countries namely Tanzania, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda over 18 months in order to enhance trade facilitation and border control capacity.

The statement noted that since 2007, JICA has been implementing a series of projects with the Revenue Authorities of EAC countries, including Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), with focus on enhancing the capacity of customs, relevant border control agencies and customs agents in the region to achieve efficient and smooth border operations.

In Tanzania, JICA provided a grant for the construction of the One Stop Border Post (OSBP) at the Rusumo border located between Tanzania

and Rwanda and a joint loan for the construction of OSBP at the Namanga border located between Tanzania and Kenya, whose operation started in 2016 and 2018 respectively.

The introduction and enhancement of OSBP has a remarkable effect. The time measurement survey conducted in 2017 at the Rusumo OSBP shows the dramatic border crossing-time reduction by more than 70 percent (i.e. from 8h42m to 2h20m, 73 percent decrease) after the operation start of the OSBP realized by such financial and technical cooperation.

"To further promote regional economic development through trade facilitation and ensured


border control, the five EAC countries requested a grant of equipment for trade facilitation and border control to the Government of Japan early this year," read part of the statement.

This project contributes to building stable and reliable institutions and strengthening governance that the government of Japan announced at the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7) which was held in August 2019."

JICA expressed its commitment to continue supporting trade facilitation and border control for more sustainable economic development of Tanzania.

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APPLICATION FOR TANZANIA CITIZENSHIP



STEFANUS ERASMUS ALBERTUS VONSTADE whose photograph provided above, is applying to the Minister of Home Affairs for Tanzania Citizenship. His Nationality at present is SOUTH AFRICA. Country of origin SOUTH AFRICA. He has been living in Tanzania for 12 years. Any one, who knows any reason why Citizenship should not be granted to the applicant, should send a written and signed statement of facts to the Commissioner General, P.O. BOX 512, Dar es salaam.

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EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

PCI is a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing diseases, improving community health, and promoting sustainable development worldwide. With support from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), PCI Tanzania will be implementing the final phase of Food for Education (FFE) programming in the Mara region (2017-2021). The goal of the program is to improve literacy among primary school students, and increased use of health and dietary practices, empower women etc.

In line with programmes objectives, growth and sustainability, PCI wishes to attract talents and professionals to help run the programme.

I. Position Title:	Construction Manager
Location:	Musoma, Mara Tanzania
REPORTING CHANNEL-	The position is directly reporting to Program Director

Job Summary:

Construction Manager Responsible for design, implementation, monitoring, technical supervision and support of WASH activities on Water Sanitation and Hygiene in project schools and communities. Manage tender processes through PCI procurement system. Manage contractors from procurement through completion of their contracts. Conducting regular monitoring to assess progress of construction works against time elapse and resources. Work with PCI team on SWASH facilities construction needs assessment in participating schools/communities. In collaboration with stakeholders recommend SWASH facilities allocation to schools based on agreed criteria.

Construction manager Responsible for construction of latrines, clean-water systems including rainwater catchment tanks, boreholes and fuel efficient stoves. Responsible for facilitating community initiated renovations, updating or construction of libraries/library space, teachers' latrines, classrooms and general buildings (especially in terms of advising on selection of designs and quality issues). Responsible for optimization of construction resources (materials, manpower, plants etc.) within acceptable timeframe. Responsible to manage construction contractors and prioritize their work. Responsible for any other construction/renovation works which may be undertaken by PCI.

KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

- Design WASH Strategy:** In collaboration with the project team, design an effective strategy to implement cost-effective water, sanitation, and hygiene activities in project schools to achieve project objectives including the achievement of approved targets.
- Provide Technical Support:** Provide technical assistance and refresher training to project staff to ensure clear understanding of implementation, monitoring, and supervision responsibilities as related to WASH.
- Construction:** Design of all the structures, seek approval from related authorities and ensure compliance with legal requirements, building and safety codes, and other regulations. Prepare cost estimates, budgets, and work timetables and negotiate contracts; select appropriate construction methods and strategies; prepare and submit tender documentation to procurement.

Required Skills & Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering with 5 years' experience of work. Registered Professional Engineer by ERB (Engineers Registration Board) in: Design, Planning, Construction, Maintenance, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, project Management. Good operating knowledge of basic computer skills like MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, Email Correspondence, etc. Good operating knowledge of AutoCAD, ArchiCAD, Structural Analysis Software or any drafting and design software. Willing to work odd hours as per the program needs. Honest, diligent, punctual and displaying a professional attitude at the workplace.
- At least 5 years of professional experience in WASH related works-health & hygiene, sanitation, drinking water & toilet construction. Experience in contracts management with local artisans and small to medium vendors and service providers. Experience working with government officials. Experience working in a multi-cultural environment, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both oral and written. Experience of construction of permanent/semi-permanent buildings will be given preference.

II. Position Title:	District Agriculture Support Officers (3)
Location:	Bunda, Butaima and Musoma, Mara Tanzania
REPORTING CHANNEL-	The position is directly reporting to Agriculture and LRP Manager

Job Summary:

The main objective for the position is to provide technical support and advise to the District Agriculture Department, ward extension staff, farmer groups, school administration and surrounding community to progressively take on, manage and sustain agricultural production and food contribution for the sustainability of FFE program. This position serves as the sector's two-way communication link between PCI and respective District Councils and/or community clusters with all matters pertaining to the Agriculture sector; harmonizing any changes in plans on the part of either PCI or the District and cluster. Each position will directly oversee 2 cluster areas (36-40 primary schools).

KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Implementation of agriculture Action Plans at community level:** To provide technical support in the development of agriculture-related school annual plans (SAPs) in collaboration with lead farmers, Govt extension officers and cluster-level PCI staff (School Feeding Officers)
- Quality Assurance and Innovation:** Provides oversight for implementation of specific technical area (Water management/ Conservation Agriculture/ Seed production). Facilitate or supervise agriculture training sessions to ensure quality of training.

- Documentation and Reporting:** Ensure documented record and photos exists for key agricultural activities implemented in the project area.
- Representation:** Represent PCI in regular meetings with FFE partners at District, Cluster, ward or village level and share with supervisor the outcomes of such meetings

Required Skills & Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in agriculture, agronomy, food and nutrition security, soil and water management, or any related field.
- Minimum of two years practical experience in either of the following: promotion of vegetable gardening, conservation agriculture, seed production, or small-scale irrigation schemes through school or farmer group extension methods.
- Extensive experience in community mobilization, community participation and consultative-implementation methods
- Possesses knowledge and experience to analyze national, regional, and local agriculture issues.
- Creativity and analytical capacity to design and implement agriculture projects
- Flexibility to adjust to new implementation practices and new strategic guidance as per the changing political environment.
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and work under pressure in insecure environments.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills desired.
- Good team worker, good listener, high communication skills
- Spoken and written fluency in local languages required.
- Fluency in English and Kiswahili preferred.
- Good skills using MS Word, Excel, Outlook and smartphones

I. Position Title:	Integrated Pest management Coordinator
Location:	Musoma, Mara Tanzania
REPORTING CHANNEL-	The position is directly reporting to Agriculture and LRP Manager

Job Summary:

The main objective for the position of DASO is to support and strengthen the capacity of Mara Region Administration and the extension system to apply integrated pest management (IPM) approaches and technologies for the control of Fall armyworm and other crop pests. This position also serves as the sector's two-way communication between PCI, the respective District Councils and other local partners implementing Fall armyworm or other pest management interventions.

KEY AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- Implementation of Africa Fall armyworm Response Mechanism initiative:** Coordinate recruitment and training of extension officers on integrated pest management and AfriFARM. Facilitate data collection and synchronization of AfriFARM data for preparation of District and Regional Dashboard
- Quality Assurance and Innovation:** Provides oversight for implementation of specific technical area (AfriFARM). Facilitate or supervise AfriFARM training sessions to ensure quality of training.
- Documentation and Reporting:** Ensure documented record and photos exists for AfriFARM activities implemented in Mara Region
- Representation:** Represent PCI in technical meetings on Integrated Pest management

Required Skills & Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in agriculture, agronomy, pest management or environmental sciences with special reference to integrated pest management.
- A minimum of two years' experience with identifying pests and diseases as well as treatment methods of field crops; experience with pesticide use and biological controls, specifically regarding modes of action and techniques of application.
- Must have a hands-on experience using smartphone application or any IT solution in solving agricultural or any other community development challenges.
- Ability to effectively perform all aspects of integrated pest management including establish and operate a monitoring program for pest management, develop and implement field test to evaluate the efficacy of varied pest management techniques and pesticide application. Plan, coordinate, and training on integrated pest management principles and in the operation of IT or related equipment associated with the application of products. Identify and interpret signs and symptoms of plant stresses including pest diseases and abiotic responses.
- Must be IT literate and demonstrate passion for innovations on Information Technology. Extensive experience in community participation and consultative-implementation. Possesses the knowledge and experience to analyze national, regional, and local politics.
- Creativity and analytical capacity to design and implement agriculture projects Flexibility to adjust to new implementation practices and new strategic guidance as per the changing political environment. Ability to manage multiple tasks and work under pressure in insecure environments. Experience implementing donor funded projects preferred.
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Government, stakeholders tame dynamite fishing in four regions

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

MINISTRY of Livestock and Fisheries in collaboration with stakeholders through the Tanzania blast monitoring network has successfully tamed dynamite fishing along the Indian coast in Dar es Salaam, Lindi, Mtwara and Coast regions.

Following the efforts, which were implemented by the ministry in collaboration with Coastal Community network, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Seasense, Sound Ocean Ltd, European Union (EU) and the Indian Ocean Commission there were no recorded incidences of blast fishing from January to October this year.

Livestock and Fisheries Deputy Minister, Abdallah Ulega said yesterday when responding to a question by Chang'ombe legislator, Ali Hassan King (CCM) who wanted to know why the government had banned fishing in the

country.

Ulega said the initiatives has resulted into controlled illegal fishing in the Ocean whereby the number of recorded incidences which involved blast fishing decreases annually. He said that in Dar es Salaam there were 6,161 in 2016 which have reduced to zero this year.

He said a total of 5,907 blast fishing incidences were recorded in Tanga in 2016, but only 1,176 incidences were recorded last year.

"We have completely controlled dynamite and gas cylinder fishing in the Indian Coast. We have banned blast fishing as per Section 66 (2) of 2009 Fisheries Regulations for purposes of protecting the country's fisheries resources", said Ulega adding illegal fishing in the country has been reduced by 99 percent. Fishing activities in the country are regulated by the Fisheries Act, 2003.

He explained that Section 66 (1-Q) of the 2009 Fisheries Regulations only allow gas cylinders and self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (scuba) to be used for sport fishing which involves catching fish for decorations, research and training. He said to engage in such types of fishing, one has to acquire special license from relevant authorities.

Ulega said some dishonest fishermen have been using the permits to use underwater breathing apparatuses to catch fishes they have killed by blast. He said the use of blast in fishing affects the coral reefs and fish breeding sites.

"When fishers use blast they catch immature fishes hence disturb the complete ecology system in the waters. Illegal fishing threatens sustainability of fish resources in our waters but also poses various health risk to fishermen which includes permanent disability or death", said the Deputy Minister.



NMB Bank Plc southern zone manager Janeth Shango (in scarf) pictured at the weekend symbolically handing over 175 corrugated iron roofing sheets to Songea district commissioner Pololet Mgema for use at Ndelenyuma Primary School in Madaba town. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

By Felister Peter, Dodoma

THE government is implementing a number of construction projects including roads connected to Kigoma region to attract more transporters to use the Manyovu custom post when transporting cargo to neighbouring Burundi.

Finance and Planning Deputy Minister, Dr Ashatu Kijaji said the government is finalizing construction part of the Manyoni - Tabora - Uvinza road as well as the Kasulu - Manyovu road to ensure smooth transportation services.

"We are aware of the economic potential of the Manyovu custom post that's why we are also renovating the Kigoma port and upgrading of the central railway corridor to international standards", said the Deputy Minister yesterday.

Dr Kijaji was responding to a question from Buhigwe Member of Parliament, Obama Ntabaliba (CCM) who wanted to know the government strategies to increase the amount of cargo that

'Government building roads to connect Kigoma Region to attract transporters'

passes through the Manyovu custom post to Burundi.

The Deputy Minister added that some challenges that affects performance of the Manyovu custom post in Kigoma region includes its geographical location whereas it is considered as one of the longest routes compared to other routes from Dar es Salaam port.

She told the National Assembly that the transit route from Dar es Salaam - Isaka - Manyovu is 1,457 kilometers while the transit route from Dar es Salaam - Isaka - Kabanga is 1,330 kilometers. She said some transporters also prefer the Dar es Salaam - Manyoni - Tabora - Manyovu transit route which is 1,273 kilometers long.

She however noted that despite being the shortest route, the Dar es Salaam - Manyoni - Tabora - Manyovu faces various challenges including poor road network.

She said, at times, transporters prefer using the Kabanga custom post to avoid transport challenges along the Dar es Salaam - Manyoni - Tabora - Manyovu route as well as reduce transport costs.

The deputy minister insisted that the Manyovu custom post has been connected with the Tanzania Customs Integrated System (TANCIS) which has resulted into increased effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, and reliability in the customs administration.

TANCIS replaced the previous customs management system - ASYCUDA++ that has been in use in the country since 2005. Tanzania has a total of 97 customs post countrywide.

She informed the legislators that various government institutions including the ministry of agriculture, immigration department and police have opened offices at the Manyovu custom post in Kigoma.

By Correspondent Friday Simbaya, Mufindi

MUFINDI Paper Mills (MPM) has built an ultra-modern maternity and child health (MCH) clinic at Mgololo Health Centre worth 280m/- in an effort to improve healthcare services in Mufindi District, Iringa Region.

Medical officer in charge at Mgololo Health Centre, Dr John Ntugwisangu availed this over the weekend during the function to inaugurate the health facility. The inauguration function was also witnessed by the Iringa Regional Commissioner Ally Hapi.

The Mgololo health centre is among nine health centres that provide services to the Mufindi District Council.

Dr Ntugwisangu said that the centre serves five villages of Makungu ward and surrounding areas. He said the centre serves approximately 12,735 residents including 3,184 childbearing women and 307 children of less than five years of age.

Dr Ntugwisangu directed that the centre has a total of 14 employees equivalent to 28.8 per cent of the staff

Paper-making firm builds modern MCH clinic to improve healthcare in Mufindi

required to comply with the scheme.

In the provision of maternity and child health services in 2017 alone the centre was able to cater for a total of 726 mothers and 564 children as shown above due to the existing housing complex.

Dr Ntugwisangu said that such a large number of women and children were having service in the containers and under the trees before construction of the centre. The construction of the clinic came following the Vice President Samia Suluhu's visit to Mgololo in February, 2018. There were petitions to improve health care, and then MPM pledged to build a maternity and child health clinic.

The construction started in May and was completed in September this year (five months), however the health centre doesn't have enough staff to meet the patients' needs.

Due to this shortage, the medicine room, premature babies room and circumcision rooms have not yet begun to provide services.

However, residents of Makungu Ward in Mufindi, Iringa region thanked the leadership of the MPM for building a maternity and child health clinic where they said it had moved the services closer to their doorstep, where they had previously travelled 120 kilometers to the Mafinga town.

RC Hapi for his part commended paper-making firm for supporting the government's development agenda of reducing maternal deaths to fewer than 70 per 100,000 live births by 2030.

The move is also in line with ongoing countrywide campaigns to cut maternal and infant mortality from the current 556 to 292 per 100,000 women and infant mortality from the current 25 to 16 per 1,000 by 2020.



It must be shock and disbelief for these presumed residents of Misozwe in Muheza District, Tanga Region, at the weekend after they witnessed the havoc the recent heavy rains have wreaked on the village's irrigation scheme. Photo: Correspondent Steve William

By Guardian Correspondent, Nkasi

'Jealous' young man 'hangs himself'

A YOUNG man Musiba Marko (26) a resident of Kasu village, Milundikwa Ward, Nkasi District, in Rukwa Region, is said to have hanged himself using a sisal rope after allegedly caught his lover with another man. Village executive officer Benaziri Kalamba said the incident occurred at 9 am after neighbours found out that he had hanged himself in his bedroom. After the news spread in the village

the village official reported the matter to the police. He said the young man is a resident of Geita region and came to the village where he engaged in masonry work and started relationship with a village girl. The ward chairman of Milundikwa Ward Justin Mangazini said even though the deceased did not leave any

message behind for ending his own life, his friends claimed that three days before the incident they found his lover with another man who is said to have relationship with the girl. After police's investigation the deceased was buried after his family in Geita had given a green light for the burial to take place at Kasu village. Nkansi District Administrative Officer

(DAS) Cosmas Kuyela confirmed the about the incident though he said he did not know the reason for the young man to hang himself. He called on the people in the district to plead with their family members to adopt the habit of explaining to each other about their problems in life instead of taking hard decisions.

1,500 villagers 'refused' their right to register for civic polls

By Guardian Correspondent, Kigoma

MORE than 1,500 residents of Ng'wanduhubantu area in Uvinza district, Kigoma region have complained to the district leadership for sidelining them and denying them the right of registering themselves in the civic elections on reason that they are refugees and that the area they reside is not within Mpeta village in the district.

They have therefore appealed for the intervention of President John Magufuli for their basic constitutional right to register and vote as they say they are legal citizens of Tanzania.

Speaking before the Minister for livestock and Fisheries Luhaga Mpina who visited the area, the complained of high cost in formalizing their plots of land at 100,000/- for each acre claiming that they were not told from which land law or regulation it comes from.

They said they have said the move to survey their areas for the high costs is meant to make them fail to pay and therefore to be get kicked out of the area, which they said is against the President's directives to stay put in their area.

They also complained of not being informed by the district government of the law under which they have to get their plots surveyed - the plots they own under customary law.

One of them Charles Nyamgenda said they are discriminated by denying them social services such schools, health centres, water, roads that make them live like refugees in their own country.

They also complained about the move by the district government to ignore the directives of the Minister for Livestock and Fisheries on November 2018 to make an evaluation to find out the size of the area in question owned by them for farming, livestock keeping and for human settlements.

They said before this evaluation was carried out the district government embarked on surveying their land by force.

The Ng'wanduhubantu villagers

also laid blame to National ranching Company (NARCO) for failing to demarcate their land despite having been told to do so by minister Lugana Mpina over one year ago. This, they said resulted in many villagers being caught for trespassing inside NARCO ranches while there are no signboards showing demarcation lines.

Following these complaints, minister Mpina said he will send a team to work on the issue and complete the work within 15 days so as to end the ongoing conflict and urged them to cooperate with the team.

Mpina also directed the Uvinza District Commissioner, the Executive Director of Uvinza District Council and other government functionaries to conduct mutual discussions with the villagers to find solutions for their problems.

Moina also urged NARCO to place demarcation lines as soon as possible - within 30 days to separate areas for the ranch and for human activities to avoid unnecessary disputes.

Recently President Magufuli ordered that the Ng'wanduhubantu residents should not be moved or bothered - they should continue with their activities including farming and livestock keeping.

The President also announced that 920 villages that are inside reserved areas to remain as they were and land therein must be formalized.

From the Minister decisions the Ng'wanduhubantu residents congratulated him and also thanked President Magufuli for his kindness because from now on they are allowed to continue with their activities without being bothered or discrimination.

Uvinza District Administrative secretary Upendo Malangu praised for the end of the conflict and promised he will supervise the implementation of the directives.

Executive Officer for Mpeta Village Ally Kisila said the Ng'wanduhubantu area is not in Mpeta village and that is why all areas of the village participated in voters registration exercise including Mpeta Kati, Kagereko, Mawasiliano, Mabanini and Lutindye.

Mbarali district to embark on cashew farming

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbarali

THE government has distributed 300 kilograms of cashew nut seeds to villagers in Miyombeni Ward in Mbarali district in Mbeya region for producing 55,000 seedlings which will be distributed to farmers in the district.

Presenting the seeds on Monday, Mbarali District Commissioner Reuben Mfune said the aim is to ensure the cashew crop becomes one of the cash crops in the district instead of wholly depending on rice which at times bring losses to farmers.

He said the government has handed 300 kgs of cashew seeds to farmers so as to mobilize them to cultivate the crop but the strategy is that every farmer in the district is supposed to cultivate cashew nuts.

He added: "Cashew nuts are among five strategic crops which the government

stresses their cultivation in various areas because it is profitable than the other four, and in recognition of this, the district has issued 3009 kgs for producing 55,000 seedlings that we expect to distribute to farmers."

He said apart from the fields, the seedlings can also be planted in residential areas as in doing so the

wananchi will also get many benefits including the cashew fruit, shade and clean air.

Councilor for Miyombeni Ward Mustaulo Sanzala advised farmers to grab the cashew growing opportunity and stop listening to some politicians who say the crop has come to kill rice growing in their district.

The District Agricultural Officer Daniel Kamwela said up to now a total of 229 villages have registered for cashew cultivation and 328 hectares have been planted with the crop.

In Financial year 2019/20 the Mbarali District Council has bought 500 kgs of cashew seeds which are expected to produce 70,000 cashew seedlings.

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NOTICE FOR 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF AKIBA COMMERCIAL BANK PLC SHALL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 07TH DECEMBER 2019 AT DAR ES SALAAM SERENA HOTEL FROM 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA:

- 1.0 NOTICE, QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- 2.0 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
- 3.0 TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
- 4.0 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
- 5.0 TO RECEIVE REPORT ON THE BANK'S PERFORMANCE
- 6.0 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2018 TOGETHER WITH THE DIRECTORS' AND AUDITORS' REPORT THEREON
- 7.0 TO APPOINT EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2019 AND APPROVE THEIR REMUNERATION
- 8.0 ELECTION OF ONE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS
- 9.0 TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS
- 10.0 TO DELIBERATE ON ANY PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/SHAREHOLDERS
- 11.0 TO SET DATE FOR THE NEXT AGM MEETING

NOTE:

A. PAPERS FOR THE MEETING
Papers for the meeting will be available for collection at the Bank's Registered Offices from Monday, 2nd December 2019 and at the meeting venue on the date of the meeting.

B. ATTENDANCE BY PROXY
A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at this meeting may, if unable to attend in person, appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of the Company.

The instrument appointing a proxy must be signed by the respective Shareholder.

The instrument appointing a proxy must be submitted to the Company Secretary at the Banks registered office or via email by

10.00 a.m. Thursday, 5th December 2019.

C. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR REPRESENTING MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS

One of the Directors representing the minority Shareholders in the Board of Directors' tenure is due, rendering the said position vacant. Any minority Shareholder interested in contesting for the said position is required to submit his/her application letter along with a detailed CV to the Company Secretary not later than 12:00 noon Saturday, 30th November 2019.

D. PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/SHAREHOLDERS

Any proposal to be discussed under Agenda item 10.0 must be submitted to the Company Secretary not later than 10.00 a.m. Thursday, 5th December 2019.

E. TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Each Shareholder shall be responsible for the cost of their own travel and accommodation.

F. OTHER INFORMATION

Shareholders are reminded to confirm/update their personal information with the Company Secretary.

G. CONTACT DETAILS FOR COMMUNICATION

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By Order of the Board
Niwaeli Mziray
Company Secretary

1 November 2019

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Tanzania, Poland implementing US\$ 33m-worth storing facilities project

By Guardian Reporter, Dodoma

PLANS are afoot to import a modern crane from Poland that will be used on the ongoing project for construction of Silos storing facilities, if the ministry of Finance disburses about US\$ 1.8 million (4.16bn/-) to a Polish company executing the project.

Tanzania and Poland are currently implementing the US\$ 33 million project for the construction of Silos storing facilities in Dodoma, Songea, Makambako, Mbozi and Shinyanga. Upon completion the storage facilities are expected to decrease the levels of grain wastage in the country which is currently estimated at 40 per cent.

Country Director of Feerum Spolka Akcyjna—a Polish Company, Mikolaj Kucia, said the implementation of the project had reached 65 per cent, but he was quick to point out that unprecedented delays in the disbursement of funds from the government had paralysed business in the project.

He said that for activities to continue at different sites, the government needs to expedite disbursement of funds so that the project can be accomplished on time.

"Initially the project which begun mid last year was set to be completed in mid December 2019, but delays in disbursement of funds made it impossible, adding that his company which is the main contractor will accomplish the project next year," he said.

Feerum Spolka Akcyjna, a Polish joint-stock company with decades of experience in providing storing technologies in the number of successful

projects worldwide, including the most recent major project in Ukraine with storing capacity of 800,000 tonnes.

The ongoing project is being developed in cooperation between Tanzania and Polish governments, with Polish side delivering financing for the project. The entire project is to provide 250,000 tonnes of new grain storing capacity, with main focus on storing corn.

The National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA), being part of the Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for the implementation of the project on the Tanzanian part.

Upon completion of the project, more storing capacity and more stable supply of maize are going to stabilise the prices across the year and will make the prices less vulnerable to external conditions such as drought, causing lower yields," noted Kucia adding:

"Additionally, stable supply from NFRA will also improve food security for Tanzanians, reduce poverty and improve nutrition by curbing lack of grain in the market caused by drought or contaminating the grain."

He further said that recently, US\$ 1.4 million out of the outstanding amount US\$ 3.2 million was settled by the government.

However, Feerum believes that the remaining balance will be sorted and things get back to normal and progress with the projects which will impact the majority of Tanzanians and farmers in general.

In addition to delays in funds to facilitate the project, Feerum also highlighted the challenges when it comes to importing machinery needed to perform certain duties.



Dr Inmi Patterson (R), Chargé d'Affaires at the US Embassy in Tanzania, presents a gift—a copy of a book by former US first lady Michelle Obama—to Singida regional commissioner Dr Rehema Nchimbi in Singida municipality on Monday. Dr Patterson is in the region for a tour. Photo courtesy of US Embassy

Tanesco MD: In REA we've got close partner in changing rural Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco) and the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) are very close partners in transforming rural Tanzania, Tanesco Managing Director Titto Mwinuka, said in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

Dr Mwinuka, speaking in a state-run television said the two institutions were cooperating closely in taking electricity to villages. "We thank REA for the

cooperation and mutual support in taking power to villages.

Electricity has opened up villages for various types of investments, especially in establishing medium agro-industries. Sequel to this the economic status of rural people has steadily gone up," he said.

Reliable power in rural Tanzania was fundamental in making national industrialisation dream a reality, Dr Mwinuka explained, adding that now that power was readily available in

villages the government's ambition to make Tanzania a middle-income industrial nation was achievable. Tanesco has linked over 300 villages to the national grid, he said.

Part of Tanesco's achievements in the last four years, he said, was to connect Ruvuma and Njombe regions to the national grid, saving the nation from paying a 25-billion/- annual bill to secure fuel for running generators.

The MD thanked the government for supporting Tanesco in implementing

Kinyerezi II power project. He said Kinyerezi II was contributing to the national grid 248 megawatts, further explaining that the contribution of Kinyerezi project has played a big part in stabilising power supply in the country.

Tanesco, he said, will not allow itself to lag behind as the nation surges towards industrialisation. "We want to see electricity becoming a key component in making Tanzania a middle-income industrial country come 2025," he told viewers and radio listeners.



DEVELOPMENT OF A DISPUTE SETTLEMENT HOTLINE AND TRACKING MECHANISM FOR COMPLAINTS ARISING FROM CROSS-BORDER TRADE

EXPIRATION DATE: 19th November, 2019; 5 PM (EA Time)

The Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) is working with African governments, donors, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and African farmers to significantly and sustainably improve the productivity and incomes of resource-poor farmers in Africa. AGRA has its headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya.

AGRA would like to engage an independent consultant to develop a mechanism for monitoring cross-border trade and communicating bottlenecks to trade back to relevant government authorities, including the Regional Commissioner's Office.

The consultant is expected to conduct a thorough scoping of policy, regulatory, procedural, and administrative bottlenecks to cross-border trade in Kigoma Region and come out with recommendations for addressing the trade impediments. The consultant needs to explore how effective the summit or other dialogues may become or what to improve on. The output foreseen from this assignment is establishing of a tracking desk at a relevant government agency, e.g., the RC office for receiving and resolving challenges reported. In providing the consultancy services, the consultants will work closely with public and private sectors, stakeholders and Cross border facilitating agencies to arrive to optimal solution.

AGRA now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, general qualifications of key staff, and so forth).

A detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2CeRzd0>

Technical and financial proposals must be sent to: procurement@agra.org by 19th November, 2019

www.agra.org



CONSULTANCY OPPORTUNITY IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION Baseline Assessment for an Early Learning / Pre Primary Education Project

Children in Crossfire is an international NGO whose purpose is to respond to the rights and needs of young children caught in the crossfire of global poverty and injustice. Children in Crossfire Tanzania focuses on increasing access to quality Early Childhood Development (ECD) supporting children's developmental needs and giving them a chance to reach their fullest potential. More information can be found at: www.childrenincrossfire.org

The new phase of Children in Crossfire Tanzania's ECD programming will see the implementation of a flagship pre-primary education (PPE) project in Dodoma Region, to be more popularly known as 'Watoto Wetu Tunu Yetu Dodoma'. The project intends to support the scaling-up of quality-improved pre-primary education across all government PPE streams in Dodoma region over the course of 2020-2022. The aspired impact is to increase children's school readiness by improving their experience of and opportunities for ECD, particularly in formal educational environments.

The project is currently in inception phase. Children in Crossfire needs to design and implement a repeated cross sectional study in order to analyse changes to target populations over time. The study, beginning with a **baseline assessment**, will be used throughout the project to assess changes and attribute them to project interventions.

Children in Crossfire is therefore seeking a consultant (individual or organisation) to support in the design of the repeated cross sectional study and execution and analysis of the first (baseline) assessment in Dodoma before project interventions commence early in 2020. External support will ensure that the study is designed to industry standard and best practice, with clearly defined indicators, and that data is independently collected and verified.

A detailed Terms of Reference for this consultancy can be downloaded from: <http://www.childrenincrossfire.org/we-are-hiring/>

The **Terms of Reference** set out the scope of work, deliverables and timelines; as well as the required experience and qualifications of the consultants, and tendering procedures and selection criteria.

A proposal (no more than 7 pages) and a cover letter should be submitted by email to: jobstz@childrenincrossfire.org indicating in the subject line: "Proposal - Baseline Assessment of Dodoma Pre Primary Education Programme".

The closing time for receipts of applications is **11pm Sunday 17th November 2019** local time in Tanzania.



Fuel availability in the country has improved, says Dr Kalemmani

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

FUEL availability in the country has improved significantly in the last four years following development to the infrastructure including upgrading of Tanga and Mtwara ports.

Minister for Energy Dr Medard Kalemmani revealed this yesterday in Dodoma when he officially launched the Board of directors of Petroleum Bulk Procurement Agency (PBPA).

Minister Kalemmani said up to 2015 the country had only one port - the Dar es Salaam Port - that had the capacity to receive 165,000 tonnes of fuel from oil tankers, but as of now, he said "there are two more ports - Tanga and Mtwara with a capacity to receive 90,000 tonnes of fuel from oil tankers, hence the present country capacity to receive oil is 225,000 tonnes."

He said the country's current oil import capacity is 265 million litres per day while consumption is only 9.4 million litres per day.

Elaborating, the minister explained that the country has a 151.2 million

litres of surplus of diesel fuel which covers 32 days consumption, and 85.3 million litres of surplus petrol that covers 26 days consumption.

In regard to jet fuel, Kalemmani said there is 22.9 million litres surplus enough for 41 days consumption and 5.7 million litres of kerosene enough for 40 days consumption.

However the minister said during the last four years, consumption for kerosene in the country has fallen following electrification drive into many areas.

He said statistics shows that in 2015 consumption of kerosene per day was 1,070,000 litres and currently it has gone down to 1,045,000 litres per day.

The minister used the occasion to warn businessmen and owners of petrol stations who have the habit of hoarding oil in anticipation of price rise.

He said this is illegal and whoever is caught legal action will be taken against him/her including closure of his petrol station.

He also directed the Board to solve the challenges facing people in rural

areas on fuel shortage. He asked them to discuss the issue with Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) to make an evaluation on the possibilities of establishing fuel selling centres in villages.

He said people in villages have difficulties in getting fuel and sometimes they are forced to purchase it in plastic containers from itinerant sellers, the practice that is not safe.

Speaking about the board's responsibilities, Kalemmani said the biggest one is to ensure that bulk fuel importation is well monitored so that it is readily available at all times.

"You have to do this correctly without instilling any disputes between bulk importers and other players," he said.

He also cited another responsibility of the Board - to ensure the imported fuel is of required standards for the country's fuel sector needs.

The ministry permanent secretary Mwinhimvua congratulated the board members for their appointment and called on them to work hard and diligently as directed by the minister.



Lucas Mwampiki (L), councillor for Mwakibete in Mbeya city, addresses a parents meeting at the weekend on ways to handle the influx of pupils to the ward's Uhuru Primary School. Photo: Correspondent Nebart Msokwa

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

Give enough time for drivers to rest, police call on bus owners

POLICE has called on bus owners to fully comply with traffic rules by ensuring that drivers get enough rest before getting into the road in order to trim-down road accidents in the country.

In an interview, Traffic Police Commander Fortunatus Muslim discouraged the tendency of having single driver to drive a bus for more than eight hours, something he described as 'unacceptable and contrary to traffic rules and regulations'.

"There is a tendency, whereby bus owners recruit one driver and force him/her to drive for more than eight hours, while knowing that doing so is against the law. It's very risky for single driver to drive for a long time as he/she might get tired and lead to road accident," Muslim said, adding:

"The law is very clear on that. A long journey bus needs more than one driver so that everyone gets enough time to rest."

He however cited poor pay as one of the reasons behind the problem, calling bus operators to work on the challenge for the safety of passengers and the well-

being of the country.

It is estimated that 76 percent of road accidents are caused by human errors, while 8 percent are caused by road infrastructures.

Despite the challenge, the existing legal frameworks guiding road safety including Road Traffic Act 1973 has not mention that working condition for drivers as one of terms to obey by owners of buses before operating the bus.

Indeed, it gives them a loophole to use drivers as they want for profit making without considering the safety of passengers.

Secretary for Tanzania Bus Owners (TABOA) Enea Mrutu admitted on the challenge, saying: "There are some of our members who operate their business contrary to the rules and regulations governing transport sector. We've been addressing this in our different platforms, so that they recruit enough skilled bus drivers to render the service."

"Some of them are not well prepared

for the business, instead they rush to recruit incompetent drivers who accept simple offer based on commission instead of formal contract," he added.

According to Mrutu, because of that, drivers are forced to make more trips that will help him to get more double his/her commission.

He encouraged bus owners to provide all necessary payments to drivers including accommodation while on trip to help him/her get enough sleep and stick to his job on the next trip.

Abdallah Rubala, secretary of Drivers' Association at Ubungo Bus Terminal said bus owners have a share of blame on the matter for being what he termed as "rigid and unfriendly" to their drivers, as most of them want cheap labour for profit maximisation.

He added that most of drivers are not fully employed, hence they work and survive on commission basis.

He said, there is a need for clear and systematic approach for improving working environment of bus drivers if the country is to be road accident free.

By Guardian Reporter

Jinping attracted by cashew nuts, Tanzanite at second China Expo

THE 2nd China International Importation Expo has been opened by the Chinese President Xi Jinping yesterday and has been attended by leaders from 64 countries including French President Emmanuel Macron, prime ministers of Jamaica, Serbia and Greece.

The Tanzania delegation is led by the Minister for Industry and Trade Innocent Bashungwa.

After opening the exhibition President Jinping visited pavilions from five countries including Tanzania. The other pavilions he visited were those of France, Greece, Serbia and Jamaica.

President Jinping was accompanied by the Prime Ministers from Jamaica, Greece and Serbia and were received by Minister Bashungwa and spent about 10 minutes in the Tanzania pavilion.




President Jinping and his guests were briefed about various products - agricultural and minerals found in Tanzania as well as its various tourists attractions. He also received greetings from Tanzania President John Magufuli.

On his part the Chinese President praised Tanzania for her participation

in the exhibition and conveyed congratulatory greetings to President Magufuli for strengthening economic ties existing between the two countries.

President Jinping was mostly attracted by cashew nut crop and Tanzanite minerals where he wanted to know how the two products are obtained in the Chinese market as well as the price for Tanzanite. He was answered satisfactorily.

The exhibitions will last up to November 10 2019.

Request for Proposal (RFP)

For

Fabricating the prototype design equipment to dry maize bran for Tanzania Small Food processors

November 2019

INTRODUCTION
TechnoServe is a US-based non-profit with 50 years' experience of developing business solutions to poverty. We work with enterprising people in the developing world to build competitive farms, businesses, and industries. Operating in 29 countries, TechnoServe is a leader in harnessing the power of the private sector to help people lift themselves out of poverty. By linking people to information, capital and markets, we have helped millions to create lasting prosperity for their families and communities.

BACKGROUND
TechnoServe in partnership with Partners in Food Solutions and USAID is implementing in Tanzania the Alliance for Inclusive and Nutritious Food Processing (AINFP) program. This aims to increase the competitiveness of SME food processors to produce safer and more nutritious foods by linking them to technical assistance, inclusive supply chains and markets. AINFP has worked with SME maize millers amongst other value chains.

Local milling companies in Tanzania produce bran as a by-product of maize milling and may sell this as an ingredient for animal feed. Bran requires drying to reduce the moisture content from 40% to 13% to prevent it going rancid. Most smaller milling companies do not have the means or equipment to dry the bran..

A typical maize miller processes approximately seven metric tons of maize per day and produces a relatively moist bran by-product. If the bran were dehydrated to the appropriate moisture content, it could be sold as animal feed and increase the profits of the company. Processors' current method of drying is to place the bran in the sun, but due to Tanzania's rainy and humid climate, this is often ineffective. When the bran does not reach the desired moisture content the material goes rancid and cannot be sold as animal feed, resulting in profit loss and a much broader loss for the community as whole. Without access to locally-sourced, affordable animal feed, the wider farming community surrounding processors are forced to import animal feed from other regions, increasing the costs, which in turn drives up the cost of their livestock at market and reduces the amount of reliable protein available to the general public. A large, industrial scale drying system will allow millers to reliably dry their bran to the desired moisture content, thereby increasing profit.

St. Thomas University in Minnesota, USA, developed and constructed a prototype drying system to gather data that will provide deeper insight into the heat transfer process and drying curve of maize bran. The finished design includes a rotating barrel driven by motor in a static angled frame. The prototype is capable of drying 50 lb./hr. (22.7 kg/hr.) to the desired moisture content, but it is simply meant to be a proof of concept and has not yet been constructed and tested locally.

Problem to be Solved:

- 1) The development of a maize bran dryer that can be fabricated locally and provide a cost-effective solution to maize millers in Tanzania
- 2) The dryer will require a furnace which will require a source of fuel. Reference to the prototype design, which shall be provided to you if selected, will guide determination of the most appropriate local fuel based on availability, cost, environmental and safety considerations, and the appropriate furnace design.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS & SCOPE OF WORK
The selected service provider (Engineer/Institution) will model the finished design of the prototype and use the stipulated data to determine the critical parameters, such as dryer dimensions and heat source. The final design must be a more robust, industrial scale model that can dry up to two metric tons of bran per hour.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

Customer Requirements

- The drying system shall reduce moisture content from 40% to 13%
- The drying system design for millers shall process two tons of maize bran per hour
- The drying system shall be cost effective, especially with regard to the energy choice
- The drying system should be fabricated locally in Tanzania

Engineering Requirements

- The prototype dryer design shall have dimensions that fit through a standard doorway (2 m x 9 m)
- The prototype dryer design shall be on wheels for ease of transport
- The drying system shall continue to operate despite overloading or continuous usage for over 5 hours
- The drying system shall be equipped with safety devices such as emergency shut offs

The drying system shall comply with standards from the Tanzania Bureau of Standards and World Trade Organization Applicable Standards
Because the dryer is an agricultural product and will be used to process food products:

- The machine will need to abide by certain standards that are related to the agriculture and food processing sector.
- The energy choice for the full-scale dryer must abide by the standards (Sections 143, 144, and 230 of The Environmental Management Act of Tanzania).

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE
The period of performance of contract resulting from this solicitation is anticipated to begin in the second week after being selected and last for two months. The incumbent shall submit details on a spread sheet/Gantt chart covering estimated length of time to accomplish all requirements, with detail on individual activity implementation dates, as referenced in the period of performance.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION
The evaluation of each response to this RFP will be based on the requirements set out in the solicitation and any addenda thereto. At the sole discretion of TechnoServe, the top proposals may be selected for follow-up questions or to provide an oral presentation.

The following weighting and points will be assigned to the proposal for evaluation purposes:

Technical Proposal 40 %		
Project Approach/Methodology	17 points (maximum)	40 total points
Quality of Work Plan	11 points (maximum)	
Project Schedule	4 points (maximum)	
Project Deliverables	8 points (maximum)	
Management Proposal 40 %		
Project Team Structure and Internal Controls	9 points (maximum)	40 total points
Staff Qualifications/Experience	19 points (maximum)	
Experience of the Firm	12 points (maximum)	
	40 total points	
Cost Proposal 20 %		20 total points
TOTAL		100 POINTS

TechnoServe reserves the right to award the contract to the organization whose proposal is deemed to be in the best interest of and most advantageous to Processors and the Donor.

TechnoServe will not award a contract to any bidder where there is indication of a lack of business integrity.

The Organization with the winning proposal will be notified in writing. Those who are not selected may or may not be notified, at the sole discretion of TechnoServe

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Request for Proposal is not and shall not be considered an offer by TechnoServe.
2. All responses must be received on or before the date and time indicated below. All late responses will be rejected.
3. All unresponsive responses will be rejected.
4. All proposals will be considered binding offers. Prices proposed must be valid for entire period provided by respondent or required by RFP.
5. All awards will be subject to TechnoServe contractual terms and conditions and contingent on the availability of donor funding.
6. TechnoServe reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal or cancel the solicitation process at any time, and shall have no liability to the proposing organizations submitting proposals for such rejection or cancellation of the request for proposals.
7. TechnoServe reserves the right to accept all or part of the proposal when award is provided.
8. All information provided by TechnoServe in this RFP is offered in good faith. Individual items are subject to change at any time, and all bidders will be provided with notification of any changes. TechnoServe is not responsible or liable for any use of the information submitted by bidders or for any claims asserted therefrom.
9. TechnoServe reserves the right to require any bidder to enter into a non-disclosure agreement.
10. The bidders are solely obligated to pay for any costs, of any kind whatsoever, which may be incurred by bidder or any third parties, in connection with the Response. All responses and supporting documentation shall become the property of TechnoServe, subject to claims of confidentiality in respect of the response and supporting documentation, which have been clearly marked confidential by the bidder.
11. Bidders are required to identify and disclose any actual or potential Conflict of Interest.

FORM/CONTENT OF RESPONSE
All proposals shall:

1. Be in the English language.
2. Contain detailed cost in Tanzania shillings, with applicable Tax/Charges clearly identified.
3. Provide requested payment terms and conditions.
4. Describe the qualifications, experience and capabilities of the firm in providing the type of services being request by this RFP. Resumes or CVs of "key personnel" shall be submitted as an attachment.
5. Include a contact name, email address, and telephone number to facilitate communication between TechnoServe and the submitting organization.
6. A brief outline of the organization and services offered, including:
 - Full legal name, jurisdiction of incorporation and address of the company
 - Full legal name and country of citizenry of company's President and / or Chief Executive Officer, and all other officers and senior managers of the company
 - Year business was established

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Questions regarding this request may be addressed to Gertrude Kawau, gwau@tns.org cc Shadrack Orinda, sorinda@tns.org, and must be received no later than November 11, 2019. Responses to questions will be distributed to all interested parties no later than November 15, 2019.

1. Responses to the RFP should be addressed to the attention of rtender@tns.org no later than November 22, 2020 midnight.

End of RFP

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Integration and participation of older persons in society crucial

REALISING a society for all ages is the declared goal of governments in member states of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. To this end, achieving the integration and participation of older persons in society are important elements. We should therefore consider to increase participation of older persons in political and economic life and to improve their access to transport, appropriate housing and cultural activities. Older persons are integrated into society in many ways. They are part of social networks of friends and family, are active in clubs and associations.

Ageism is a widely prevalent and prejudicial attitude that stems from the assumption that age discrimination, and sometimes neglect and abuse of older persons is a social norm and therefore, acceptable. It is a reality in some form in all societies, and finds expression in individuals' attitudes, institutional and policy practices, as well as media representation that devalue and exclude older persons. In 2014, governments around the world adopted a resolution at the Economic and Social Council that recognized ageism as "the common source of, the justification for and the driving force behind age discrimination."

Such discrimination shapes how older persons are treated and perceived by their societies, including in medical settings and workplaces, creating environments that limit older persons' potential and impact their health and well-being. The failure to tackle ageism undermines older persons' rights and hinders their contributions to social, economic, cultural and political life.

"Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society."

The theme of the 2017 International Day of Older Persons is about enabling and expanding the contributions of older

people in their families, communities and societies at large. It focuses on the pathways that support full and effective participation in old age, in accordance with old persons' basic rights, needs and preferences.

This year's theme underscores the link between tapping the talents and contributions of older persons and achieving the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, which is currently undergoing its third review and appraisal process.

The composition of the world population has changed dramatically in recent decades. Between 1950 and 2010 life expectancy worldwide rose from 46 to 68 years, and it is projected to increase to 81 by the end of the century. It should be noted that at present women outnumber men by an estimated 66 million among those aged 60 years or over. Among those aged 80 years or over, women are nearly twice as numerous as men, and among centenarians women are between four and five times as numerous as men. For the first time in human history, in 2050, there will be more persons over 60 than children in the world.

Almost 700 million people are now over the age of 60. By 2050, 2 billion people, over 20 per cent of the world's population, will be 60 or older. The increase in the number of older people will be the greatest and the most rapid in the developing world, with Asia as the region with the largest number of older persons, and Africa facing the largest proportionate growth. With this in mind, enhanced attention to the particular needs and challenges faced by many older people is clearly required. Just as important, however, is the essential contribution the majority of older men and women can continue to make to the functioning of society if adequate guarantees are in place. Human rights lie at the core of all efforts in this regard.

African countries can end poverty, hunger by investing in agriculture

THE New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) is an economic development programme of the African Union. NEPAD was adopted at the 37th session of the assembly of heads of state and government in July 2001 in Lusaka, Zambia. NEPAD aims to provide an overarching vision and policy framework for accelerating economic co-operation and integration among African countries.

NEPAD is a merger of two plans for the economic regeneration of Africa: the millennium partnership for the African recovery programme (MAP). The leaders of 48 countries endorsed the plan on July 20, 2001; and other international development partners, including the European Union, China, and Japan also made public statements indicating their support for the programme.

NEPAD's four primary objectives are: to eradicate poverty, promote sustainable growth and development, integrate Africa in the world economy, and accelerate the empowerment of women. It is based on underlying principles of a commitment to good governance, democracy, human rights and conflict resolution; and the recognition that maintenance of these standards is fundamental to the creation of an environment conducive to investment and long-term economic growth.

In the same vein, the African Union Commission, together with the African Union's Development Agency, AUDA-NEPAD, and OCP Group, a leading global producer of fertilizer have strengthened their partnership to support the development of the African Agricultural Sector through the signature of a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The MoU was signed by Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, African Union Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, OCP Group's Chairman and CEO, Mostafa Terrab, and Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO of the AUDA-NEPAD, represented by Dr Hamady Diop, on the sidelines of the ongoing African Green

Revolution Forum (AGRF) held recently in Accra, Ghana.

The African Union, AUDA-NEPAD partnership with OCP Group, a major African private sector player with extensive global reach, demonstrates a shared commitment to deepen collaboration with all actors, including the African private sector to reduce jointly hunger and poverty through the sustainable transformation of the agricultural sector on the Continent.

OCP Group is a major player in Africa's sustainable development and does so by contributing to the African agricultural ecosystem through support to African farmers and targeted private and public African actors and stakeholder. The Group supports innovative mechanisms aimed at creating resilient and sustainable agricultural productivity to enable Africa to reach its full agricultural potential while protecting its natural environment.

This partnership is intended to facilitate effective coordination of the implementation and delivery of a set of goals as outlined in the African Union Malabo Business Plan on Agriculture Transformation which aims to increase productivity and catalyse private sector investment.

As such, the parties aim to promote the use of agricultural inputs, including access to customized fertilizer to the soil and crops of each region, and to develop the efficiency of the fertilizer whole value chain by working on corridors approach.

The agreement will therefore be operationalized by strengthening a conducive environment for private sector investment in agriculture; equipping African Union member states with the right policies and tools to support the achievement of the Abuja commitments on fertilizer use; strengthening efficient and sustainable use for smallholders to increase the sector's productivity and promote inclusive growth; as well as strengthening national and regional agricultural policies aimed at boosting the adoption of good agricultural practices and innovations.

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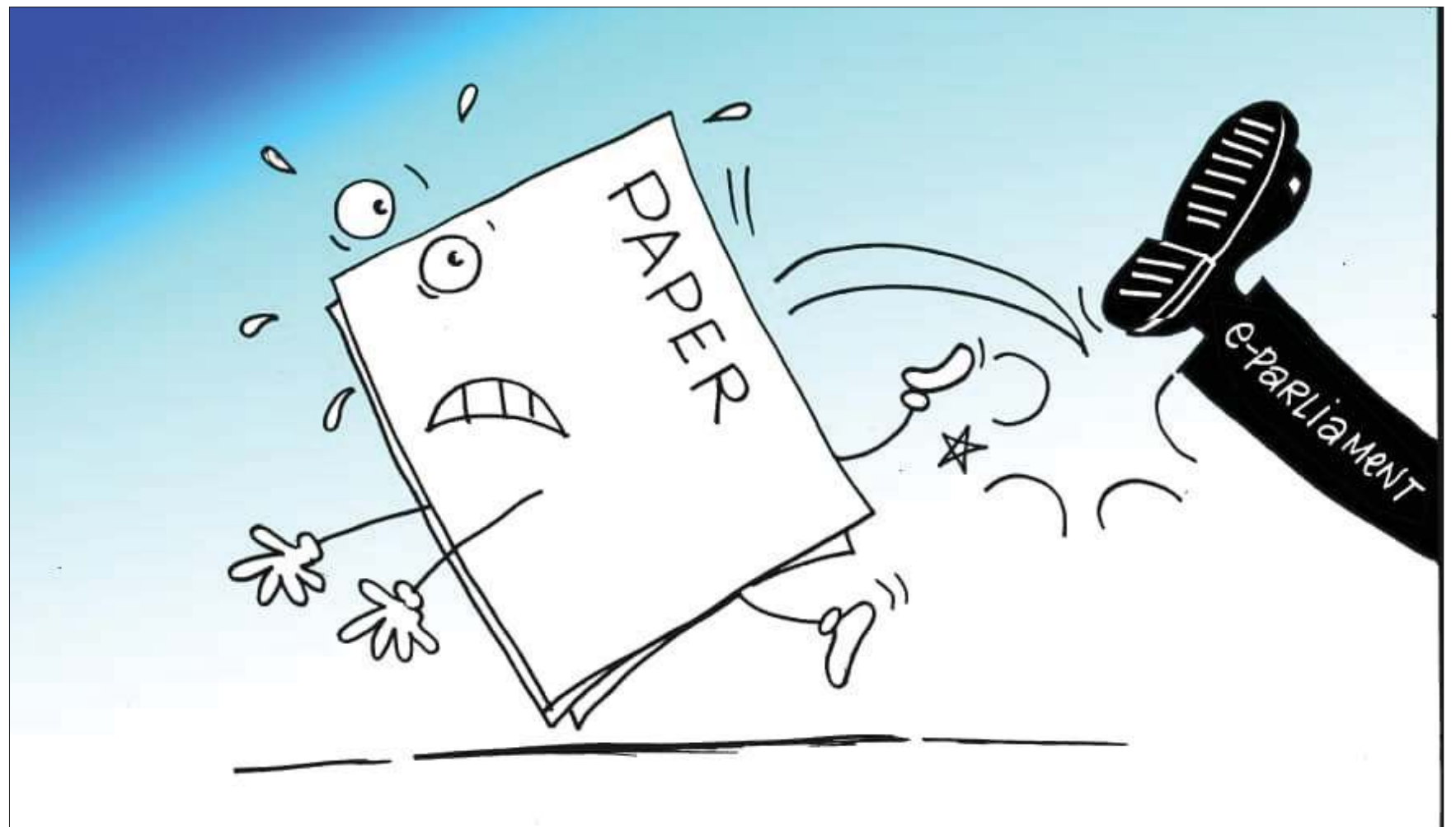
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We must extend to our young people the support they need

By Patricia Scotland

OUR world seems to be changing faster than ever - technologically, environmentally, socially - and in so many other ways. It is hard for any of us to keep up with the astonishing pace and scale of developments, their impact for better or for worse on our own lives and the ways in which they affect the future of our planet.

Yet too often it seems that those with the greatest stake in the future are least empowered to shape it: young people.

This is something the Commonwealth has for more than 50 years been working hard to change; and never more so than today.

Population growth means that there are now more young people in the Commonwealth than ever before, and this offers choices and challenges for all involved in planning and making policy, and for young people themselves.

The combined population of the Commonwealth is now 2.4 billion, of which more than 60 per cent are aged 29 or under, and one-third between the ages of 15 and 29.

Through social media, young people are more connected, informed, engaged and globally-aware than ever before. Even so, their potential to drive progress and innovation is often overlooked or remains untapped, despite pioneering Commonwealth leadership over the decades on inclusiveness and intergenerational connection.

Since the 1970s, Commonwealth

cooperation has supported member-states with provision of education and training for youth workers, who have a central role to play in encouraging, enabling and empowering young people. Practitioners may be of any age, and operate in many settings: youth clubs, parks, schools, prisons, hospitals, on the streets and in rural areas.

Commonwealth approaches and engagement recognise the dynamic role youth workers can play in addressing young people's welfare and rights as well as in connecting and involving them in decision-making process at all levels.

In some Commonwealth countries, youth work is a distinct profession, acknowledged in policy and legislation to deliver and certify quality of practice, including through education and training. In others it is institutionalised less formally through custom and practice. In some countries there is little or no youth work activity - formal or informal.

To advance the cause of young people and their direct participation in nation-building and the issues affecting them, the Commonwealth Secretariat supports the governments of member-countries with technical assistance relating to policy and legislation in professionalising youth work.

A pioneering Commonwealth contribution is the Commonwealth Diploma in Youth Development, which has been delivered in almost 30 Commonwealth member-states.

The new Commonwealth Degree and Diploma in Youth Work provides

countries with a resource for developing human capital using a consortium business model that makes the training resources accessible at low cost for persons in low-income contexts.

The Commonwealth also supports the global collectivisation of youth work professionals through the emerging Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Workers' Associations (CAYWA), an international association of professional associations dedicated to advancing youth work across the Commonwealth.

CAYWA facilitates the cross-pollination of ideas and collegial support among youth work practitioners, and is developing into a unified global influence providing support to governments and all stakeholders in youth work profession. Expertise is offered by the Commonwealth Secretariat with the design of short courses and outcomes frameworks that support just-in-time and refresher training to augment diploma and degree qualifications.

Guidance is also offered on establishing youth worker associations that can help towards building and sustaining professional standards, thereby safeguarding the quality of services offered to young people.

In 2019 a conference in Malta bringing together youth workers from throughout the Commonwealth continued to build recognition and professional standards of youth work in member-countries.

One of the outcomes was the establishment of a week-long

celebration of the extraordinary services of full-time practitioners and volunteers - recognised as youth workers - who support the personal development and empowerment of young people. Youth Work Week, with the theme 'Youth Work in Action', is being observed from this November 4 to 10 in the 53 member-states of the Commonwealth.

Looking forward to the 2020 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Rwanda next June, Youth Work Week will bring into sharper focus the challenges young people in our member-countries face and the opportunities they are offered - including through Commonwealth connection.

By recruiting and placing appropriately trained and properly supported youth workers, communities in Commonwealth countries can help young people channel their energies and talent in positive directions, especially during the transition from education into work.

Supported by positive role models and with mentors to whom they can relate, young people can be guided towards healthier and more productive lives.

When equipped to develop as well-rounded individuals and to contribute to the societies in which they live, young people can make immense contributions towards transforming our communities and our Commonwealth and - above all - to their own future.

Patricia Scotland is Commonwealth Secretary General.

By Ojaje Idoko

I was at the departure hall of the Chief Margaret Ekpo International Airport in Calabar. My flight to Abuja had been delayed for about two hours, no big deal. I had time then to begin to write this article. A great opportunity I would say. I had arrived at the check-in counter and was promptly attended to, not many passengers today. I wanted to move to the departure lounge but I was asked by the ground handling guy to follow him.

He had my suitcase and that of a white lady, a fellow passenger. We got to the security screening point. I thought it was the usual 'wait, let your luggage go through the security screening machine before you go', but I was wrong. I was met by the bulky FAAN staff who greeted me with great courtesy and politely told me that their screening machine broke down so I had to open my suitcase for manual screening.

To my embarrassment, I opened my bag and displayed my personal effects. Thank God I did not take along with me the pack of crayfish I was

Are Nigerians asking for too much?

offered. The odour would have been more embarrassing for a young man like me. The security check man kept apologizing for the embarrassment and I told him it was not his fault. He was only employed and the employer did not give him the necessary modern tools for this national assignment that has become an embarrassment. This took me back to a conversation I had had about two hours earlier with my host in Calabar. Is Nigeria truly difficult to lead? Nigeria should occupy a prominent place in the politics of Africa. We lost our pride when our leadership lost focus in planning. At the turn of the third millennium, it became clear that our educational infrastructures were no longer enough to give our children quality education.

The existing ones did not have enough accommodation for students, both bed space and lecture halls. Students lived in every corner of the town that was no longer safe for them. In the students' hostels, they lived like refugees as one person with

accommodation slot would squat over five other students in a bed space made for one. Sleeping was difficult. Such a non-academic environment drove many of such students, boys and girls, into a life of drugs, prostitution, cultism and general debauchery. If only government workers can concentrate on their work and deliver their services conscientiously.

If only security agencies can realize that their job is to provide security for Nigerians against their enemies and not to provide security for the government against Nigerians. If only those responsible realize that repairing the refineries will reduce the prices of petroleum products and bring in more money to the economy.

If only those who are responsible can think of Nigeria as a home and that Nigerians are their relations. It wouldn't be necessary to expose my inner wears and panties and our women will not be displaying sanitary pads and bathing soaps at the full glare of everyone at our international airports in the name

of manual security check. We are not asking for too much. We are only asking that we should have good roads to move about freely in Nigeria. We are only asking for electricity like every other nation in the category of Nigeria has.

We are asking for available, affordable and enough schools for the children of this country who will inherit our nation as we also inherited from those before us. We are asking for work so that we can be productive. It is common sense that those who have been leading this country for a long time continue to plunder the country and take away, without remorse, the resources of the nation.

I do not think we are asking for too much when we say, do not take away what belongs to all. In all, I believe we are only passing through a phase. Those who will build our nation are not yet in the saddle. Unfortunately, when the history of our country is read in years to come, many of us will belong to the page of infamy.

Mangrove forests: Unsung monuments of carbon absorption and bird migration

By Correspondent Crispin Gerald

ONGOING global climate change has posed significant challenges in Tanzania and elsewhere in the world. Mangrove forest ecosystems in Tanzania have been touched by some of the effects of ongoing climate change due to sea level rise.

Some of the changes include the submergence of some islands in the Indian Ocean, vastly eroded shorelines, and submergence of deltaic islands as well as the inward shift of high tide level of sea in mangrove forests.

The overstretched 1,417 km shoreline of Tanzania Mainland is marked with fringed rocks, sand beaches and mangrove forests.

"Mangrove forests cover the longest stretch of the coastline to as long as 800 km making it an important ecosystem along the coast both in terms of ecological and socio economic values," said Ana Lauwo, coordinator for mangrove forest from Tanzania Forest Services Agency (TFS) in an interview.

TFS as a semi-autonomous government agency also mandated to manage the mangrove forests and its ecosystem in order to sustain the prime values and functions of the ecosystem to the country's economy.

Lauwo said that in order to well manage the mangrove forests all along the Tanzania coastline, forest zones were divided in three areas, namely the northern zone which oversees the management of mangroves forests along Tanga region in Mkinga and Pangani Districts.

The central zone TFS management oversees all mangrove forests in Dar-es-Salaam and Coast regions, with Kionondoni, Ilala, Kigamboni and Temeke district subdivisions in Dar-es-Salaam Region, while Bagamoyo, Mkuranga, Mafia and Kibiti district subdivisions apply for Coast Region, she stated.

"All mangroves in Lindi and Mtwara regions are categorized as southern zone mangroves under the management of one southern zone manager located at Lindi," the official said.

Despite the well calibrated management set up for the mangrove forests there had been some challenges in their general management. One is over harvesting and conversion of mangrove forest land into other land form uses like agriculture, mariculture, salt pans and settlements, which have been major drivers of deforestation of mangrove areas.

Mangrove forests are known globally as hotspots of contributing significantly to amelioration of climate change effects as they are believed to sequester carbon dioxide to as much as four times for a determined area, in



comparison with the great Amazon forests in South America.

In the Tanzanian context the size of the mangrove area is 115,000 hectares while the size of all forested land cover in Tanzania Mainland is 48.1 million hectares. This means that the area of mangrove forests is only 0.23 percent of all forested land.

Despite its small area, it is believed that mangrove forests can sequester carbon dioxide ten times more than all forests in Tanzania and five times more than the Congo Basin rainforests.

The government has realized these facts and thus engaged in conserving the mangroves as efficiently as possible by initiating mangrove restoration programmes and awareness among local communities on climate change adaptation measures at local levels.

The Tanzania Forest Services (TFS) agency being the sole actor in the conservation of mangrove forests collaborates with local communities in mangrove restoration through planting practices, managing to restore more than 3,000 hectares of degraded mangrove land. Of these 2,094 hectares of forest has been restored at the giant Rufiji Delta mangrove forest ecosystem in Kibiti District.

"Awareness campaigns on adverse effects of climate change and sea level rise have been conducted by the government and transnational agencies," the coordinator said.

Despite its small proportion in terms of area coverage, mangroves contribute to significant socio economic values countrywide and even worldwide from an ecological perspective. About

five regions with 14 districts exhibit mangrove forest cover along the Tanzania Mainland coastline.

Principal forest officer Frank Sima said mangrove forest ecosystem potentials are marked with supply of tangible produce like wood based, forest produce like timber and poles for the construction sector in some areas which traditionally prefer such poles, like Zanzibar and other coastal communities.

"Some mangrove tree species like *Xylocarpus granatum* are traditionally used as medicine for hernia-related ailments," he said.

He explained that in Tanga, the mangrove zone along its coastline at Mkinga, Muheza and Pangani districts covers an area of 11,159 ha, administered by the TFS Northern Mangrove zonal manager who collaborates with District Security Committees (DSC) and Village Natural Resources Committees (VNRC).

In Coast Region, mangroves cover 66,222 ha, while Dar-es-Salaam region has only 2,220 ha of mangrove forests at Kionondoni, Ilala, Temeke and Kigamboni districts.

"On the other hand, the Lindi and Mtwara regions coastline is inhabited by 26,976 ha, in Lindi, while Mtwara completes the chain of mangrove forest cover in the southern end of Tanzania in the area of 8,942 ha," Sima said.

Sima further said that, despite the mandatory management efforts as per the TFS strategic plan and approved business plan, the district security committees have been collaborating with TFS in the institutionalization of

laws and regulations governing sustainable use and management of mangroves.

"There are also various development partners who in one way or another participate in the general management of mangrove forest ecosystems at present or expected in future," he elaborated.

Ecologically, the mangrove forest ecosystem offers a wide range of ecological functions as they are a good habitat for various birds and fishes.

Records show that migratory birds from Eastern Europe at some times tend to migrate down to the East African coastline to rescue themselves from bad weather and secure substantial food supplies.

Rufiji Delta mangroves have been recorded to harbor some migratory birds due to its richness in both quantity and diversity of fish types.

The Rufiji Delta mangrove ecosystems have been categorized as a special zone under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as an Important Bird Area (IBA) due to the fact that intercontinental migratory birds often migrate from the far north in Europe during bad weather all the way to the Rufiji Delta.

Mangrove forest ecosystems are often found in estuaries, gulfs and lagoons which end up with sand banks and dykes at offshore waters. The dykes and sand banks are good feeding sites for most bird life which feeds on shallow water fishes and crustaceans like various types of crabs. Huge swarms of birds can be viewed over these sites close to mangrove estuaries.

Can a new network bring the AU to Africa's youth?

BY MUNEINAZVO KUJEKE

THE African Union's (AU) recently concluded African Youth Decade (2009-2018) was, on the whole, underwhelming. A plan of action for youth engagement in health, education, employment and governance was developed, but its potential was hampered by a lack of financial and human resources in member states.

The AU did make some headway when it came to recruiting young people. In its various secretariats, volunteer professionals in the 15-35 age bracket were hired. And as the decade concluded, a youth envoy and five youth advisers were appointed.

But as the AU's Africa Youth Month in November begins, the elephant in the room is that many of the expectations of Africa's young people remain unmet. The youth still don't receive the capacity building needed for them to participate in and interrogate governance processes. To turn the situation around, the AU needs an effective way to mobilise national governments around youth issues.

Could the AU's African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) play this role? The APRM aims to give the continent's youth more visibility and become one of the newest institutional champions for young people. The APRM reviews and

reports back to the AU on governance in member states. Its goal is to foster policy and practice that can improve political stability and sustainable development.

In August this year, the APRM established a Youth Network in its South Africa-based secretariat, and convened a major youth conference in Chad's capital N'Djamena in July. Young people discussed how the support of the APRM and its African Governance Report could boost their participation in governance processes.

Participants noted that the role of youth in governance was missing from the report, but said it was a concrete foundation for more inclusive APRM reports in future. The Youth Network is expected to be a vital component of the APRM's strategic plan from 2020 to 2023.

The network is a step in the right direction, says Institute for Security Studies Senior Researcher Liesl Louw-Vaudran. "The APRM is trying to improve its delivery and relevance by producing shorter, more up-to-date country reviews and by producing the African Governance Report on a regular basis."

But the real question is whether the APRM is best placed to deliver on the expectations of Africa's youth. "Can the APRM's mandate be extended to establishing networks or driving agendas like this?" asks Louw-Vaudran.

The Youth Network aims to link up



As the African Union's Youth Month begins, the expectations of millions of young people remain largely unmet. File photo

with other AU programmes and include young people in APRM review processes. It can cultivate stakeholder groups at country level to improve collaboration between governments and the youth. The network is mandated to monitor and evaluate progress of existing AU initiatives on youth development. It will expose young people to the work of the APRM and report on best practices in good governance, with a focus on youth-led activities.

The new youth mandate doesn't come with more resources for the APRM secretariat, however. It must coordinate the continental effort with existing staff. One advantage is that most of these staff are within the AU youth age bracket. Another is that all APRM member states have a focal point. In South Africa the Department of Public Service and Administration is the APRM's focal point.

Other countries, like Chad, have created APRM ministries.

Focal points are designated by the head of state to oversee the process and liaise with continental APRM structures. Through these focal points, the new Youth Network can connect with young people to ensure they understand and advocate for conformity with the AU's agreed political, economic and corporate governance values and standards.

The APRM Youth Network has already started working with the AU Commission's youth division. It must do the same with other initiatives such as the Youth for Peace Africa programme and the African Governance Architecture's Youth Engagement Strategy at the AU.

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Chilean President Sebastian Pinera, centre, flanked by the Minister of the Environment, Carolina Schmidt, right, and the Foreign Minister, Teodoro Ribera, left, announces that Chile will not organise COP25 due to protests and demonstrations in the country. File photo

Taming climate crisis begins with fight against inequality

By Charlotte Scott

SIX weeks ago I was in Beirut in the basement floor of a UN building, complaining about bad coffee and flight delays with colleagues in blazers and leather shoes. It was a meeting of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on climate finance and sustainable cities.

When the PowerPoints and panel discussions were finally over, I walked around the city and learnt about Lebanon's history, its food, its wine. And the stark inequality and unaffordability of the city, which resonates with my home in Cape Town.

It struck me that the one word no one had spoken during our meeting was inequality. It was there in the polite allusion to "social inclusion" and "gender responsiveness" - but was never actually said. Most of the presentations, including my own, were about solutions to accessing climate finance - the money needed to fund projects aimed at addressing climate change. They were aimed at rooms full of multilateral development banks, international consultancies and government representatives.

But when anyone wanted to talk about systemic inequalities in the global economy and financial system, the response was, "We at x multilateral development bank have a programme for that". Or, "We in x country have a project for that". As if inequality could be solved with a quick tweak here and there and that we could mainstream (a buzzword in vogue) "inclusiveness" into existing policies and plans. No radical change was required.

A few weeks after I returned, Quito in Ecuador was brought to a standstill over new austerity measures proposed by the IMF. Next, I was watching thousands of people in the streets of Beirut, protesting against the political elite, corruption and mismanagement by the powerful at the expense of people. Hundreds have been killed in violent crackdowns on protesters in Iraq. Then the streets of Chile were filled with people protesting the increasing cost of public transport, the last straw after years of increasing living costs.

The Mail & Guardian dubbed 2019 the year of protest. These events represent groundswells of rage against inequality, corruption and the international status quo that ensures the rich get richer while everyone else bears the burden of stagnant wages and the cost of living rises sharply. New data shows that poverty remains high and levels of inequality are rising in many places in the world. In 2017, the richest eight men in the world owned more than the poorest half of the world.

In South Africa, 10% of South Africans own

between 90-95% of the wealth, while 80% of people own no wealth at all.

Chile, like South Africa, is one of the most unequal nations in the world, a result of decades of devastating neo-liberal policies first imposed by Pinochet in the 1970s following a US-backed coup. Then the news broke that Chile has cancelled COP25. It's poetic in a tragic way; this may be the first time the reality of inequality has directly affected the climate negotiations.

COP25 was supposed to be the meeting of international heads of state and negotiators to continue their progress towards meeting the Paris Agreement. If you've been following the outcomes of the Paris Agreement, you'll know that the world is a long way off from limiting the warming of the planet to 1.5°C. If radical action is not taken in the next 10 years, our current commitments place us somewhere between 3-4°C warming. There isn't a lot of certainty about what exactly a 4°C warmer world will look like, partly because when multiple ecosystems collapse on a global scale, modelling it becomes more difficult.

But most scientists suggest that entire countries will be underwater or entirely uninhabitable. Large deserts will stretch north and south of the equator, near which it will be too hot to live. The world might have 11 billion people in that future, and at least two billion of them will be refugees. Will there be enough food and water for us all? It seems unlikely, given that many South Africans are already faced with shortages of these basic needs.

Globally, we often think of inequality in climate negotiations as developed nations versus developing nations. But in terms of who is responsible for the carbon in the atmosphere, there is a huge difference within countries, and the top 10% of individuals are responsible for 45% of emissions from consumption and about a third of them live in emerging countries.

Even if a tiny percentage of human beings make it through to the year 2100, our species will survive. But many of us will not be lucky enough to be wealthy enough to make the cut. By the time the global economy really starts to fall apart, I might be somewhere in my 80s.

The thought that truly haunts me is if we're really headed for a climate apartheid, will my children's children look at me the same way we look at the generations of white South Africans that lived through apartheid and did nothing to resist it or the inter-generational trauma it reaped on black South Africans? Will they look back at Facebook pictures of snorkelling holidays in Mauritius and resent the fact that not only is all the coral gone, but so are many small island states.

Africa's oil & gas industry poised for further growth

By Special Correspondents

THE global energy market is in an exciting phase of transition and disruption. Breakthrough technologies are unlocking significant new reserves, processing, transportation and downstream uses that were previously unviable, unknown or inaccessible.

Decarbonisation driven by the environmental sustainability agenda is shifting the energy mix at an accelerating pace, which is particularly evident across North America, Asia and Europe. This seems likely to position gas ahead of coal by 2030 to become the world's number two fuel.

Africa's oil & gas industry holds the potential for further growth mainly driven by an increase in investor appetite and a rebound in prices. New oil & gas finds off the coast of Africa have led to an increase in investment in infrastructure, technological advances, updates in regulation and improved governance, as well as the development of new skills.

These are some of the key highlights from PwC's annual Africa oil & gas review 2019 released yesterday by PwC Africa.

Andries Rossouw, PwC Africa Energy Utilities & Resources Leader, says: "Renewed optimism has returned to Africa's oil & gas industry on the back of a rebound in prices and increased investor interest", adding: "The African oil & gas industry has been through some difficult and challenging years in the wake of the oil price crash."

Rossouw notes that the industry has restructured itself and is more competitively placed in terms of efficiency and operational performance, adding: "The outlook for the industry continues to improve, with oil & gas companies targeting cautious growth in areas less vulnerable to external volatility while maintaining their cost and operational margins."

PwC's Africa oil & gas review for 2019 analyses what has happened in the last 12 months in the oil & gas industry within the major and emerging African



markets.

Globally, 2018 was a successful year in oil & gas exploration, with discoveries almost doubling those made the previous year. But notwithstanding Africa's endowment in vast natural resources, including substantial oil and gas reserves, West Africa was the only African discovery to make it onto the 2017 and 2018 top ten lists for new discoveries.

One of the most dramatic finds in Africa over the past decade is Mozambique's natural gas estimated at over 180 tcf (trillion cubic feet), which has already unlocked the first three large-scale LNG (liquefied natural gas) projects.

These projects, together with project expansion phases and additional exploration, have the potential to position Mozambique as the third largest LNG producer in the world after Qatar and Australia by 2030.

Hydrocarbon resources also provide growth opportunities in countries that can capitalise on the potential. Maximising the benefits from these endowments provides direct income to governments, employees, suppliers and shareholders of megaprojects.

Growth and development

Although Africa's oil production increased slightly last year, the continent was unable to keep up with global output, resulting in a 0.1 per cent drop in share. Africa's share of global oil reserves has declined by 1 per cent from the prior year standing at 125.3 billion bbl, amounting to 7.2 per cent of the

world's proven reserves.

At the end of 2018, Africa is reported to have 509.6 tcf of proven gas reserves, up by 4.5 per cent from the prior year, which amounts to 7.3 per cent of global proven reserves. Nearly 91 per cent of African gas production continues to come from Algeria, Angola, Egypt, Libya and Nigeria, and saw an overall increase of 4.8 per cent from last year.

An interest in Africa's gas reserves has also led to a series of successful LNG projects resulting in a liquefaction capacity of 18 per cent of the total global capacity.

Oil & gas discoveries

Last year was a successful period in oil & gas exploration, with discoveries almost doubling those made in 2017. In both 2017 and 2018 the only top-ten major discoveries on the continent were made in West Africa. This contrasts with previous years during which substantial resources were found across the African continent.

In line with the oil price crash of 2014 to 2016, capital expenditure spending on production in Africa showed a significant decline, which continued into 2018 with a total drop in spending of 43 per cent for the period 2014-2018.

This could change significantly with final investment decisions made for LNG developments in Mozambique. From next year,

capital expenditure spending is expected to increase at an annual compound growth rate (CAGR) of 4 per cent to more than US\$70bn in 2030.

The oil price

The oil price saw a notable increase throughout much of 2018, to a point where it hit a four-and-a-half year high in October. However, the fourth quarter saw the oil price slump by 42 per cent.

Recent attacks in Saudi Arabia and resultant oil price spike demonstrated the potential price volatility. Fortunately, the oil industry has remained optimistic, and African exploration spending is forecast to recover robustly over the medium term, most likely in anticipation of an upturn in the oil price.

Gas and LNG supply and demand

Globally, natural gas will continue to see growth and is expected to overtake coal by 2030 to become the world's second leading fuel. Natural gas accounts for just under a quarter of global energy demand, of which 9.6 per cent was supplied as LNG last year. The number and type of LNG market participants has dramatically increased as lower prices make imports more affordable.

The increasing regulatory drive to decarbonise is also expected

to reduce the share of coal in the global energy mix and drive demand for natural gas.

Africa's utilisation of LNG production capacity is 61 per cent (globally it is 85 per cent). The continent's LNG exports last year were mainly from Nigeria, Algeria, Angola and Egypt.

Nigeria's oil & gas sector

Nigeria is one of the oldest oil-producing countries in Africa. Oil was first discovered in the country in 1956, with production beginning in 1958. The oil price boom of the 1970s spelled good fortune for the country, transforming it from an agrarian economy to an oil-dependent economy.

Since then, the Nigerian petroleum industry has evolved - and this evolution provides useful lessons for other countries with oil & gas to learn including: mid and downstream segments development, regulatory complexity and uncertainty and contractual frameworks.

Focus on Mozambique

The natural gas discoveries in Mozambique since 2010 have the potential to transform the country into one of the world's largest LNG exporters. However, the 2014-2015 slump in energy prices caused several energy giants to delay projects and this gave rise to concerns that Mozambique's LNG developments could be held back.

LNG will drive growth in Mozambique's economy. Maximising the benefits from LNG will provide direct income to the government, employees, suppliers and shareholders of the megaprojects.

Of equal - if not higher - importance is the significant developmental potential through the associated infrastructure, industrialisation, socio-economic and capability uplift at country level.

However, expectations about the extent to which the oil & gas industry will contribute to the development of Mozambique's citizens may be unrealistic and not consider the country's growing revenue needs, the current low base from which the economy is developing, and that projects will overlap, creating pressure on current resources.

Looking to the future

The African oil & gas sector is moving from a cycle of stagnation in exploration, capital expenditure spending and production between 2014 and 2018 in the wake of the oil price crash, to a more dynamic growth phase.

During the downturn the industry restructured itself for improved efficiency and performance and is now fitter for this new future.

Oil & gas companies are better placed now to take advantage of shifting geopolitics and trade patterns, new resource finds, a transitioning and decarbonising global energy mix, technological improvements, maturing regulatory environments and improved governance in some countries.

James Mackay, PwC Director Capital Projects & Infrastructure, comments: "It is critical, however, that the sector retains and builds on its strategic portfolio management, enterprise risk management, capital project delivery, capital sourcing and allocation discipline, market and customer insights and relationships and adopts new technologies and innovations to improve performance if the hard-fought wins in cost savings are to be retained. Progress in addressing corruption and improving corporate governance will also need to be urgently addressed."

Against this backdrop, African NOCs (national oil companies) and their partners, contractors and funders must chart a course through increasingly uncertain waters.

"The future for the African oil & gas industry is exciting as well as challenging and we can look forward to the growing participation of Africa as a global consumer and supplier of energy," he notes.

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An analysis filed from Johannesburg courtesy of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC).

Get business on board to cut disaster risk

By Mami Mizutori

FROM microfamily-run ventures to giant multinationals, companies are often hard hit by disasters that erode their bottom line or force them out of business altogether.

But while companies have much to lose, they have a huge amount to offer, so it is vital that we engage the private sector if we are to reduce disaster risk and ensure that our fast-growing cities become resilient.

To make progress on the targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to reduce economic losses and damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services, we need the private and public sectors to work together.

And as climate change ramps up the intensity and impact of devastating extreme weather events, from hurricanes to floods and droughts, the pressure is on.

Every year, US\$520 billion dollars are lost globally as a result of disasters, and for some low-income countries disasters can cost up to 100 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP).

Countries take years to recover. The British Virgin Islands and Dominica were the most affected by the 2017 hurricane season - with losses estimated at 148 per cent and 110 per cent of GDP, respectively.

In many major disaster events, a large proportion of the burden of economic loss falls on the private sector: think of the 2011 Thai floods when the private sector bore over 90 per cent of the overall loss which, astonishingly, came to 5 per cent of the country's GDP.

When it comes to overall investment, up to 85 per cent comes from the private sector - which means that companies automatically play a major role in how new risk is created, and avoided, particularly in hazard-ex-



posed urban areas.

Governments alone could never meet the eye-watering US\$90 trillion infrastructure investment that the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate says is needed by 2040, so we need to make sure private sector investment is risk-informed and resilient.

At the same time, we need to ensure that infrastructure projects do not exacerbate existing, or even create new risk. At the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), we have been actively working with the private sector since the creation in 2015 of ARISE - The Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies - which is rapidly growing and forming new networks around the world.

Mami Mizutori (L), the UN Secretary General's Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction, with UN Secretary General António Guterres moments after she was sworn into office early this year. File photo

From India to the United States and Mexico, ARISE member businesses are practically working to incentivise investment in long-term risk-reduction and resilience and build back better if, and when, disasters do hit.

Building Back Better (BBB) is an approach to post-disaster recovery that reduces vulnerability to future disasters and builds community resilience to address physical, social, environmental, and economic vulnerabilities and shocks.

Recovery within a BBB framework gives impacted communities the chance to reduce risk not only from the immediate hazard but from threatening hazards

and conditions as well.

Risk reduction now permeates development activities. Yet BBB, distinct from development, does not focus on rectifying a country's development deficits but on ensuring that the result of recovery is sustainable safety for more resilient communities.

BBB applies to all aspects and sectors of post-disaster recovery. In infrastructure reconstruction, BBB concertedly supports communications, education, energy, health, housing, transport, and water and sanitation.

In livelihood recovery, BBB extends to such sectors as agriculture and livelihoods, commerce, employment, industry, and pub-

lic services. BBB also applies to cross-cutting issues such as environment, gender, and governance.

BBB offers the opportunity to rebuild stronger, safer, and more disaster-resilient infrastructure and systems. BBB in the reconstruction of physical assets would include introducing disaster risk reduction measures. Among these would be building codes and regulations to increase the resilience of physical assets being reconstructed, at least to withstand earthquakes.

How the private sector can help build "Resilience for All" was the main topic of the recent conference - ARISE Mexico Forum: October 29-30 - when executives, disaster risk and civil protection experts from the Americas region met to discuss how to reduce disaster impact.

Mexico is the most disaster-exposed country in Latin America. Over 150 companies including cement giant CEMEX, delivery firm UPS and insurer AXA have so far signed up to the country's network.

Benjamin Laniado, a member of ARISE Mexico and founder of CADENA, a non-profit civil association dedicated to preparedness and assistance during emergencies and disasters around the world, says the biggest companies of the country are taking disaster risk reduction seriously in order to protect their supply chains and facilities as well as their workers and communities.

These companies are also funding programmes to help disaster-hit communities recover, rebuild and become better prepared to cope with future shocks. For an organisation known

as CADENA, this financing was crucial to its work after the September 2017 earthquakes, when its teams pulled people from the rubble, put up 4,000 emergency shelters and helped rebuild devastated communities.

But in Mexico, as in many countries, we still need to find more creative ways to engage the thousands of smaller companies that do not think they have the money or need to invest in protecting their businesses and employees.

While we believe that it is crucial to invest in low-risk infrastructure, resilient homes and communities, we also need to find affordable ways to use the financial markets to insure and protect these investments against future disasters.

So far, we are seeing some positive developments. Mexico has established Catastrophe Bonds that transfer risk to the capital markets; the Caribbean Risk Insurance Facility is the first parametric, regional scheme which allows countries to pool their premiums.

Ensuring that our future cities are risk-informed and resilient may seem costly, but the cost of doing nothing is far greater. Let us work together across the private and public sectors, combine experience and resources, and reduce disaster risk. Businesses and communities will see the benefit.

Mami Mizutori is the UN Secretary General's Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction. This is a slightly edited version of an opinion piece her office e-mailed to us for publication. - Editor.

Concerns as Africa's magic Lake Sundu on verge of disappearing

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

LAND and environmental activists have called for concerted efforts to ensure Rukwa-based Lake Sundu, which is one of the rare African "Magic" Lakes with a large inland body of standing water is conserved and protected by all costs due to its importance.

Activists from Lawyers Environmental Action Team (LEAT), Action Aid and HAKIARDHI civil society organizations made the call when speaking to reporters during CSO's week which is being held in Dodoma.

Land use plan coordinator for shared resources, joint solutions initiative (SRJS), Nakamo Tenende said Lake Sundu which lies along the Rukwa-Katavi landscape is also a wildlife corridor but in recent years, large part of it is experiencing deforestation and other illegal activities such as illegal fishing which have resulted in further environmental degradation.

He said the area is facing unsustainable farming practices, such as slash



Human activities along Lake Sundu located at Kalambo ditrict, Rukwa region. Photo: Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

and burn activities, charcoal production and illegal logging are destroying forests and important wildlife habitats.

As such, Tenende called for continued efforts on proper conservation of the Nine-square kilometers Lake to ensure local communities secure ecosystem base, benefit from adequate water supply, climate change resilience, ensure biodiversity for improved livelihoods and guarantee food security.

He said that according to the local communities and the elders of that area, the 'Magic' Lake deserves to be a tourist attraction point as it has many miracles such as a camp of only one big Hippo which if removed, the Lake tend to show signs of drying up. The Lake also has huge stone which harbours big pythons which normally appear on the tone.

Commenting on the conservation efforts already done by the three NGO's, Tenende explained that land use plans have been successfully conducted and more than 400 Certificate of Customary Right of Occupancy (CCRO's) are

in the final stages of being completed for the four villages of Kifone, Ilambila, Kamawe and Kalaela. The ongoing process of finalizing the CCRO's also takes into consideration gender and people with disabilities.

The project has managed to establish 12 environmental schools for the purpose of discussing, sharing knowledge and experience on how best they can sustainably manage natural resources in their own surrounding. Furthermore, three villages have managed to set aside village land forest reserves (VLFR's) with 400 hectares each.

So far, the project has reached out and capacitated more than seven thousands villagers in natural resource management and launched water users Association at Lwiche Catchment.

The long term goal of the SRJS initiative is to secure ecosystem-based International Public Goods in particular, water provisioning, food security, climate change resilience and biodiversity, for improved livelihoods.

AJISO drums up support for children rights

By Guardian Reporter

WITH cases of violence against children on the increase in some parts of the country, society should take the problem personally.

This was said recently by the Action for Justice in Society (AJISO) managing director, Virginia Silao, during a meeting organised to receive a special report on how cases of violence against children are handled in Ilala district.

Silao said that society has a role to play to ensure that the rights of children are protected, saying that it is high time people stop depending on the government to curb the vice.

During the meeting which took place at Mbonea secondary school in Kivule area in Ilala district, she said that her organisation has taken the responsibility of educating the public on the importance of reporting cases of violence against children, and how to make sure that the rights of children are not violated.

"Apart from the public learning about protection of children's rights, schools should also make sure they teach children about their rights and how they can report any act of violence, whether in school or at home," she said.

The committee dubbed MTAKUWWA from Kivule ward in Ilala Municipality while presenting its report stated that implementation of the project highlights

strategies to fight violence against children and women in the country.

Presenting the report, one of the committee members, Mark Mwarabu, who is also the Mbonea Secondary School Headmaster, said that through efforts of the committee, children at the school are now aware of their rights, going a step further and creating a club which has the sole responsibility of dealing with such cases.

"Tuwalinde Club, which was created in March this year, has recorded significant success, because the members, who are children themselves, have been able to offer education on children's rights to their fellow students and their families at home," he said.

The club's patron, Nasemba Jones, who is also a teacher at the school, said that the club is very active, and currently the students take seriously all matters related to violence against women and children.

"The creation of the club has enabled us to identify and deal with cases of violence against children which occur in the school or at home," she said.

Vincent Odera, the Procurement Officer from the Ilala Municipal Council and who was also the guest of honor at the event, highlighted the need for the society to respect the rights of children.

He said that with the initiative shown by Ilala and particularly the MTAKUWWA committee, it should act as an inspiration to other councils in the country.



Ilala Municipal Council procurement officer Vincent Odera (2nd-R) hands out awareness leaflets to Mbonea Secondary School students at a meeting organised by Action for Justice in Society at the weekend. A special report on how cases of violence against children are reported in Ilala District, Dar es Salaam Region, was submitted at the event. Looking on (R) is the agency's managing director, Virginia Silayo. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Five villages increase their awareness, knowledge on climate change impacts

By Correspondent James Kandoya

OVER 200 people from five villages in Malinyi District Council, Morogoro region have been trained on awareness programme and knowledge aimed to build their capacity to tame climate changes impacts.

The programme implemented by Lawyer's Environment Action Team (LEAT) in collaboration Tanzania Natural Resources Forum (TNRF) under Tanzania Land Alliance (TALA) trained also ward councils, environment and natural forest committees.

TALA coordinator Hana Lupembe informed the Malinyi District Commissioner Mathayo Maselle when presenting the Land Tenure Programme implementation report within the district.

Lupembe said the programme was very important to end land disputes as well as conserving environment for future generation.

The coordinator said the programme sponsored by DANIDA aimed at envisaging Tanzania sustainable and well managed environment and natural resources for the current and future generation.

"Our programme focused in building their capacity on how to conduct research, to solve, and advocacy on conservation and sustainable supervision of our natural resources as well as environment," she said

According to her, the knowledge given to committee and land ward councils will enable them to come with correct strategies how to supervise village resources hence increase revenues.

LEAT and TALA has enabled the village's council to establish and prepare bylaws of supervising and developing their natural resources in five villages namely - Mtimbira, Usungule B, Sofi Mision, Sofi Majiji and Kiswago.

She however mentioned one of the big challenges as some of the villages going against the land use

plan set by the village as a result led to quarrels.

For his part, the Natural Resources Officer in Malinyi district council Ombeni Hingi said 60 per cent of the environment and forests had been destroyed by the human activities including farming especially in the water sources.

Hingi said increased awareness was highly needed to overcome the challenges of environment destruction that rapid increase day to day.

In his remarks, the Malinyi District Commissioner Mathayo Maselle warned the people to enter and conduct human activities in the most protected areas. "We need to protect our environment because Malinyi is a strategic valley that pours its water directly in Kilombero River that by 65 percent feeds Rufiji River where the Mwalimu Nyerere Hydro power is installed," he said

He also urged the village's land council to work according to the code of ethic to avoid unnecessary quarrels among the villagers.

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Bank announces official completion of UBL Bank acquisition

By Guardian Reporter

EXIM Bank Tanzania has officially opened its newest branch in Dar es Salaam's Mkwepu Street following the bank's successful acquisition of UBL Bank, subsidiary of Pakistan's UBL Bank, in its plan to spread and expand nationwide.

This makes Exim Bank the first private sector bank to embark in the consolidation of Banking sector in the country. Post-acquisition Exim Bank becomes one

of the top 5 banks in the country with an asset base of 1.7trillion/-.

President John Magufuli has always stressed on having bigger and a smaller number of banks in the country.

Bank of Tanzania has also reiterated on several occasions consolidation of banking sector in the country. This is important for financial health of the economy and to provide comprehensive product and services to customers.

"We are delighted by the diverse base of customers that will be joining Exim bank family and we assure the customers that we are thrilled to have you on board, and we commit to ensure that you continue to enjoy innovative solutions from us.

Customers being the most important part of our business, we pledge to work tirelessly to ensure our quality services brings you utmost satisfaction and enjoy seamless banking," said Jaffari

Matundu, Exim Bank's Chief Executive Officer.

He further added "Tanzania has more banks compared to other larger economies viz. South Africa and Nigeria.

The banking industry has been witnessing consolidation which will gradually leave well-capitalized players that will be able to catalyze economic growth. The consolidation also improves resilience to capital shocks and lowers compliance

and technology costs."

"Dar es Salaam is an important market for Exim Bank and the newly opened Mkwepu branch embraces innovative technology and design which will enable the bank's customers to interact with the bank officials in a way that suits them and in surroundings that are comfortable and accessible for all."

"A dynamic mix of private and public banks, evenly spread out

across the entire country, will ensure that there is a wholesome credit flow. Entrepreneurs will have enough access to capital needed to expand their businesses, which in turn will lead to a faster pace of job creation and a reduction in the unemployment rate."

The new expansion will increase the presence of Exim Bank to total of 33 branches across the country.

For over 22 years, Exim bank

has attained the bank of choice status in financial services not only in Tanzania but also in the regions where we have opened our subsidiaries (Djibouti, Comoros and Uganda); we pride ourselves in offering our customers competitive and excellent services while innovation that suits your business requirements remains our core strength. It is the first indigenous Tanzanian bank to set foot prints outside the country.



Defaming China only exposes hypocrisy of some US politicians

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's comments targeting Beijing and the Communist Party of China (CPC) were a vicious attack aimed at smearing and defaming China. What Pompeo said reflected some U.S. politicians' deep-rooted political prejudice and dark anti-CPC mentality.

While speaking at the Hudson Institute on Wednesday, the U.S. politician said that China and the CPC are using methods that have created challenges for the United States and the world.

Such stories about China fabricated by some U.S. politicians in an attempt to demonize the country reflect astounding Cold-War mentality.

When it comes to China, Pompeo never fails to give negative remarks that are totally inconsistent with reality and the truth. He is active to stir up ideological confrontations and couldn't tolerate China choosing a development path suitable to its actual conditions.

Pompeo (pictured) claimed that he hopes to see China prosper and advance, and that the U.S. doesn't seek to confront China, but the reality is that he has never stopped lodging groundless accusations against China's domestic affairs.

The hypocrisy of some U.S. politicians is seen through when they act in an uncivilized way that shows no respect for other countries. Pompeo's remarks are ridiculous and reveal his arrogance.

The CPC, which always represents and safeguards the fundamental interests of the Chinese people, has worked untiringly for the independence, liberation, prosperity and rejuvenation of the country.

When it comes to China's development and governance, no one is in a better position to judge than the 1.4 billion Chinese people, and people around the world with a sense of justice will also make fair judgments.

The Chinese people have found a suitable development path for China based on the country's national conditions and made remarkable achievements under the leadership of the CPC since the founding of the People's Republic of China 70 years ago.

China is the world's second largest economy. It has lifted more than 800 million people out of poverty, is home to the world's largest middle-income earners, ranks among the top of the world's economies in terms of economic growth and has remained the largest contributor to global economic growth for years.

Facts have proved that the Chinese path is a right path that conforms to the national conditions of China, and a path that could inspire other countries. Any attempt to obstruct China's stability and development is doomed to fail. Showing no respect for international justice, Pompeo frequently instigated hostility between China and other countries. His evil intentions should be despised by the international community.

China remains firm in pursuing an independent foreign policy of peace. It is committed to fostering a new type of international relations, building a community with a shared future for mankind, and upholding international justice.

The country has established diplomatic relations with 180 countries and its circle of friends is growing. The joint construction of the Belt and Road has made great achievements and benefited people in relevant countries. The campaign also enjoys active and wide participation from the international community.

China has pledged to continue to expand opening up and promote win-win cooperation with countries in the world. The strong foundation of friendship and mutual benefit cannot be destroyed by any people through any means.

China-U.S. relations are one of the most important bilateral relations in the world. History and reality have fully proved that the two sides both benefit from cooperation and lose in confrontation.

The world expects that the U.S. policy toward China is based on reality and rationality, and should not be led astray by political paranoia and strategic misjudgment.

It should be noted that any provocative words and deeds are wrong or even dangerous when China-U.S. relations are at a critical stage. The only proper way for the two countries to get along with each other is to practice mutual respect and seek common ground while reserving differences.

We suggest certain people in the U.S. abandon arrogance and prejudice, stop improper actions and follow the principles and directions set by the heads of state of China and the United States to expand cooperation based on reciprocity and mutual benefit and manage differences based on mutual respect, so as to jointly advance China-U.S. relations with coordination, cooperation and stability as the defining features.

People's Daily

Investigative reporter gives tips on building of credibility, trust

By James Breiner

NEWS organisations have been losing credibility for years, and the reasons are many. Too often, we journalists have been arrogant and said, in effect: "Trust us, we know what we are doing." But today, journalism is under attack, and we have to explain why people should trust us.

Tina Kaiser, an investigative reporter for Die Welt in Germany, said during a recent talk with a group of journalists and communicators from the College of Europe that there are many things publishers can do to improve credibility.

In her talk, at Die Welt's Berlin headquarters, Kaiser described the publication's policies and mentioned how they were applied in specific stories, such as a series about Arab gangs in Germany.

Her tip-offs: One: Transparent corrections. Admit your mistakes quickly and fully, and be transparent about how they were made. If an organisation simply says: "this information was incorrect", the public is left with doubts about why a correction was determined to be necessary.

Was it an honest mistake, a careless breach of journalistic standards, or inaccurate information provided by a source? Without some explanation, readers might assume that a correction was made because of undue pressure and influence from some interested party.

Two: "The making of" stories. For any kind of long-term investigative or enterprise stories, a news organisation ought to also publish an explanation of how information was obtained, who the sources were, where jour-



nals traveled to interview people and do research, how the information was double-checked and verified, and other information that demonstrates the care and professional standards used.

Three: "The making of" an interview. For extensive interviews, especially of controversial or well-known figures, a short story should include information about when, where and how an interview was conducted. Was it in person, by telephone, an email exchange, at the person's home or office, how long it lasted, when it took place, who else was present, if the interview was recorded on video or audio, and how it was edited.

Readers or viewers should know the context of the questions and answers. Was this a friendly, casual conversation, or was it a tense, confrontational interview? All of this detail can help users judge the trustworthiness of the information.

Four: Photograph all sources. Reporters should take photographs of all the people they interview, even if there are no plans to publish the photos. Internally, editors can use photos to independently verify that people are who they say they are and whether their information can be trusted.

Publishing photos of key sources who agreed to be named and photographed helps readers see the professional standards used to collect and verify information.

Five: Photograph key locations and story elements. Kaiser mentioned that Der Spiegel could have avoided a huge scandal by asking their reporter to produce a photo of a signpost saying "Mexicans Keep Out" that he said was on the outskirts of a Minnesota town he characterised as Trump territory.

It turns out that the signpost didn't exist and that this reporter, Claas Re-

lotius, had systematically invented many details about the town and its people, and that he had done this on many other stories for Der Spiegel.

Six: Publish documentation. For investigative and long-form stories, publishing links to source documents, which is now possible on the internet, allows readers to see the original source material.

Seven: No anonymous sources. There have to be exceptional reasons - protection of the physical safety of a source and their family, for example - and the editor-in-chief should explain them to the public.

Journalists are now in competition with innumerable information sources, many of them either carelessly inaccurate or intentionally misleading and false. We have to earn the public's trust. As Kaiser pointed out, we have to be much more transparent about our professional standards. We can no longer assume that people regard us as an authority.

Transparency is a way of explaining professional journalism standards to the public and distinguishing brands that deserve our trust from those that make a business of sensationalising, exaggerating and distorting news and information.

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Ethiopians in Greece buoyed by PM's Nobel Prize

By Carien Du Plessis

FIKERER Tefera's shop in Athens' eclectic Kypseli neighbourhood - where many African immigrants settle - sells all sorts of Ethiopian delicacies. Next to the counter is a large container with aromatic, roasted coffee beans from which the restaurant next door makes coffee that takes you straight to the motherland. Even if you buy nothing, Tefera will gladly help with change for your euro notes, or a plastic bag for the loaf of bread you're carrying if the brown paper wrapping isn't holding. In the evenings, more so on weekends, Ethiopians who live in the city hang out next door. There's a sense of community here.

Tefera, who is from the capital, Addis Ababa, settled in Athens 24 years ago after her paperwork for Italy - where she wanted to go to in the first place - didn't work out. Over the years she built up a business, but, like many here in Greece, she lost her shop during the country's economic crisis in 2015.

"I couldn't make a profit then," she says, so she had to do other things. "Sometimes I worked in a madam's place, that's how I got money."

Things are looking up again and two years ago she established this new shop, which sells groceries, artefacts and clothes from Ethiopia.

She goes back to the country regularly and follows developments keenly. In October she learned about Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Nobel Peace Prize on YouTube.

"I'm like, how to explain, it's like he's my hero," she says about the award. "I'm very happy for him, for my country too." Asked whether she would try to go back to Ethiopia to vote in next year's elections, due in May, she says she will.

The Ethiopian community in Athens is only about 2,000 strong since few Ethiopians leave home with the aim of settling in Greece, says Assefa Debele, a mechanical engineer and community organiser who has lived in Greece for the past three decades. Greece is considered to be a transit country. It's the nearest European Union entry port to Turkey, where most Africans can travel visa-free, so many pass through here.

"Because of living conditions in Greece, no secure job, not enough ac-

cess to education, not enough future for them and their family members, they prefer to leave Greece. But there are some few [Ethiopian] people who have chosen to live in Greece, especially those who came here before the '90s," Debele says. Most Ethiopians who leave their country nowadays do so for economic reasons.

Debele, too, was happy to hear about Abiy's prize, a feeling he says he shared with other Ethiopians in Athens.

"He is our beloved president, for most of us, and I do believe he deserves it. He preaches peace and love, and gave freedom, and we are on our way for the first democratic elections next year. But there is still a lot to do, a lot of unrest in different parts of Ethiopia because of ethnic-based politics."

More than 70 people died recently in Ethiopia's Oromia region when political protests turned into clashes between ethnic and religious groups.

Some Ethiopians remain in Greece as they try to find ways to move on to other European countries. A woman in her 20s who doesn't want to give her name, says she and a friend, whom she met during her time in a transit camp on the Greek island of Lesbos, are still in Greece waiting for an opportunity to travel further into Europe to find a place to settle. While she says Abiy's leadership is good, she doesn't want to go back to Ethiopia now, because it took her a long time and a lot of effort to get this far.

"I don't have a job here in Athens, but I'm looking for a job to make some money," she says. "It's not easy."

She was in the transit camp for more than a year while waiting for her documents to be sorted, and she says it was "bad". The Moria camp on Lesbos has long been crowded, but a recent wave of new arrivals from Syria saw numbers soar to almost 17,000 people - in a place with capacity for 3,000. The Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Dunja Mijatovic, last week called for urgent measures to address the "desperate conditions" which see people "queue for hours to get food and go to bathrooms, when these are available".

While human rights organisations have criticised conditions there, the Greek government under centre-right Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis is taking a more hardline stance,



Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

vowing to fast-track deportations for those who are not genuine asylum-seekers.

It's hard to say whether Abiy's appointment in March 2018 has changed the minds of Ethiopians wanting to come to Europe in search of work opportunities. Anecdotal evidence from people working with refugees and migrants in Athens is that the number has been declining from last year, and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) has reported that more have opted to return home in this time.

The IOM said in a statement on 29 October 2019 that the number of Ethiopians returning home since January was 9,200, a twofold increase compared with 2018, when 5,382 were assisted to return home.

"Many migrants who undertake the dangerous journey fall into highly vulnerable situations that require various forms of support. These include financial help, immediate post-arrival assistance with shelter and medical screening, as well as specialised support like family tracing and reunification services for unaccompanied children," the IOM said.

When they return to Ethiopia, many arrive home to the same or worse eco-

nomic conditions that prompted them to leave in the first place or find themselves out of pocket or in debt after paying for their trip.

"Most of them have exhausted their own as well as their family's savings and need to rebuild their lives," the IOM said.

Those who leave Ethiopia for a better life are still far fewer than those moving within. An IOM report based on July figures showed more than a million Ethiopians were internally displaced because of conflict, while about 600,000 moved due to droughts or seasonal flooding.

In Athens, Tefera is somewhat anxious about the 2020 elections and Abiy's chances of winning.

"I don't know. In Addis Ababa, they say they don't want him. They liked him before, now they don't like [him]," she says.

She hopes the Nobel Prize will change people's minds to at least buy into his vision of unity for the country, which has seen a lot of infrastructure development in the past few years.

"My country, it changed, like [there are] more buildings, but the people have not changed their mind, that is the problem."

DM

INNOVATION

Telco introduces customer service portal in effort to digitise business

By Guardian Reporter

TIGO Business has today unveiled its enhanced product portfolio and new customer service portal with the aim to help organizations achieve digital transformation and growth.

Tigo Tanzania Limited's Managing Director, Simon Karikari said the new customer service portal will enable businesses have real time visibility of their spending and be in a position to have total control of their accounts.

"Tigo Business is the fastest growing enterprise communication service provider and a market leader in innovative communications solutions. We are also a technol-

ogy partner and strategic advisor to businesses of all sizes," said Karikari during the product's launch in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

He explained that as a company, the telco is at the fore front of technological advancement with commitment to help organizations achieve their digital transformation goals in the enterprise market.

"Our range of products includes mobile voice and data, IoT and bulk SMS solution that allows businesses to communicate with their customers at an affordable rate. The portfolio also offers dedicated internet to companies that need complex solutions to enhance efficiencies within their organisation," the Tigo chief added.

Tigo Business also owns and oper-

ate the only Tier III certified data center in Tanzania hence allowing businesses to securely host their sensitive data and critical business applications in a state-of-the-art facility certified by global authorities.

"The reality is we live in a world where information or data are priceless and therefore it needs to be stored securely and processed efficiently to help organizations succeed. To put

it into perspective, Tigo business has made significant investment to ensure we provide end to end customized telecommunication solutions that meet organizations' requirements and budget," affirmed Karikari.

Tigo Chief Business Officer Pavan Ramdhani backed his boss saying Tigo Business customers and the newly launched customer service portal will assist businesses to focus

on their core operations by creating self-service channels and delivering value to them via their preferred distribution channels.

"This will further empower our customers and provide the best customer experience. Customers can now manage their accounts, have queries answered and get access to reports including invoices," Ramdhani said.

"In addition to self-service and convenience, the portal allows customers to monitor and control their telecommunication expenses while allocating resources to users on demand," he added.

Regardless of the nature or size of one's business, Tigo Business provides solutions that enable managers and owners to focus on growth.



Tigo managing director Simon Karikari addresses to customers when unveiling enhanced product portfolio and new customer service portal in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Photo courtesy of Tigo.

GROWTH

Africa tech hub ecosystem surges

JOHANNESBURG

TECHNOLOGY hubs are thriving in Africa, as the continent looks to create the next 'unicorns' - privately held start-up companies valued at over \$1 billion.

This is according to a recent report by Briter Bridges and AfriLabs, which notes that as of October, 643 hubs were identified across Africa, which includes co-working spaces, incubators, accelerators, and hybrid innovation hubs affiliated with government, universities, or corporates.

"However, 25% of these hubs only offer co-working facilities and no specific business support programme for start-ups and entrepreneurs, but the majority - almost 500 of the hubs - provide some degree of in-kind or cash support," comments Dario Giuliani, founder of Briter Bridges.

The report says Nigeria has the most hubs per country, with 90, followed by SA's 78, Egypt (56) and Kenya (50). Some leading hubs in SA include the Innovation Hub, Silicon Cape, AlphaCode, Jozi Hub, Impact Amplifier, and Cape Innovation and Technology Initiative, among others.

The survey was submitted to over 600 hub managers based on Briter Bridges' latest data on innovation hubs in Africa. The respondents differ by type, legal structure, location, and support criteria such as sectors of preference. Ninety-two responses represent 15% of the total number of identified, eligible, organisations.

The respondents were split between private, for-profit organisations and a mix of non-profit, academic institutions,

programmes and associations, and were distributed across 34 countries. Because almost half of the existing hubs consist of non-profit organisations or donor-funded organisations, the discussion around financing received and the allocation of funds has been crucial, the report says.

It notes that 60% of all respondents claimed to receive external funding and, among the donors, corporate sponsors, philanthropic organisations and NGOs have proven to be the most active funders.

The majority of hubs surveyed claimed to have received less than \$100 000 in funding from various sources. Giuliani explains that several hubs establish strategic affiliations with corporates, which often include a degree of asset-sharing such as cloud, servers, optic fibre, and the like.

"Several hubs also partner with their local government or international subsidiaries to get support for their activities. According to the surveyed hubs, the majority of funding received is largely used to cover operational costs and programmes," he says.

"Wages and facilities still present the highest costs on average, while energy and rent-related costs vary respectively depending on whether the hubs are located in areas with unreliable access to electricity or in costly neighbourhoods."

The survey highlights that hubs adopt three main revenue streams - a membership fee to use facilities; donor funding to both sustain operations and run start-up support programmes; and consulting, which was identified as the largest additional revenue stream by 40% of the hubs.

Giuliani points out that such consulting often takes the form of innovation-related research and programme implementation for specific donors.

In addition, he says, hubs with enough space capacity charge rent for events, while others offer paid training or partnership fees.

According to the report, hubs typically offer two types of support - in-kind, which includes training, advice and facilities; as well as financial support through programmes. Among the respondents, 94% (six respondents left the answer blank) run start-up programmes as part of their business and, among these, the most common programmes last 3-6 (35%) and 6-12 months (23%).

In-kind support comes in the form of one-to-one mentorship or through workshops and bootcamps.

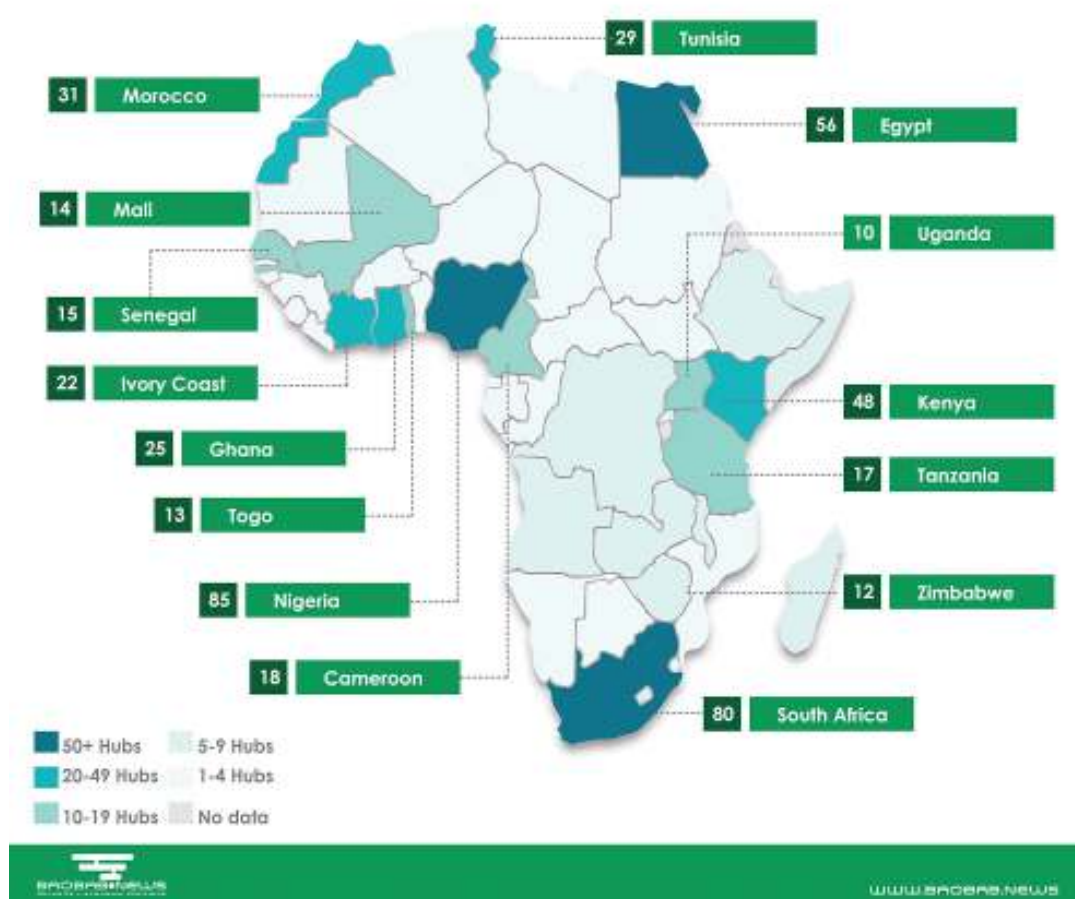
"The fact that only 40% of the surveyed hubs offer funding to start-ups denotes the high diversity in the type of support that such organisations provide," says Giuliani.

"Equity investment (30%) remains the most common type of funding although, as explained, hubs are often endowed with donor or sponsor money which is used for funding - often through competitions or at the end of an incubator or an accelerator programme."

He says this type of cash injection is typically in the form of grants or non-equity (23% and 13%). "Almost 25% of the funding is also in-kind and it is not uncommon to see mixed funding rounds including in-kind and equity investment. Finally, a small proportion includes debt financing (12%)."

Africa: 618 Tech hubs mapping

A mapping in collaboration with the GSMA Ecosystem Accelerator programme



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COMPETITION

Kenya maize prices hit Dar on export

NAIROBI

HIGH prices of maize in Kenya have hit the Tanzanian market with most traders exporting to Nairobi to enjoy the windfall, creating a shortage in the neighbouring country.

The price of a 90-kilogramme bag of maize in Nairobi is selling for Sh4,000 compared with Tanzania where it goes at about Sh2,800. Agriculture Principal Secretary Hamadi Boga said Tanzanians have also been feeling the heat of rising local prices.

"I was discussing with one of the millers last week who has a plant in Tanzania and he told me how the prices of maize have started climbing because of the shortage that has been created by high demand here

in Kenya," said Prof Boga.

Traders, who have been bringing in the grain from Tanzania, had alerted millers last week that they will be hiking the price from the previous Sh3,700 per 90 kilogramme bag. Consumers have been feeling the overall effect of the consequently rising flour prices.

Delays in harvesting maize locally has seen Kenya rely on imports from Tanzania. The price of flour in Kenya has hit Sh130 for a two-kilo packet with millers attributing this to limited supply of grain in the country. Normally, crop from the main season in the parts of North Rift is supposed to have hit the market by now. However, this has been delayed by the ongoing rains that have hampered

harvesting.

A survey carried out by The East African found that in most shops in Dar es Salaam suburbs, the average cost of a retail price of 1kg maize flour ranges between Tsh1,500 (\$0.6) and Tsh1,800 (\$0.7) up from between Tsh1,000 (\$0.4) and Tsh1,300 (\$0.5) in the previous quarter of this year.

Data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) show that in rural areas the current retail price for maize flour - consumed by the majority of citizens - has slightly increased by an average rate of between Tsh800 (\$0.3) and Tsh950 (\$0.4). Kenya depends on cross-border imports to bridge the annual local deficit as it does not produce enough grain to meet the demand.



Kenya's Agriculture Principal Secretary, Hamadi Boga.

PROMOTION

Firm introduces 'SMARTA' phone in Tanzania

By Guardian Reporter

IN a bid to increase smartphone penetration in the local market, Zantel has introduced a 'cheap' smartphone dubbed SMARTA retailing at less than 40,000/- each.

Introducing the handset at a ceremony in held in Zanzibar yesterday, Zantel's Head of Products and Pricing, Aneth Muga said

the dual SIM feature smartphone, comes with exciting and beneficial applications such as WhatsApp, Facebook, YouTube and Google.

Muga said SMARTA presents an entirely new category of smartphones that have the power to drive the penetration of the handsets across the country while becoming an enabler of the digital transformation initiative.

"We have introduced SMARTA in the market to propel affordable access to smartphones while giving people a unique opportunity to enjoy benefits presented by the digital lifestyle offered by Zantel through our 4G+ network," she noted.

Muga said SMARTA is available in all Zantel shops across Zanzibar and on the Mainland and comes with 12GB free

Internet to be used in 12 months.

Seconding Muga's arguments, Head of Zantel in Zanzibar, Mohammed Mussa said introduction of SMARTA is part of the company's commitment to foster digital development by facilitating availability of affordable and reliable technology across the country.

Mussa pointed out that Zantel believes that access to digital products

and services will change the lives of people for the better. "Digital allows access to education, healthcare, media, entertainment, financial services and to the Internet which are all avenues to enhance the way we live our lives.

Zantel's vision is to enable access to digital services for the benefits of new and existing customers," he stressed.

He said the SMARTA affordability provides a solution to higher purchasing cost that remains a barrier to smartphone ownership in the country adding that introduction of the device will support digital development in the local market.

Tanzanians no longer need to worry about cost when considering to buy a smartphone," Mussa added.



Zantel head of products and pricing Aneth Muga (R) shows journalists in Zanzibar yesterday the firm's newly launched SMARTA cell phones. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

EXCELLENCE

Liquid wins awards for IoT, wholesale carrier

By Guardian Reporter

LIQUID Telecom won three awards at the World Communications Awards held in London last week thanks to its regional services and innovation in internet of things solutions

The company won the 'Best African Wholesale Carrier' award for the eighth consecutive year at the Global Carrier Awards and was also recognised at the World Communications Awards for the "Best Regional Wholesale Operator of the Year" for a second year in a row.

Liquid Telecom was also applauded for helping thousands of fish farmers in Kenya to monitor ponds and increase production with the 'Most Innovative IoT Solution'.

"The judges were impressed by Liquid Telecom's real world application delivering tangible benefits to a wide array of users and an excellent IoT solution with clear benefits for farmers as well as for the healthiness of the fish industry in Kenya," the organisers said in a statement.

Commenting on the success, Liquid Telecom CEO, Nic Rudnick said the company was delighted to have picked up three awards in one night. "Being recognised for 'Best African Wholesale Carrier' for eight consecutive years is unprecedented in the industry. Further recognition for



Liquid Telecom CEO, Nic Rudnick.

best 'Regional Wholesale Carrier' and 'Most Innovative IoT Solution' reflects the continuing investment which we have been making in our network and the new innovations and solutions which we have been developing to enhance the value that we deliver to our customers," Rudnick said.

Liquid Telecom has also been shortlisted twice at the upcoming AfricaCom awards in the 'Connecting The Continent' and 'Changing Lives' categories, the statement added.

Liquid Telecom is a leading communications solutions provider across 13

countries primarily in Eastern, Central and Southern Africa that serves mobile operators, carriers, enterprise, media and content companies and retail customers with high-speed, reliable connectivity, hosting and co-location and digital services.

It has built Africa's largest independent fibre network, approaching 70,000km, and operates state-of-the-art data centres in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Nairobi, with a combined potential 19,000 square metres of rack space and 80 MW of power.

SPECIALIZATION

Rwanda's plan to become financial hub gains momentum



Celestin Rwabukumba, Chief Executive at Rwanda Stock Exchange.

KIGALI

MOMENTUM is building towards realising full development of the much-anticipated Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC), an initiative by the Government that seeks to position Rwanda as a business and financial hub in Africa.

A new company, Rwanda Finance Ltd, has been created to spearhead the development of KIFC and a chief executive officer was appointed. Several financial players have already bought into the idea.

In 2017, the Government approved the establishment of the KIFC. The blueprint would basically position Rwanda as home for nationally or internationally significant financial service providers, enabling the country to handle finances for others.

They will include banks, investment managers, hedge-funds or stock exchanges, among others. Kigali International Financial Centre (KIFC) is an initiative by the Government that seeks to position Rwanda as a business and financial hub in Africa. File.

The blueprint seeks to facilitate the country to attract a concentration of participants in banking, asset management, insurance or financial markets with venues and supporting services for these activities to take place.

Currently, cities like New York, London, Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai are ranked the world's top financial

centres. The most recent ratings by the Global Financial Centers Index (GFCI) show those cities providing competitive environment for investors to do business.

According to GFCI, all the top five cities have an advanced system of payment for goods and services which make commerce and trade very convenient, and investors are assured of returns due to stable assets management policies. London and New York have interchangeably held the top position due to the high quality of mergers, investment opportunities and high credit rating of their stocks listed companies.

London is home to the Bank of England (BoE), one of the most prestigious and oldest central banks in the world. The London Stock Exchange (LSE) is among the world's top five stock exchanges, and the city has one of the world's largest banking sectors.

New York, on the other hand, is known for Wall Street whose reputation is synonymous with finance. It is home to two of the world's largest stock exchanges – the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the NASDAQ, and some of the world's largest banks have their headquarters there – JP Morgan Chase & Co. and Citigroup Inc.

But there are other known highly ranked financial centres like Tokyo in Japan, Toronto in Canada, Zurich in Switzerland, Beijing in China and Frankfurt in Germany. While Rwanda may not be at the level of the rest of the

players, yet, the country seeks to stand out in the region where only Casablanca, Mauritius and Johannesburg always stand out as the financial hubs.

Celestin Rwabukumba, the Chief Executive at Rwanda Stock Exchange sees more benefits if Rwanda fully embarked on positioning itself as a hub for financial services. "The benefits to us as an economy are funds domiciliation and all professional services that come with it (offshore banking, global custodians, trust businesses, fund management," he said. That alone, he adds, is high paying jobs for industry professionals in addition to tax revenue.

According to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, the goals are to double the value of the financial services sector by 2024 and to double foreign direct investment into the economy. "KIFC will be great to attract FDIs [foreign direct investments], stimulating our capital market and offer long-term funds for our financial institutions," said Nathalie Mpaka, the Chief Finance Officer at Bank of Kigali.

Under the initiative, the Government through the Ministry of Finance has established a company, Rwanda Finance Ltd, which will spearhead the implementation of the blueprint. A source told Business Times that the new company is particularly tasked with revising tax regimes and legal frameworks for business and investments as well as layout plans to increase financial education and expertise.

CONCERN

Tariff increases unsettle Zimbabwe telecommunication firms

HARARE

AS consumers in Zimbabwe come to terms with the price increase on mobile services, telecommunications companies are concerned over the impact this will have on the use of their networks and related services.

Local mobile companies and internet service providers, including ZOL Zimbabwe and

state-run TelOne, have hiked data and voice tariffs to match increases in foreign currency rates in the country. Businesses have witnessed a drop in demand for services owing to inflationary pressures.

In its Zimbabwe Third Quarter 2019 Equity Strategy report, analysts at brokerage and advisory firm IH Securities said that telecom companies are expected

to be the least affected by the tariff increases passed on to consumers.

At the same time, they say operators will likely feel the effect on traffic and usage - although the impact will likely be minimal. "The telecoms sector has affected several tariff reviews during the year, resulting in a slight decline in traffic and usage. The decline is expected to

be relatively low as services, such as data, have become a necessity to society, therefore evolving into somewhat a utility," noted IH Securities.

According to a 2019 second quarter telecom industry report by the Posts and Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (Potraz), ".... total revenue for the mobile network operators grew by

50.1% to ZWL375-million for the second quarter."

An excerpt from the report reads: "The overall growth in mobile revenue may be attributable to the increase in tariffs in the quarter under review as well as the transition from the multi-currency era, as some foreign currency denominated income is now subjected to conversion at the official exchange

rate."

It adds that operating costs grew by 25.7% to ZWL233.6-million for the same period, due to "inflationary pressures in the economy" that have forced operators to implement "cost containment measures" in order to suppress escalating costs. Banks have also been adjusting fees for Point of Sale, internet and digital transactions as busi-

nesses look to deflect inflationary pressures onto consumers.

IH Securities added that Zimbabwean "banks have started to leverage technology to grow the non-funded income contribution to their earnings." However, "shifting from traditional banking will initially result in significant capital outlays for the banks that are yet to migrate to technology driven banking"

WORLD

'China to further ease market access for foreign investment'

SHANGHAI

CHINESE President Xi Jinping said yesterday the country will further ease market access for foreign investment and shorten the negative list.

China will continue to improve the business environment to make it more market-oriented, law-based and internationalized, Xi said while delivering a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the second China International Import Expo.

He said China will pay more attention to the role of import and continue to open up its market and that steps will be taken to further cut tariffs and institutional costs, nurture a batch of innovative demonstration zones for import facilitation, and expand import of high-quality products and services from

other countries.

In his speech, Xi pledged that China will adopt five measures to promote higher-level opening up: continue to expand market opening up; continue to optimize the framework of opening up; continue to improve business environment; continue to deepen multilateral and bilateral cooperation; continue to jointly build the Belt and Road.

He called for efforts to uphold the core values and basic principles of the multilateral trading regime, and promote trade and investment liberalization.

Xi urged resolute opposition to protectionism and unilateralism in a bid to jointly build a world economy of openness and cooperation.

He proposed continuous reduction of trade barriers and further improvement



President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Second China International Import Expo in Shanghai yesterday.

of global value and supply chains to jointly nurture market demand.

He called on countries to oppose knowledge blockade to avoid creating or even widening technological divide.

Xi also urged jointly strengthening protection of intellectual property rights.

Three proposals for economic globalization

The Chinese president put forward three proposals for economic globalization involving jointly building an open and cooperative world economy; jointly building an open and innovative world

economy; and jointly building an open and sharing world economy.

Countries should uphold the concept of putting humanity first and should not let their own interest override that of mankind, Xi said.

Xi Jinping extended warm welcome to all guests to the second China International Import Expo opening here Tuesday.

Declaring the second China International Import Expo open, Xi said he believes that all friends could come with pleasure and return with satisfaction.

Xinhua

Iran to inject gas into centrifuges

TEHRAN

IN a speech broadcast live on state TV yesterday, President Hassan Rouhani announced the fourth step to reduce Iran's commitments to a landmark 2015 nuclear deal on Wednesday by injecting gas into 1044 centrifuges at the Fordow plant.

All of the steps Iran has taken to reduce its commitments to the nuclear deal are reversible and Iran will uphold all of its commitments under the deal when the remaining signatories do the same, Rouhani (pictured) said.

"We know their sensitivity with regard to Fordow. With regard to these centrifuges, we know. But at the same time when they uphold their commitments we will cut off the gas again...So it is possible to reverse this step," Rouhani said.

"We can't unilaterally accept that we completely fulfill our commitments while they don't follow up on their commitments."

Under the terms of the deal the Islamic Republic is allowed to spin the centrifuges at Fordow without injecting gas, Rouhani said.

On Monday, Iran unveiled 30 IR-6 centrifuges for uranium enrichment in the Natanz nuclear facilities, the official IRNA news agency reported. During the ceremony, Ali Akbar Salehi, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, hailed the achievements of Iranian scientists and experts in the field of peaceful nuclear technology. A total 60 IR-6 centrifuges are currently spinning in the Natanz site in central Iran, Salehi was quoted as saying.

According to Salehi, Iran's ura-



anium enrichment capacity has reached 8,660 separative work units (SWUs). SWU is the standard measure of the effort required to separate isotopes of uranium during an enrichment process. One SWU is equivalent to one kg of separative work.

Iran's daily output of low-grade enriched uranium exceeds five kg at present, up from about 450 grams two months ago when Iran announced the third step to reduce its commitments under the 2015 landmark nuclear deal, Salehi noted.

Iran started up advanced centrifuges to boost the country's stockpile of enriched uranium on Sept 7, when Salehi said Iran's move to drop limitations on its R&D will hike the enrichment of uranium to a level of 1,000,000 SWUs.

Since May, Iran has been breaking away with the restrictions, set by the nuclear accord, on the stockpile of its low-grade enriched uranium and its concentration, in a response to the US exit from the international deal last year.

Following the US withdrawal from the 2015 Iranian nuclear deal, Iran had given chances to Europeans to protect its interests under the nuclear deal, said the government spokesman Ali Rabiee.

However, the bullying policies of the United States and Europeans' "lack of resistance" to the US moves resulted in Iran's decision to reduce its nuclear commitments, Rabiee added.

Since May, Iran has made three moves to build stockpiles of nuclear fuel and enrich low-grade uranium to a higher level of purity, and has started up advanced centrifuges to boost the country's stockpile of enriched uranium, which had been restricted by the 2015 nuclear deal known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

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THE United States began on Monday the process of withdrawing from the Paris Agreement, according to a statement by US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

US President Donald Trump announced in June 2017 that his country would leave the Paris Agreement.

"The United States of America notified the secretary-general, in his capacity as depositary, its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement of Dec 12, 2015, on Nov 4, 2019," said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' spokesperson in New York. Guterres' spokesperson confirmed in a note to correspondents that the US withdrawal from the agreement will take effect on Nov 4, 2020.

The US move is part of a broad-

US kicks off withdrawal from Paris Agreement

er strategy by Trump to reduce tape on American industry, but comes at a time scientists and many world governments urge rapid action to avoid the worst impacts of global warming.

Following the US' announcement, French President Emmanuel Macron said yesterday cooperation between Europe and China on reducing climate-warming emissions will be "decisive".

Speaking in Shanghai at the second China International Import Expo, just after a keynote address by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Macron said commitments will need to be enhanced.

"If we want to be in compliance with the Paris agreement, we will need next year to enhance our commitments to reduce emissions, and we must confirm new



commitments for 2030 and 2050," he said.

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"The cooperation between China and the European Union in this respect is decisive," Macron added. "Next year, we need, in the agenda of enhancement, to be collectively up to the task."

Speaking to reporters earlier, a French presidential office official expressed regret at the US move, and said Macron and Xi will sign a pact that includes wording on the "irreversibility" of the Paris climate accord.

"We regret this and this only makes the Franco-Chinese partnership on the climate and biodiversity more necessary," the official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said.

"The text that will be signed tomorrow includes a paragraph on the irreversibility of the Paris agreement."

Macron and Xi are due to hold a formal meeting in Beijing on Wednesday.

China and France pledged at this year's G20 summit to "update" their contributions against climate change beyond their current ones to reflect "their highest possible ambition".

The 2015 Paris climate agreement encourages countries to make stronger pledges if they are able to do so.

China aims to bring emissions to a peak by "around 2030" and raise the share of non-fossil fuels in its total energy mix to 20 percent by the end of the next decade, up from 15 percent in 2020.

The United States is the first country to say it will withdraw from the deal, but 10 countries have also failed to ratify it, including Turkey.

Agencies

Rwandan president reshuffles cabinet

KIGALI

RWANDAN President Paul Kagame on Monday evening reshuffled the cabinet, appointing a new foreign minister and reintroducing the portfolio of internal security.

Vincent Biruta, a long-serving cabinet member since the end of the 1994's Rwandan genocide against Tutsi, was appointed as the new foreign minister, replacing Richard Sezibera, who has been at helm of the ministry since October 2018, said a statement released here by the office of the prime minister.

Sezibera last week tweeted his visit to Rwanda's embassy in Israel following numerous media speculations about his health condition after months' disappearing from public view, which the Rwandan government had refuted.

Patrick Nyamvumba, Chief of defence staff of national army Rwanda Defence Force, was appointed as minister of internal security, the position that had been removed since 2016.

The move came after last month's attacks in northern Rwanda's Musanze district and western Rwanda's Rusizi district. The Musanze attack happening close to famous Volcanoes National Park killed at least 14 people.

Rwandan ambassador to Russia Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya replaced Biruta as the new minister of environment. Aurore Mimosa Munyangaju, CEO of a life insurance company owned by Rwanda Social Security Board, became the new minister of sports, while Chairman of the National Itorero Commission Edouard Bamporiki was appointed as a state minister in the ministry of youth and culture.

Former legislator Ignatienne Nyirurukundo is the new minister of state at the ministry of local government in charge of Social Affairs.

The president also appointed several other senior officials.

Xinhua

Kiev voices protest over Russian MP's visit to Donbass

KIEV

UKRAINE'S Foreign Ministry has expressed protest over Russian State Duma MP Alexei Zhuravlev's visit to the Lugansk region's territory uncontrolled by Kiev.

"We voice strong protest over the illegal visit by a representative of Russia's legislature to a temporarily occupied Ukrainian territory in the Lugansk region, which took place in violation of the rules for crossing Ukraine's state border," the ministry said in a statement.

The ministry has described Zhuravlev's trip to Donbass as "a gross violation by Russia of Ukraine's state sovereignty and territorial integrity," vowing to check whether the lawmaker had visited the disengagement area in Zolotoye. Kiev has asked Russia to disconfirm the MP's trip and clarify the goals of his visit to Donbass.

The Foreign Ministry noted that Zhuravlev had been banned from visiting Ukraine since June 21, 2018 under sanctions imposed by the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council.

Ukrainian media reports said Zhuravlev had visited Zolotoye in the Lugansk region, which is uncontrolled by Kiev in Donbass, and also published photos with the lawmaker.

The conflicting sides in Donbass launched the withdrawal of forces and hardware in Zolotoye on October 29.

The disengagement of forces surprisingly began at Kiev's initiative without any preliminary announcement after several violations of the deal by Ukraine.

On Friday, the disengagement process at site number 2 in Zolotoye was completed. This was confirmed by both sides and also members of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Special Monitoring Mission.



China's future more worth expecting, says Korean scholar

BUILDING on past successes, China has achieved sustained economic and social development through advancing reform and opening-up, Lee Hee-ok, head of the Sungkyun Institute of China Studies said in an interview with People's Daily.

Lee (pictured) attended the grand celebration held to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in Beijing on October 1. He, who is also a professor of political science at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, said he was impressed by the mass pageantry, which was a part of the celebration.

The mass pageantry consisted of three chapters: Founding and Construction of the People's Republic, Reform and Opening-up, and Great Re-

juvenation, representing China's past, present and future respectively.

The Sungkyun Institute of China Studies Lee founded in 2012 is a famous China research institute in South Korea. As a scholar of China studies, Lee has written many books on China that have become an important channel for people in South Korea to learn about China.

The 70th anniversary of the founding of New China marks an important year in the development course of the PRC. Through their hard work and struggling, the Chinese people have reaped remarkable achievements and demonstrated the unique advantages of socialism with Chinese characteristics and the strong cohesion of the Chinese nation.

Lee also attended the night gala held on October 1 to mark New China's birthday.

"The high-tech light show showcased China's prosperity. At that night, everyone was singing and dancing. It was a festival for the people," Lee said, adding that it was a very valuable experience for him to have the opportunity to present at the celebration of the 70th birthday of the PRC and gain a deeper understanding of China's development.

Lee first visited China 30 years ago. He recalled that all he saw from the window of the train running from Dalian to Shenyang, both in northeast China's Liaoning province, were plains and cornfields. When he woke up from a nap, he was still on the way.



In a train trip Lee made in January 2019, it took him less than two hours to get to Dandong from Shenyang by high-speed train. "Scientific and technological progress has shortened the travel time between the cities," Lee said.

Lee also recalled that once he was at an airport in China almost 20 years ago, he was told that his flight was cancelled because there were not enough passengers. "Now China is home to the

world's busiest airports and air travelling has become the most popular mode of travel in China," Lee said, adding that this was unimaginable back then.

Over the past 30 years, Lee has visited China for more than 200 times. He said that it takes lots of time to keep his studies abreast with China's development and analyze it as the country develops in such rapid speed.

"China's development is never a coincidence, but is deeply rooted in its national conditions and the Chinese characteristics. It is a result of setting the right directions for future development, rolling out policies and measures and implementing them," Lee pointed out.

The Chinese government has a

strong capability to strengthen top-level design, makes development strategies that evolve with the time and seek truth from facts, constantly improves modernization of its governance and carries forward excellent traditional Chinese culture. It also pays attention to environmental protection and promotes coexistence between nature and human beings. These constitute the secret of China's development success.

China is willing to work with people in all countries for creating a world bathed in peace and development, Chinese President Xi Jinping said at the reception in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China on September 30, 2019.

People's Daily

Philippines' Duterte picks top drug war critic as his 'drugs tsar'

MANILA

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte has appointed his main political rival, Leni Robredo, his "drugs tsar", after the opposition leader expressed alarm about the high death toll in his anti-narcotics campaign and said it needed a fresh approach. The appointment follows critical remarks by Robredo during an interview with Reuters, and in subsequent media appearances, which angered the volatile Duterte and led to a torrent of social media fury at Robredo, who is his vice president but has no role in his administration. Duterte's spokesman announced Robredo's appointment yesterday as co-chair of an inter-agency panel on drugs, which he said was genuine and not a cynical political play to discredit her, as her camp believed. The president has ordered all agencies to give her their full support.

"If she has been criticizing the drug war as ineffective, then there must be ideas on her mind to make it effective," Panelo said on television. Robredo, 54, was elected separately to Duterte and is among a growing number of critics who say his approach has boosted his tough image but had little impact on the drugs trade or addiction rates. She did not immediately confirm if she would take the job. Her spokesman has said she would not be a scapegoat for the shortcomings of Duterte's war on drugs. He remains hugely popular because of his defiance of the international outcry caused by his signature crackdown, which human rights groups say involves systematic executions and police cover-ups. Police reject that and say the nearly 7,000 people they killed were armed drug suspects who resisted arrest. Duterte is furious that the UN Human Rights Council wants to investigate the killings, adding to an ongoing preliminary examination by the International Criminal Court (ICC), of which Duterte has canceled the Philippines' membership.



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Allies of the president urged Robredo to take the post while the Dangerous Drugs Board and police said they welcomed her experience, ideas and new perspective. Political analyst Ramon Casiple said that politics aside, Robredo was not in a position to decline. "There's the obligation, not just a personal decision. If you were elected and the president sought for help, you will," he said. Duterte has openly insulted Robredo, who leads a party with diminished power and influence. She advocates tackling drugs from a health, social and community perspective, including prevention and treatment rather than a largely police-centered approach. Activists say police are operating with impunity, with the implied support of a president who once vowed to kill 100,000 dealers, and he would be

happy to slaughter millions of addicts. He has since said he uses hyperbole to stress a point and denies inciting murder. Estimates of the number killed during the drugs war vary significantly, but thousands of users and alleged dealers have wound up dead outside of official police operations, many in mysterious circumstances. Robredo on Oct 23 told Reuters that international help, including from the United Nations and ICC, should be sought if the government refused to change tack and stop abusive police. On Duterte's approach, she said: "Obviously, it's not working." Gwendolyn Pimentel-Gana of the Commission on Human Rights was hopeful Robredo could stop the killings. "Are we going to look at addicts as victims?" she said. "The approach would not be to kill them but to rehabilitate them." **Agencies**



UK delays publishing report on Russia poll meddling

LONDON

BRITAIN is following standard procedure by not publishing a parliamentary select committee report on alleged Russian meddling in British politics until after the election, one of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's most senior ministers said. The report by parliament's Intelligence and Security Committee has cleared security service clearance but has not yet cleared approval by Johnson's Downing Street office and so will not be published before the Dec 12 election. When asked if the government was sitting on the report, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Michael Gove told the BBC: "Absolutely not." "It's always the case with select committee reports, particularly when they deal with sensitive issues, that there is a process through which they have to go before they are published and a response is issued," Gove said. "This is no different from the standard procedure," he said, adding that it was going through the "same process as ever". Dominic Grieve, the chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee, has said there is no legitimate reason for delaying the publication of the report. **Agencies**

DPRK criticises 'hostile policy' as US diplomat visits ROK

SEOUL

A US report calling the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) a sponsor of terrorism shows a "hostile policy" that prevents progress in denuclearization talks, Pyongyang said yesterday, as a senior US diplomat was set to arrive in the neighboring Republic of Korea (ROK). The DPRK accused the US of failing to show flexibility after a breakdown last month in the first talks between their officials since US President Donald Trump and DPRK leader Kim Jong-un agreed in

June to reopen negotiations. "The channel of dialogue between the DPRK and the US is more and more narrowing due to such attitude," DPRK state news agency KCNA said, citing a foreign ministry official. A recent US State Department report on terrorism "proves once again" that US rejection of the DPRK indicated "a hostile policy", it added. The agency was referring to "Country Reports on Terrorism 2018", issued last week, which reaffirmed DPRK's redesignation as a state sponsor of terrorism.

Yesterday's statement came ahead of a visit to Seoul by US Assistant Secretary of State David Stilwell, who is expected to discuss the stalled talks with the DPRK, as well as ROK's decision to end an intelligence-sharing pact with Japan. US officials did not describe Stilwell's agenda in detail, but said he would discuss the strength of the US-ROK alliance and cooperation across foreign policies. Washington has urged ROK to rethink a decision to end an intelligence-sharing agreement amid an escalating political and economic dispute



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with Japan. "We do, of course, encourage the Korean side to return to this agreement, because it benefits us, benefits you, and it certainly benefits them as well," Stilwell said in late October in Tokyo. Yesterday, Kim In-chul, a spokesman for ROK's foreign ministry, said there was no change in its stance not to renew the intelligence-sharing pact, however. The top US negotiator in defence cost-sharing talks with ROK, James DeHart, was also set to arrive in Seoul on Tuesday, a ROK foreign ministry official said.

In April, DPRK's leader Kim said the country would give Washington until the end of the year to be "more flexible" in denuclearization talks, but state media have since given only vague warnings about what will happen if the deadline expires. The United States and DPRK could hold another round of working-level talks as soon as mid-November, ROK lawmaker Lee Eun-jae said on Monday after a briefing by Seoul's National Intelligence Service. **Agencies**

Spain's election candidates clash over Catalonia in TV debate

MADRID

THE main candidates to become Spain's next prime minister clashed on Monday over how to handle Catalan separatism, as they tried to woo voters ahead of a repeat election that opinion polls show could be as inconclusive as the one in April. Opinion polls suggest a third of voters are still unsure who they will vote for on Sunday, meaning Monday's tense televised debate could be decisive. At this stage, polls point to a stalemate, with no party or bloc of parties having a majority. Catalonia's regional capital, Barcelona, has been rocked by weeks of sometimes violent protests since nine separatist leaders were sentenced to jail in mid-October for their role in a failed independence bid. "You don't believe in the Spanish nation," the leader of the conservative People's Party (PP), Pablo Casado, told acting Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, accusing him of being too soft on the Catalan separatists. Sanchez, a Socialist, is leading in opinion polls but has lost some support, while right-wing parties have grown more popular since last month's rallies in Catalonia saw some protesters wreak havoc and throw Molotov cocktails at police. Right-wing parties are now competing on which would take a harder line on the restive region, hoping to attract more votes on Sunday.



The five main candidates for Spain's prime minister, (left to right) conservative People's Party (PP) leader Pablo Casado, Spanish prime minister and Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE) leader, Pedro Sanchez, far-right wing Vox party leader, Santiago Abascal, far-left wing Podemos party leader, Pablo Iglesias and center-right political party Ciudadanos leader Albert Rivera, pose for a picture prior to a televised debate at the Casa de Campo's Glass pavilion in Madrid, on Tuesday, ahead of Nov 10 general election. (AFP)

"There's a permanent coup d'état in Catalonia," said the leader of the far-right Vox party, Santiago Abascal, saying PP and the Socialists, which have dominated Spanish politics for decades, were both to blame. Vox won its first parliamentary seats in April and opinion polls show that boosted by anger over Catalonia protests, it can now hope to become the third-biggest party with more than 40 seats, up from 24 in the previous ballot. There are 350 seats up for grabs. Spanish voters saw Sanchez as winning the TV debate, with Casado second, a flash opinion poll of 711 people by Invmark for LaSexta television showed. The

poll also saw Abascal benefiting from the debate. Sanchez, who became prime minister in June 2018 after parliament ousted the conservatives in a corruption scandal, has been acting prime minister since the April election. Fragmented political landscape Sunday's parliamentary election will be the fourth in four years for Spain. New parties have emerged after the financial crisis, fragmenting the political landscape and making it much harder to form governments with stable majorities. Polls carried out by GAD3, Sigma Dos and NC Report and published on Monday pointed

to the Socialists winning but falling short of a majority, with their numbers likely dropping to about 120 seats from the 123 they won in April. PP would get more seats than in April, while the liberal Ciudadanos would be the most damaged by the repeat election. All possible scenarios for deals to form a government are fraught with difficulties. Sanchez on Friday ruled out forming a "grand coalition" with PP. Challenged by his rivals on Catalonia, Sanchez, who has hardened his stance on the restive region, said he had tackled the protests with a firm and proportional response. **Agencies**

China means business in high-level opening up

SHANGHAI

THE second China International Import Expo (CIIE) that opened in Shanghai Tuesday is yet another proof that China means business in further bolstering opening up and globalization when protectionism and unilateralism threaten global growth. In his keynote speech at the opening ceremony, Chinese President Xi Jinping called for resolute opposition to protectionism and unilateralism to jointly build a world economy of openness and cooperation. He urged continuous efforts to expand and optimize opening up, improve business environment, deepen multilateral and bilateral cooperation, and jointly build the Belt and Road Initiative. A year ago, he called CIIE a major policy for China to push for a new round of high-level opening up and to take the initiative to open its market to the world. One year on, global growth continues to be weakened by rising trade barriers and growing geopolitical tensions. Major economies are making efforts to bridge differences on trade issue. China does not sit by, nor is it preoccupied with its own interests. Instead, it reaches out to other countries to promote win-win cooperation, and acts as a staunch supporter of free trade. The opening of the second CIIE proves that China has lived up to its promise and that the



The second China International Import Expo (CIIE) kicks off in Shanghai, east China, yesterday. (Xinhua)

show strong willingness to engage with China, indicating the fact that the two countries are deeply integrated economically and the trend of cooperation is irreversible. In addition, the expo is also a platform for exhibitors to explore opportunities of teaming up with trading partners other than China. China's initiative of expanding opening up is particularly valuable in the face of the high wall of trade protectionism erected by certain countries. Since the first CIIE was held, China has lowered import tariffs four times, and introduced legislations encouraging foreign investment and regulations on improving the business environment, accelerated the construction of pilot free trade zones, and relaxed access requirements for foreign banks and insurance companies. China has demonstrated its determination and sincerity in opening up with concrete actions. **Xinhua**

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'Showing the strong resilience of the governance system'

SIBRANDES Poppema believes that the grand celebration ceremony shows China's growing comprehensive national strength, "China's military, economic, social development is of balanced development, showing the strong resilience of the governance system." In exchanges and cooperation with Chinese universities, Prof. Poppema (pictured) observed that the research of Chinese universities is in line with international standards, and even some aspects lead the world. "The grand military parade and mass parade held in Tiananmen Square are really

spectacular and amazing!" recalling the scene of the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China in Beijing, Sibrandes Poppema, former President of the University of Groningen, a famous clinician scientist was still excited. "On China's National Day, in Tiananmen Square, it is not only China's advanced military equipment, but more important and even more touching. I saw the faces of young people who participated in the celebration bloom. Their bright smile shows a real happiness and joy." Prof.

Poppema believes that the grand celebration shows China's growing comprehensive national strength. "China's military, economic, social development is of balanced, showing the strong resilience of the governance system." Born in Emmen, the Netherlands, Prof. Poppema is 70 years old, the same of age with PRC. Since his first visit to China in 2003, Prof. Poppema has traveled to China for more than 60 times. From 2008 to 2018, during his tenure as the president University of Groningen, Prof. Poppema actively promoted academic

exchanges and cooperation between the University of Groningen and Chinese universities and research institutions. Prof. Poppema witnessed the rapid development of China's higher education. "My colleagues in China communicated with better English. Chinese students' English was significantly improved. They

have an international vision and are willing to in touch with the outside world." Prof. Poppema served as a visiting professor at Jilin University. He remembered the medical laboratory of Jilin University 15 years ago. At that time, the equipments, research methods in China were left behind the international standard. Now, Jilin University has modern research equipments, follows the latest scientific research methods. They also has excellent research staff. "The research environment of Chinese universities is completely in line with the interna-

tional standards, and even some aspects lead the world. At present, in terms of physics, chemistry, medicine, engineering, etc., China is one of the strongest countries in the world. But in medical research, China is still behind the US and Europe" Prof. Poppema said. Through long-term observation of the Chinese development in the past decades, Prof. Poppema pointed out two advantages of the Chinese governance system: First, the Chinese leadership can listen to different opinions, especially the views of professional experts in the universities, focusing on the

long-term goals, rational discussion, and scientific decision-making process. In doing so, China is on the right direction for a long time. Second, China can maintain long-term policy stability. "Through the five-year plan, China has a consistent philosophy and policy that enables scientific decision-making to be implemented." Despite engaging in natural science research, Prof. Poppema also attaches great importance to social and cultural exchanges. He is an enthusiastic supporter of Chinese language teaching. **People's Daily**





Dar es Salaam's Rotary Club of Bahari's official, Hemaly Jethwa (R), one of the Charity golf tournament's organizing committee members, hands over a certificate of appreciation to NBC Ltd Head of SME's, Evance Luhimbo, after the completion of the ninth edition of the annual tournament held at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) course recently. NBC Ltd was among the tournament's sponsors. Looking on is NBC Relationship Manager, Joseph Lema. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

DStv introduces exciting offer

By Guardian Reporter

MULTICHOICE Tanzania has announced to launch its holiday season campaign, dubbed 'Shangwe za Sikukuu na DStv', with an exciting offer set to be presented to the firm's new customers.

MultiChoice Tanzania' Heads of Sales Department, Salum Salum, noted the anxiously awaited offer started on November 1 and will climax on December 31.

The offer will see all of the DStv new customers access the service for 99,000/- whilst getting technical service and a one-month DStv Compact with no additional payment.

MultiChoice's Head of Marketing Department, Baraka Shelukindo, disclosed the firm has always been close to the people during the holiday season.

The firm, according to him, has this season introduces a campaign dubbed 'Shangwe za Sikukuu na DStv', in which this year's offer will include the one-month DStv Compact and free of charge connection.

"We, at the end of every year, see to it we come up with a new initiative to see to it Tanzanians enjoy the holiday season," he noted.

"We all know most of families come together in the holiday season when students are on leave, this is an opportunity for them to have DStv in their homes when there is entertainment for everyone."

He disclosed the company's customer is assured of a free one-month DStv Compact and he or she will, therefore, enjoy programs including various top soccer leagues' games, cartoons for kids, Swahili soap operas like 'Huba' and 'Kapuni' and other programs.

Paschall, young Warriors beat Blazers for 1st home win

SAN FRANCISCO

THOSE familiar chants of "M-V-P!" weren't for Stephen Curry this time but rather a rookie named Eric Paschall who delivered a special performance on his 23rd birthday.

Not to mention the Warriors' first win at new Chase Center – finally.

Everyone can exhale now.

Paschall hit a key 3-pointer with 4:05 remaining and finished with 34 points and 13 rebounds, leading injury-plagued Golden State to a 127-118 victory against Damian Lillard and the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday night.

"That was a little crazy. For a rookie you hear MVP, that's a 'wow' moment," Paschall said. "I thank Dub Nation for believing in me."

Without all their injured stars, the young Warriors more than hung tough – they shined – against a Western Conference contender as Klay Thompson cheered from the sideline. Golden State (2-5) improved to 1-4 at home – the team hasn't started 0-5 in its own building since losing its initial six home games in 1997-98.

"Just a fantastic effort by the whole group. Everybody that we put in came in and gave us big minutes," coach Steve Kerr said. "It was just fun. It's a fun group to coach because they're young and hungry and they were fighting like crazy out there the whole game. That's a good team they just beat. It was a great night for us."

Lillard, no longer playing in his hometown of Oakland when he visits the Bay Area, notched his fourth 30-point performance in the first seven games with 39 points on 15-for-26 shooting, including five 3-pointers. Blazers center Hassan Whiteside added 22 points and 11 rebounds after missing one game with a bone bruise in his left knee.

Golden State, which swept Portland in the Western Conference finals last season on the way to a fifth straight NBA Finals, led 90-83 early in the fourth quarter before the Blazers fought back.

"They competed from the beginning, they played hard, they moved the ball really well," Lillard said. "They played like a team that wanted to win. We got outplayed start to finish, I would say. We had some moments in the game, but we played like we just thought we were going to march in here and win the game, and they showed why they're in the NBA. That's a tough loss."

Paschall's late 3 put the Warriors ahead 107-99. Chants of "M-V-P!" greeted him when he shot

free throws with 2:22 left. He also hit a pair of 3-pointers to start the game and made his initial 3 from deep. He scored 17 points in the opening period, and Paschall has scored 20 or more in all three games he has started. He had 25 in Golden State's loss to Charlotte on Saturday, becoming the first Warriors rookie with back-to-back games of 25 points since Curry had five in a row in April 2010, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"He came in and didn't look like a rookie at all, from the first day of practice," Kerr said.

Fellow rookie Ky Bowman had 19 points and eight assists for the Warriors, who faced their worst start since beginning the 2000-01 season 1-7. But Golden State made five of its first eight shots to take an early 14-9 lead and kept bringing the energy and enthusiasm on both ends. Paschall and Bowman combined to shoot 20 for 33 – 11 of 19 by Paschall. He also made all eight of his free throws.

With 6:13 to go, Bowman drove to the basket and scored, then tangled with Whiteside, who pushed off with an elbow. Officials went to replay and issued Whiteside a technical.

CJ McCollum had 14 points and six assists for the Blazers, whose previous four games were decided by a total of nine points, including a 129-109 home loss to the 76ers on Saturday.

Kerr knew the terrific backcourt tandem of Lillard and McCollum provided a tough matchup. "They're really tough to guard even for a veteran team. For a young group, we're probably going to learn some lessons tonight," Kerr said before the game.

So did Portland.

The Warriors improved to 3-10 without Splash Brothers Curry and Thompson, according to Elias – 1-2 this season, 2-6 in 2018-19, 0-1 in 2016-17 and 0-1 in 2015-16. Playing without just Curry, Golden State is 44-68 since 2009-10, including 5-8 last season.

The Warriors hosted firefighters and first responders from the devastating Kincadee Fire in Sonoma County. They were shown on the big screen midway through the second quarter and drew cheers.

Meanwhile, in Phoenix, Devin Booker was pouring in buckets from every corner of the court during the second half and the home crowd loved every minute of it, serenading the Phoenix Suns star with MVP chants as he finished with 40 points in a 114-109 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

The 23-year-old guard did a lot of losing during his first four seasons in the desert. AP

TFF academies plan long overdue

By Correspondent Lloyd Elipokea

AS we are now firmly in the tail-end of the year it is a natural human instinct for sports administrators, passionate sports devotees and dedicated sports scribes alike to begin reflecting on the heady triumphs and disappointing lows which our country has experienced since the genesis of the year.

For the purposes of this particular commentary, we shall strain every sinew to confine our reflections to just one sport, which still reigns supreme as our country's most cherished sport: football.

Indeed, 2019 has been quite a breathtakingly exceptional year for football in this nation especially where the mighty strivings of the Taifa Stars are concerned.

Unquestionably, the admirable exertions of our senior men's national team positively electrified the whole country this year.

For example, the Taifa Stars were able to make us feel as if we were walking on air by achieving two momentous football feats.

The first of these accomplishments came during the early days of the year when the Stars successfully qualified for the AFCON Finals after the passage of a few decades.

Interestingly, the second outstanding achievement of the Taifa Stars happened only recently.

Indeed, a few weeks ago, the Stars overcame the might of Sudan and by dint of their conquest of the regional heavyweights the national team, were able to qualify for the 2020 CHAN Finals.

Unsurprisingly, the TFF are pretty chuffed about these stellar football



International School of Tanganyika (IST) U-9 soccer side celebrates with a trophy after winning the category's event in the inaugural Dar Youth Cup, which took in Dar es Salaam last week. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF

developments which have occurred on our home patch.

In an effort, then, to ensure that our national team can continue to go from strength to strength into the future the TFF announced lately that it would set up football academies in various regions of the country to boost football development.

While the TFF's move to set up academies around the country is a praiseworthy measure, it must still be acknowledged that the move is long overdue.

Granted, it has to be said that we are doing a much better job these

days of polishing raw talents at the grassroots level in marked contrast to the past.

However, by the same token, there is no escaping the fact that time and again we have failed dismally to back up promises to set up football academies with significantly, action.

And whether they like it or loathe it, the blame for the country's snail-like pace where setting up academies is concerned, lies squarely with the TFF.

Nevertheless, the most important fact at the present time is that the TFF are finally prepared to follow

through on all of their eloquently spoken promises of the past with actual deeds.

While they are at it, the TFF would achieve lots of good if they endeavored to put in place the same development structures for women's youth football.

Returning to the main thrust of this commentary, the TFF should still be lauded for their academies plan, all things being considered.

Let us hope, though, that this time around the plan does eventually achieve lift-off.

Tigo-SportPesa promotion winner receives car prize

By Guardian Reporter

SERENGETI resident, Yusuph Jackson Murimi, who emerged as winner of a promotion known as 'Faidika na Jero' that was hosted by betting company, SportPesa Tanzania, and telecoms firm, Tigo, was presented with a brand new car, Renault Kwid, in Dar es Salaam yesterday.

The promotion, which lasted 40 days, had Tigo customers getting opportunity to lay their hands on prizes, which include smartphones after betting via SportPesa.

The Renault Kwid was handed over

to the winner after the completion of the last draw of the promotion.

Murimi, aged 29, noted: "If you recall my previous comments when I was notified of the win, I didn't believe the information came from SportPesa, given most people are now a days deceitful. I was betting but I did not expect this win will come my way."

"SportPesa have accorded me good reception including meeting all expenses ranging from transport, accommodation and other expenditure, and seeing to it my car is registered," he said.

"I don't know what to say, I though

thank SportPesa, I'm a welder employed by a company. I did not expect to win a car.

"I appeal to my fellow youths to bet via SportPesa considering they are unrivalled, you won't be wasting your money."

"I was betting on games and winning, it was merely for fun but I have today realized there is much more benefit."

SportPesa Tanzania Chairman of Board of Directors, Tarimba Abbas, said: "SportPesa keeps on opening opportunities for the firm's customers, particularly via various promotions."

"A person can through his or her

phone, do wonders which can change the person's life."

"I want to congratulate Murimi for winning the Renault Kwid and use the car to earn income and deal with other activities."

"Tanzanians should therefore wait for other good projects from SportPesa."

Tigo's Head of Digital Department, Ikunda Ngowi, said: "I want to once again congratulate the winner and urge Tanzanian to keep on betting via SportPesa, using TigoPesa, as there are a lot of good things."



Yusuph Jackson Murimi (R), who won a promotion, known as 'Faidika na Jero', pictured with SportPesa Tanzania Chairman of Board of Directors, Tarimba Abbas (2nd R), Tigo's Head of Digital Department, Ikunda Ngowi (3rd R), and Gaming Board of Tanzania's representative, Abdallah Ahmed, in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Murimi received a brand new car following his win in the promotion organized by SportPesa in cooperation with Tigo. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Union Berlin goalkeeper hailed for fighting off masked fans

BERLIN

UNION Berlin goalkeeper Ralf Gikiewicz is being praised for his bravery for stopping his team's masked fans from reaching Hertha Berlin supporters after the fiery Berlin derby.

Gikiewicz angrily pushed one masked person back and urged others to return to the stands. The fans looked primed for violence, angered after Hertha supporters burned stolen Union jerseys, flags and scarves, while firing fireworks onto the field during and after the game.

One landed dangerously close to the Union bench, leading referee Deniz Aytekin to suspend play and lead both teams off the field, while another landed in the crowd among Union supporters, close to the children and partner of forward Sebastian Polter.

"I was shocked. Nobody wants that. Thankfully, no one was hurt," said Polter, whose 90th-minute penalty on Saturday gave Union a 1-0 win over its city rival.

Other Union players, including Keven Schlotterbeck and Christopher Lenz, supported Gikiewicz and prevented an already volatile situation from spiraling into violence.

"It's our duty to save our fans from stupidity," Polter said. "We wanted to hold the fans back before it escalated."

Union defender Christian Gentner said the players were the only ones at this point who could have prevented the angry ultras from attacking their

rivals.

"We wanted to ensure that we could celebrate this special victory and not that it came to violence," Gentner said.

The majority of Union fans celebrated the 32-year-old Gikiewicz for his actions by chanting the goalkeeper's name.

"Perhaps he has a new job as a security officer once his career ends," joked teammate Robert Andrich.

Police said a Union fan and police officer sustained minor injuries from the fireworks, while another officer was injured while on duty. There were four arrests and 25 cases are being brought for offenses including assault and trespassing.

About 1,100 police officers were on duty for the game, with local officials supported by forces from other federal states.

The German football federation has initiated an investigation into the disturbances.

It was the Bundesliga's first Berlin derby involving teams from either side of the formerly divided city. Union is the first team from what was East Berlin to compete in Germany's top division since the league was restructured following German reunification.

Hertha, based in the west of the city, competed in the West German league system while Union played in the East German Oberliga.

The city celebrates 30 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall on Saturday.

(Agencies)

Bayern finally bring Kovac era to an end. Now what?

By Gabriele Marcotti, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

THE fact that Niko Kovac's future was in doubt after a season during which his team won the Double -- and knowing that had the right candidate been available, Bayern would have replaced him in June -- makes what happened Sunday rather less surprising.

Kovac (pictured) and Bayern parted ways -- sources close to him say he offered his resignation and they did nothing to persuade him otherwise -- and while it's tempting to point to the 5-1 humiliation they suffered on Saturday at the hands of Eintracht Frankfurt, it goes well beyond that.

This team has struggled both to play well consistently and to develop an kind of identity. When they have won big, it has been often either down to the futility of the opposition or because they simply have far better individuals than the opposition.

This is what happens when you're one of the four richest clubs in the world. Plus, of course, this season he's also had the benefit of an out-of-this-world Robert Lewandowski, whose absurd torrid scoring streak continued this weekend: he's up to 20 goals in 16 appearances across all competitions.

That's why you can't simply look at results when judging a manager's work. And the question you should ask isn't "Is this guy hitting his targets?" but rather "Can we get somebody else to do the job better?"

Did Kovac have mitigating factors? Sure. He spent the summer building a certain type of team and then had Philippe Coutinho dropped in the middle of it, two weeks after the start of the season. Coutinho's a great player, sure, but entirely different from the one who had been earmarked for that role.



Injuries didn't help either, especially at the back, where he lost Lucas Hernandez and Niklas Sule for the long term.

Handling Thomas Mueller and his "managed decline," whether real or imagined, was also something he probably would happily have done without.

Then there's the long shadow of Pep Guardiola, against whom all subsequent Bayern coaches (including Carlo Ancelotti) have been judged. It's a tough standard to live up to and, as often happens, there's a fair amount of rose-tinted spectacles at play here.

Bavarian media make a big deal out of this, how the players supposedly felt Kovac's training sessions and approach were unimaginative and amateurish compared to Guardiola's, though that seems a bit of a cop-out, too: Guardiola left in 2016, which means less than a third of the squad actually worked with him. But hey, it's Bayern. You'll always be benchmarked against their illustrious past (and Guardiola is a part of that). It's not supposed to be easy. It's supposed to be hard, and Kovac simply didn't show that his work was going in the right direction.

Now the focus shifts to his successor. The usual suspects are out there and, on paper, the most illustrious names don't appear a great fit: Arsene Wenger is used to having near-total control, which is a non-starter at Bayern, Max Allegri is supposedly on sabbatical this season (and his football is hardly Guardiola-esque) while Jose Mourinho (come on now...) is also "available."

Then there's Erik ten Hag, who spent time as a youth coach at Bayern and is a better fit in some ways, but getting him out of Ajax in mid-season seems a long shot. Plus, lest we forget, this time 12 months ago there were some in Amsterdam calling for his head.

The other plausible big name is Ralf Rangnick, who has sort of had a long-distance flirtation with Bayern for much of his career and who would, ideologically, match where Bayern want to be. He oversees all the Red Bull clubs right now in a director of football role.

Again, you'd be talking about forcing a midseason move, which is never easy, plus you risk running into a Wenger issue: would you accept lack of total control and big personalities like Uli Hoeness in your grill when you're in your sixties?

Hazard's slow start gathering pace as Madrid look for attacking release

MADRID

EDEN Hazard is beginning to show glimpses of his best form and it cannot come soon enough for Real Madrid.

They play at home to Galatasaray in the Champions League on Wednesday, when victory would put them within touching distance of qualification from Group A.

Hazard has endured a disjointed and disappointing start in Spain, where expectations soared following his long-awaited 100-million euro move from Chelsea in June.

A week later, 50,000 thousand fans streamed into the Santiago Bernabeu to see Hazard wear the shirt while some even ran to the entrances to grab a better seat.

As supporters left, Hazard was giving his first press conference underneath the stadium, telling a packed auditorium he wanted to be a galactico.

"I'm not a galactico, not yet, but I hope I will be one day," he said.

But the grand opening fizzled, in part due to events off the pitch, a combination of bad luck and personal circumstances that have spared the 28-year-old harsher critique from fans and journalists alike.

On the day before Madrid's first game of the season away at Celta Vigo, Hazard pulled a muscle in his thigh in training and had to withdraw from the squad.

He sat out three matches before making his first start against Paris Saint-Germain, but looked off the pace and it was a night to forget as Madrid were thrashed 3-0.

Hazard was left on the bench against Osasuna amid reports he was overweight and then scored his first goal against Granada, a delightful looping finish that promised finally to unleash the Belgian's best.

"We know the quality of player we have and we know he is going to deliver," said Zinedine Zidane in September.

"Everyone expects a lot from him and he knows that. But we support him and as the games go by I am sure he is going to be the player we want him to be in this Real Madrid team."

But the international break checked Hazard's momentum and he missed Madrid's first match back, a



Eden Hazard

1-0 loss away at Mallorca, due to the birth of his fourth child.

In the three games since, he has appeared in bursts, delivering exhilarating moments like the glorious flick inside against Galatasaray and a run in behind to win the penalty against Leganes.

"He sees things that other players cannot see," Zidane said.

Yet there have been disappointments too, not so much glaring errors as a general hesitance, a tendency to choose the safe option or fail to choose at all when in those attacking positions he usually relishes.

Hazard's most impressive showing so far was arguably against Real Betis last weekend, when Madrid failed to score but he had his exuberance back, not to mention the change of pace that at times has appeared worryingly absent.

He was darting through gaps rather than turning away from them, taking risks, and unfortunate to see a superb goal ruled out for offside.

"Everyone wants to see Eden playing better," Zidane said last week. "But I see him getting much better every day. He will get there in the end for sure."

Madrid's goalless draw against Betis

shows why Hazard's crescendo must find its climax, and quickly, if Zidane's team are to avoid the same problems up front that proved their undoing last season.

Despite the best efforts of Benzema in recent months, the void left by Cristiano Ronaldo is still to be filled and although Hazard has never been a prolific scorer, he can contribute and enhance the numbers of others.

Those that know Hazard say he has a relaxed, down-to-earth personality, unfazed by attention and uninterested in the pizzazz of modern football. Perhaps it is one of the reasons his move to Madrid was not pushed through sooner.

But to succeed, he is likely not only to need that zip again that comes only with full fitness but self-belief, to take ownership of this Madrid side in the same way he once commanded the adoration of Stamford Bridge. Few doubt Hazard will soon rediscover his peak, certainly not Zidane, who insists goals are all he needs. Real Madrid need them too.

Meanwhile, in Milan, Gian Piero Gasperini warned that psychology will be key as Italian newcomers Atalanta look to avoid another huge defeat at the hands of Cham-

pions League rivals Manchester City in Milan on Wednesday.

The Premier League champions can seal their ticket to the knockout rounds with a win over Atalanta, who have lost all three Group C games in their first ever foray into the elite European competition.

Man City are top of their group with maximum nine points and 10 goals scored, with the Bergamo side bottom after conceding 11 goals conceded and scoring just two.

Five of those came last time out, when an 11-minute Raheem Sterling hat-trick helped City to a 5-1 win in Manchester.

"The psychological aspect will be fundamental," said Gasperini.

"It's a tight turnaround, but we'll prepare as best we can."

Atalanta hit back in Serie A days later with a 7-1 demolition of lowly Udinese, but they have felt the absence of star Colombian striker Duvan Zapata, who has been out with a thigh injury picked up on international duty last month.

Without him Atalanta have slipped from third to fifth in Serie A, eight points behind leaders Juventus after a 2-0 defeat to Cagliari at the weekend.

Juventus, Inter Milan and Napoli are used to measuring themselves against the European elite, but Atalanta's only trophy was the Italian Cup back in 1963.

The turn around in their fortunes has been orchestrated by former Genoa and Palermo boss Gasperini who took over in 2016.

The 61-year-old's success at Atalanta came eight years after being sacked by Inter Milan after just three months.

The northerners sprinted to third in Serie A last season ahead of Inter Milan, their best ever finish, with the most goals scored, and reached the Italian Cup final.

This season they have continued on the same path leading the way in the scoring charts with 30 goals scored after 11 rounds.

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Which club will push the panic button marked 'Mourinho' next?

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

NEVER before have so many major European clubs been in need of big-name managers to restore them to greatness, but, as yet, none of them has been tempted to give Jose Mourinho the chance to prove he is still the "Special One."

AC Milan, Bayern Munich, Arsenal, Tottenham and Real Madrid -- powerful clubs with status, ambition and history -- are all drifting toward failure and mediocrity, but Mourinho's availability hasn't tempted any of them to hire the two-time Champions League winner and multiple domestic champion. Yet if things continue as they are, surely one will turn to the dark side and bring Mourinho back into the fold.

Juventus and Inter Milan (whom Mourinho guided to a Treble in 2010) have changed coaches this year and gone for other former Chelsea managers in Maurizio Sarri and Antonio Conte, respectively. AS Roma have also recruited a new coach, but their choice of a Portuguese manager led them to Paulo Fonseca rather than Mourinho.

It has been almost a year since Mourinho was sacked by Manchester United, less than 24 hours after a 3-1 defeat at Liverpool that left his team languishing in sixth position in the Premier League -- a position many at United would perhaps now gleefully accept after another defeat this weekend left Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's men in 10th.

Since leaving Old Trafford, Mourinho has tried his hand at punditry, despite previously accusing former players and managers of choosing a "comfortable" life in the television studio because it is "better to have lots of holidays in Barbados and go to the television screen and touch the electronic dummies" than endure the pressure of management.

He has been linked with a return to coaching on several occasions, with reports, in no particular order, of interest from Arsenal, Benfica, Real Madrid, Spurs, Inter, Roma, Lyon, Newcastle United, Valencia, Everton, Wolves and Boca Juniors. But even if there were a grain of truth in just a quarter of those links, the fact remains that Mourinho is still without a job after almost a year on the sidelines.

The Bayern job, which would hand Mourinho the chance to win a domestic title in a fifth European league, has become available this weekend following the sacking of coach Niko Kovac in the wake of a 5-1 defeat at Eintracht Frankfurt, but the common consensus in Germany is that former RB Leipzig coach Ralf Rangnick or Ajax coach Erik ten Hag will be hired to replace the Croatian.

It looks as though another big job will come and go without Mourinho being in the conversation, but has his reputation been tarnished to the point that he won't be considered by Europe's biggest clubs again?

Mourinho's past two jobs -- at Chelsea and then United -- ended with sources at both clubs telling ESPN FC that players and staff had grown tired of his abrasive approach and habit of blaming those around him, in the dressing room and boardroom, for the team's failings. When he was sacked by United in December, one source said Solskjaer was hired



Jose Mourinho

primarily as the "anti-venom" following Mourinho's acrimonious final months at the club.

With Mourinho making enemies at the training ground and among the hierarchy at United, as he did at Chelsea, there was little affection for him at Old Trafford or Stamford Bridge once it came to an end. At United, in particular, the Mourinho brand of football -- direct, negative and lacking in flair -- prompted criticism from supporters.

With his reputation for upsetting players, directors and supporters alike, it is unsurprising that there are currently few takers for Mourinho among Europe's biggest clubs. But at some point, it is inevitable that

one of them will blink and judge Mourinho on his record rather than his reputation.

He has won every major club honour at least once as a coach, yet it is when it comes to the biggest trophies that Mourinho really stands apart: two Champions Leagues, three Premier Leagues, two Serie A titles, a La Liga title with Real Madrid and four League Cups in England.

When big clubs are struggling, the determination to win silverware again is what drives them to make changes, and it is what will eventually lead Mourinho to be brought in from the cold.

Sources at Arsenal have insisted that they have had no contact with Mourinho

as a possible replacement for Unai Emery, but Mourinho would be a significant upgrade on the Spaniard. Real Madrid, where Zinedine Zidane will always be only two bad results from a crisis, are another club that will look at Mourinho's trophy-winning credentials, even if they've had firsthand experience with how things can fall apart under his watch.

Even if Mourinho lands another big job sooner rather than later, his year out should be a warning that he needs to change and become less confrontational and divisive. Otherwise, his next big job might be his last.

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Caravans Cricket Club's players pictured before the outfit had taken on Union SC in this year's DRCC Caravans Cup's game, which took place in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: COURTESY OF NIKHIL PUJARA.

KMC FC dismisses Mayanja exit rumours

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

KINONDONI Municipal Council (KMC) FC has denied reports that Ugandan coach Jackson Mayanja has left the team after the squad had started the 2019/20 Vodacom Premier League season with a pair of defeats.



Mayanja (pictured) was not in charge when KMC FC registered their second win of the season with a hard fought 2-1 victory over Biashara United on Monday at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Monday.

KMC FC took Biashara United on the back of one win in six matches in all competitions and were trailing leaders Simba by sixteen points.

With assistant coach, Mrage Kabange, in charge and Mayanja nowhere to be seen near the stadium, reports suggested the he had been sacked following the 1-0 away defeat to Ruvu Shooting, but the club have moved swiftly to deny this.

Though his future at the club remains blurred, the side's Chairman and Kinondoni Municipal Mayor, Benjamin Sitta, has reassured that Mayanja is still KMC FC head coach.

"Reports on the coach having left the team are not true, he is our coach and he is still with us. We had our agreements and expectations but unfortunately we are struggling so we had a meeting to iron out issues," Sitta said.

KMC FC will next be in action on Friday when the outfit hosts high flying Kagera Sugar in what would seem a must-win match for Mayanja, despite the backing of the Kinondoni Municipal-owned club.

The 2019/20 season is barely 10 rounds but has already claimed five coaching casualty following the exit of Malale Hamsini at Ndanda FC and Fred Felix 'Minziro' at Singida United.

Coaches Amri Said, Athuman Bilal 'Bilo' and Etienne Ndayiragije are, as well, the victims, given they were sacked by Biashara United, Alliance FC and Azam FC respectively.

A gripping battle to beat the drop is expected as the topflight structure will reduce to a 16 team competition in the 2021/22 from the current 20-team affair.

To get to down to 16 teams, four teams will be automatically relegated, and two will be promoted from First Division League (FDL) at the end of this new season and the next one.

The play-off format that was introduced last season has added drama with two teams from the top flight fight to retain their status against two teams from the FDL, who will finish as first runners up in their groups.

With relegation fear in mind, teams are impatient with coaches and very reluctant to offer them a few more games to turn things around.



Yanga's Chairman, Mshindo Msolla (R), speaks to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday on the club's decision to part ways with head coach, Mwinyi Zahera. Also in the picture is the outfit's vice-chairman, Fredrick Mwakalebela. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

Yanga part ways with Zahera

By Guardian Reporter

YOUNG Africans SC (Yanga) have announced to officially part ways with the squad's head coach, Mwinyi Zahera, for what has been termed as the squad's poor displays in this season's Vodacom Premier League and continental assignments.

Mshindo Msolla, Yanga's Chairman, told the press in Dar es Salaam yesterday the club's leadership has brought in the squad's former player and coach, Charles Boniface Mkwasa, to serve as interim head coach.

The leadership has as well sacked the remaining members of the side's technical bench. Mkwasa, as disclosed by Msolla, will head the outfit's technical bench for two

weeks.

Msolla noted Mkwasa, who had as well headed senior national team's technical bench in the past, will coach Yanga in the squad's coming Vodacom Premier League's clash with Ndanda FC in Mtwara.

Mkwasa has, moreover, been tasked with seeking new members of the technical bench that will accompany him to Mtwara.

Zahera, who had been coaching the Jangwani Street side since last season, helped the squad post 18 consecutive wins in the previous season.

The side then conceded their first defeat to Stand United in the league's clash between the two outfits, which took place in Shinyanga. Stand United edged Yanga 1-0.

Yanga ultimately took the second position behind Simba, who emerged as champions.

The record Mainland Premier League champions are reported to be owing Zahera payment, which has yet to be made public.

Yanga last week lost out on progression to the group stage of this season's CAF Confederation Cup and the situation looks to have fuelled Zahera's dismissal.

The club was knocked out of the competition's play offs by Egypt's Pyramids FC.

The Egypt club cruised to 5-1 aggregate victory after notching 2-1 win over Yanga in the first leg and later romp to 3-0 win in the second leg.

Yanga had been knocked out of this season's CAF Champions League by Zesco of Zambia.

Caravans wallop Union SC in DRCC Caravans T20 Cup

By Guardian Reporter

CARAVANS Club's cricketers have started their title defense campaign in this year's DRCC Caravans T20 competition impressively, walloping Union Sports Club by 123 runs in Dar es Salaam on Sunday.

After having won the toss, Caravans chose to bat in the Group A's clash, which was held at the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club (DGC) venue, notching 192 runs for the loss of four wickets in 20 overs.

Caravans put strong showing in the innings, with opener Mohamed Omari particularly in scintillating form. He blasted 70 runs, which consisted of two fours and two sixes.

The other opener, Ivan Ismail, chipped in with 12 runs in his brief stay at the crease, with his score consisting of a boundary and a six.

The squad's experienced all-rounders, Kassim Nassor and Jitin Singh, were equally in impressive form, given they notched 55 runs and 30 runs respectively, seeing to it their squad post a challenging target for Union SC.

Skipper Sreejith Kumar closed the side's innings, posting eight runs not out which included a boundary.

Union SC bowlers Athuman Kakonzi, Ali Sumar, Shamir Khan and Shabbar Ratansi ended with one wicket each.

Union SC, in response, were unable to forge strong partnership and they, in the end, scored 69 runs for the loss of five wickets in 20 overs to concede defeat.

The squad's chase was dealt an early blow, given opening batsman Danish Unia was sent back to the pavilion by Caravans' Jitin Singh after a brief spell, posting four runs.

Meaningful contribution with the bat came from Unia's fellow opener, Kakonzi, who posted 15 runs, Hasnain Moti, who scored 15 runs not out, and Hasnain Damji, who batted at number three, and recorded 11 runs.

Caravans' Jayaraj Malayil and Gokul Das' stellar bowling displays were instrumental in their squad's successful attempt to thwart Union SC chase.

The two ended their spells with two wickets apiece, Singh took one wicket.

Omar was adjudged to be the man of the match for his 70 runs and his direct involvement in three wickets his team took during their turn with the ball.

Caravans Club has organized the competition under the supervision of Dar es Salaam Regional Cricket Committee (DRCC), aiming at developing the sport at the domestic level.

The competition's sponsors include Petrofuel, Alliance Insurance, Grand Restaurant, Colourflex, RAS Logistics and SBC through Pepsi brand.

This year's tournament has brought together 10 teams that have been placed in two groups.

Group A has been made up of Union, Caravans, Gymkhana, Aga Khan SC and Team 10. Group B outfits include Aces, Shree Kutchi Leva, GP, Estim and Saint Gobain.

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