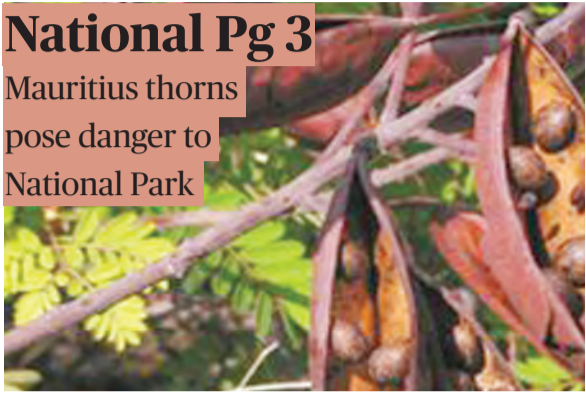




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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pictured at Dodoma city's cathedral of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania's Diocese of Dodoma yesterday congratulating Pastor Christian Ndossa on his consecration as Bishop of the Diocese, succeeding Bishop Amon Kinyunyuu. The event also saw Rev Stanley Tabulu ordained as Assistant to the Bishop. Photo: VPO

Constitution: Samia orders that parties be fully involved

By Guardian Reporter



PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has directed Judge Francis Mutungi (pictured), the political parties registrar, to convene a meeting of political parties to review and map out implementing recommendations of the task force earlier collecting views on how to make multiparty democracy work.

Zuhura Yunus, the State House director of communications, said in a statement at the weekend that President Samia convened a meeting at the Chamwino State House, to kick start the process for writing a new constitution.

The sitting focused on how to involve various stakeholders from both sides of the union in the constitution making process. The participants also addressed issues relating to amending various laws touching on elections, including the National Electoral Commission (NEC) Act and the Political Parties Act, she said.

Improving election laws was a priority as the country approaches the 2024 civic polls and the 2025 general election, requiring the involvement of various stakeholders, it said.

Those attending included ministers Jenista Mhagama and Dr Damas Ndumbaro, responsible for Policy, Coordination and Parliament at the Prime Minister's Office and for Legal and Constitutional Affairs, respectively.

Dr Ndumbaro dwelt on preparations for changes ahead of the two polls in presenting the ministry's budget proposals for fiscal 2023/24, where the legislature endorsed both the estimates and the thrust towards law review.

ACT Wazalendo secretary general Ado Shaibu has signalled the party's great pleasure with the

president's directive to the registrar to convene a meeting of the political parties' advisory liaison body.

"This has been our call for some time now to call for a timetable for the implementation of the Task Force recommendations. It is our hope that the meeting will be informed on the schedule that will ensure we have a new Election Act as well as a new Political Parties law before the end of this year," he said in a statement.

"It is our hope that the Political Parties Council will be part of the preparation of a national forum to discuss issues that thwarted the review of the Constitution process back in 2014 and thus come up with resolutions to ensure that the forthcoming process is achieved," he elaborated.

The task Force led by former UDSM Vice Chancellor Prof Rwekaza Mukandala recommended the constitution making process stopped in 2014 to be revived.

VP wants care on HIV

Misuse of rainbow emblem irks ELCT

By Augusta Njoji, Dodoma

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has appealed to the public to observe requirements of protecting themselves against HIV/Aids as the scourge is still haunting various sections of society.

Gracing the consecration of Bishop Christian Ndossa of

the Dodoma Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT), he addressed current preoccupation with widespread moral decay, urging greater pastoral effort in rectifying the situation.

He cited an example of people using therapeutic services on a 24 hour basis, saying that people go in the middle of the night to seek

for services they call 'massage.' Is this acceptable, he demanded, promising that the government will work on the matter.

The VP lamented the noticeable wave of marriages breaking up, affirming that widows and orphans are deprived of property left by spouses or parents, while this is contrary to religious teachings.

"Many families are affected, as women and children are left alone suffering," he stated, hinting that the moral decay that we are witnessing is generated by bad parenting, marriage failure and uncontrolled use of social networks.

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'Royal Tour' US acclaim grips grassroots activists

By Guardian Correspondent, Seattle, USA

REPRESENTATIVES from various US institutions in the city of Seattle, the centre of innovation and technology in the State of Washington have expressed their appreciation of Tanzania attractions after watching "Tanzania: The Royal Tour" documentary. The representatives, led by Adrian Hanauer, a key Amazon Group shareholder

and owner of Seattle Sounders soccer club, a major league side for the western 'conference' or zone, were enthusiastic and clapping as they watched the film. A stretch of them pledged to visit Tanzania starting from July, during the northern summer.

Dr Hassan Abbas, the Natural Resources and Tourism permanent secretary, made the remarks during a working visit in Seattle, along with Damas Mfugale, CEO for the Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB). "President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Tanzania's first ever woman president has offered herself as a tour guide by advertising our country in the film in a way that has

Livestock projects: Ministry urges rainwater harvesting

By Guardian Reporter

HERDERS across the country have been urged to use livestock fattening centres and harvest rains water to mitigate recurring drought situations. Dr Selemani Jafo, the Union and Environment state minister in the Vice President's Office (VPO), issued this appeal at the weekend while launching a leather products factory and laying a foundation stone for a livestock fattening center in Kishapu District, Shinyanga

Region. He urged herders to embrace modern animal husbandry methods, on the basis of a VPO statement yesterday, noting that the minister inspected a dam to collect rain water in the area. The projects are part of the ecosystem-based adaptation for rural resilience (EBARR) project located at VPO, with the minister expressing his satisfaction with its progress, affirming that the work is in line with government disbursements so far.

The projects are intended to ensure that residents in the selected areas have a better life through adaptation to the challenges of climate change with enabling projects in various areas of the country. Building a small factory for leather products will provide a markets for their products, while a dike is being repaired to facilitate watering of livestock, he stated. People in the area need to properly use and maintain the projects while seeking to protect

the environment by planting trees, he said, also laying the foundation stone for a sunflower and flour mill. The milling machine be delivered sent to the site and the project closed, to start using the facility, he said, telling the public that six young people are to be sent to a six-month course to help operate the mill. Joseph Mkude, the Kishapu district commissioner applauded the ministry for selecting the district to be part of the EBARR

project, noting that the envisaged dam will help stem water shortages at Kiloleli Village. The project will be of great benefit to the people as it will help preserve the environment, he stated. The EBARR project is also being implemented in Simanjiro (Manyara), Mvomero (Morogoro) and North 'A' Unguja (Zanzibar) districts, backed by the World Environment Fund operating under the United Nations Environment Programme.



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never been seen before. Welcome all to Tanzania," he told the representatives. The guests included Mikchel Woody from the Visit Seattle Campaign, Anbessie Yitbarek from Boeing commercial office for the Africa Zone, Reed Forrester - Delta Airlines manager, A. J. Jones II, who is Starbucks senior communications officer, and Sarah Gavin from Google headquarters. One year since President Samia launched the famed documentary, filmed back in 2021 where she featured as tour guide for US travel journalist Peter Greenberg who produced the film, upwards of

11.7trn/- investment projects have been inked. The documentary was launched at the time of president's visit to the US, explaining to the business community the shift in policy towards foreign investments and the business climate during the sixth phase presidency. The president said upon return that the high-powered delegation had reached out to a number of potential investors in New York and Dallas in particular, gave the likely worth of projects as pegged at 11.7trn/-, with at least 301,000 job expected if the projects are successfully implemented.



Dr Kumar Praveen (L), the new Consul General of India in Zanzibar, presents his credentials to Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Dr Stergomena Tax in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Stakeholders demand better work conditions for journos VP wants care on HIV

By Guardian Correspondent,

Zanzibar

MEDIA owners in the country have been called upon to improve the working conditions for scribes, provide contracts, and pay salaries on time as well as health insurance.

The call is part of the resolutions made during the 30th anniversary of the World Press Freedom Day in Zanzibar conducted by UNESCO and other media stakeholders under the chair of TAM-

WA.

During the session, media stakeholders observed that most journalists were working under difficult conditions with most of them operating with no contracts let alone payments.

On the other hand, media stakeholders called upon the government to conduct due diligence to all registered media outlets in the country to make sure that they provide working contracts and remunerate them on time.

Contributing during the discussion, Rose Mwalongo

who is TAMCODE Executive Director utilized the platform to ask those with working contracts to raise their hands where only a handful were able to do so.

She said it was sad to see scribes advocate for others' rights failing to do so for themselves.

"We need to make a close follow up over the working conditions of journalists, most of whom have no contracts and some go for as long as several months without payment. Failure to do so will always see scribes fail to

report public interest stories as a hungry man is an angry man," she said.

In an immediate rejoinder, Greyson Msigwa, the Director of Information Services said Journalists too who establish media outlets are partly to blame as they deny colleagues contracts and don't pay them.

"We are also part of the problem of poor remunerations to scribes. We need to put our house in order for others to emulate. In the past it was businesspeople who hired journalists to work

from training sessions and other rights. The national conference under the global theme Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of expression as a driver for all other human rights brought together more than 300 delegates comprising government, the United Nations, development partners, journalists, online and offline media, civil society and human rights defenders, research and academia for thematic discussions in pre-events and side meetings organized.

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"It is better for religious instruction of children to take its place in the way they are brought up so that they learn good morals," he said, urging religious leaders to help address conflicts in families by reiterating love and loyalty.

He castigated embezzlement of public funds as a major disasters across the world, worsening the lot of millions of people being dislocated around the world on account of drought.

ELCT presiding bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr Frederick Shoo, warned those who use the church's rainbow colours on its emblem to stop doing so, saying the use of the colours by the gay community was a mockery of its origins in Scripture. He said the church emblem has a flower in the middle and was invented by 16th century reformer Martin Luther "and should be well understood that there are bad people who use rainbow colours as their emblem."

"In Genesis, rainbow colours are a divine testament to humanity" and today there comes a group of hooligans identifying this emblem with reprehensible moral inclinations, he said, insisting that the church will retain this emblem as it is a testament since Noah times.



Agriculture minister Hussein Bashe (L) and the Dutch Ambassador to Tanzania, Wiebe de Boer, exchange greetings in Dodoma city at the weekend upon meeting at a workshop on sustainable development involving Tanzania's horticulture sub-sector organised by the Dutch Embassy. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Sudan battles rage as Saudi hosts latest truce talks

KHARTOUM

Gun battles and air strikes yesterday again flared in Sudan's capital, which has been rocked by four weeks of fighting despite the latest ceasefire efforts backed by Saudi Arabia and the United States.

Multiple truce deals have been declared and quickly violated since fighting erupted between army and paramilitary forces on April 15 in the poverty-stricken country with a history of political instability.

Fierce combat since then has killed at least 700 people, most of them civilians, wounded thousands and driven a mass of exodus of Sudanese and foreign nationals.

In embattled Khartoum, fighter jets have bombed enemy positions as terrified residents stayed barricaded indoors amid dire shortages of water, food, medicines and oth-

er staples. Across the Red Sea, in the Saudi city of Jeddah, talks were underway aiming for a ceasefire that could aid the desperate efforts to bring humanitarian aid to the besieged population.

The generals leading the warring parties have blamed each other for the violence, but have said little about the talks being held in Jeddah since Saturday.

Army spokesman Brigadier General Nabil Abdalla said the talks were on how a truce "can be correctly implemented to serve the humanitarian side", while Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, who heads the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), only said on Twitter that he welcomed the technical discussions.

Riyad and Washington have supported the "pre-negotiation talks" and urged the belligerents to "get actively involved".

Hopes for these and other international

efforts to silence the guns have been modest as fighting has raged, threatening a descent into full-scale civil war and a major humanitarian disaster.

"The lowest common denominator of the international community is a cessation of hostilities," said Sudan researcher Aly Verjee at Sweden's University of Gothenburg. "But there is no apparent consensus on what to do beyond that initial objective."

To be meaningful, Verjee said, any new truce declaration would require a "credible process to monitor and verify ceasefire non-compliance", and mutually agreed "consequences in the likely event of ceasefire breaches".

Meanwhile both sides have pushed on for military advantage on the ground, in the capital and in fighting elsewhere, including the long-troubled Darfur region.

Andreas Krieg of King's College London said that "the battle for Khartoum is quickly developing into a war of attrition where both sides have similar capabilities and capacities".

The army, commanded by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, has air power and probably more troops, at around 100,000 forces.

But the RSF, which emerged out of the notorious Janjaweed militia accused of war crimes in Darfur region, employs guerrilla tactics that, Krieg said, can make them "more agile".

Both the army and the RSF have sought to present themselves as protectors of democratic values, despite having jointly staged Sudan's latest coup in 2021.

Burhan and his former deputy Daglo jointly ousted Sudan's longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir in a 2019 palace coup, fol-

lowing mass pro-democracy protests.

A military-civilian administration was supposed to steer post-Bashir Sudan toward democracy, but the generals launched another coup in 2021 to assume full powers.

They have since fallen out in a bitter power struggle, with the latest flashpoint a plan to integrate the RSF into the army -- a conflict that exploded into open warfare four weeks ago.

US intelligence Chief Avril Haines has warned of a "protracted" conflict that would "create a greater potential for spillover challenges in the region".

At least 700 people have been killed in the fighting so far, according to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project. The Sudanese doctors' union said 479 of the dead were civilians.

AGENCIES

Peace, conflict management partners underscore need for regular meetings

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

PEACE and conflicts management partners have underscored the need for regular consultative meetings between local communities and those in authority, especially law enforcers.

The stakeholders implementing peace and conflicts programmes in different regions in the country are of the view that a lot can be achieved if people at the local levels engage peacefully with authorities like the police, among others.

Speaking during a cluster reflection meeting organized by the Foundation for Civil Society (FCS), they recounted the success gained by involving local people, religious leaders, police and different groups in meetings aimed at building peace.

The participants of the meeting were representatives of

organizations which are implementing interventions in the FCS strategic focus areas of Youth, Gender, and Social Accountability and Public Expenditure Tracking.

FCS's head of monitoring, evaluation, research and learning Gjesturd Haule said the aim was to bring the partners together, share experience and learn from each other.

He said the programme target building capacity of the organizations to help strengthen peace platforms at the local levels.

Elvis Namajojo, programme manager at the Mtwara-based Tanzania Building Future Organization (TABUFO), said his organization collaborates and conduct stakeholder's meetings to strengthen cooperation to counter violent extremism and terrorism.

He explained that acts of vio-

lent extremism in the region are especially prominent during the election season, where political tensions rise among radicalized young people.

TABUFO, he said support campaigns to promote peace throughout by bringing together religious leaders, ward executive officers, and representatives from the Regional Peace and Security Committee from the Msimbati and Nanguruwe wards.

"The peace-based dialogues bring key stakeholders together to create a plan to effectively build peace and prevent violent extremism from emerging on the border of Tanzania and Mozambique too" he said.

He said through the efforts, people are no longer afraid of police officers and can easily report signs of criminal activities.

During the dialogues participants reflect on the ongoing se-

curity challenges in Mtwara, especially for the wards that are close to the Mozambique border.

Some of the key issues addressed were the bombings on the border with Mozambique, the threat of extremist groups, and citizens being unable to leave their homes at night without risk.

As they identified the threats to security, participants also expressed a commitment to contribute to peace. "We have built a very strong partnership between citizens who are educated through the Build Peace Avoid Violent Conflicts Project," said the programme manager.

He added that the local government leaders and religious leaders strengthen peace and security at this area and the authorities have been recording

every suspicious action relating to violent extremism or terrorism.

Centre for Youth Dialogue (CYD) in Zanzibar's programme/communication officer, Hija Shamte Abdallah echoed the similar sentiments, saying through the 'Vijana na Amani' project, they have been able to bring different stakeholders together in order to raise youth understanding at national level.

The main goal of the project is to empower young people to actively engage in peace building efforts within local communities both in Unguja and Pemba Islands of Zanzibar, Tanzania.

The project intends to specifically cre-

ate awareness and increase collaboration and interactions between and among peace stakeholders in Zanzibar with the aim of increasing their capacity for preventing organized crimes in both Unguja and Pemba Islands.

The project is being implemented by CYD in collaboration with the Zanzibar's Ministry of information, Youth, Culture and Sports.

"The main goal of the project project was to improve community engagement especially of at-risk youth on special civic engagement programmes as a preventive measure from engaging into violent behaviours," he said.



PanAfrican Energy Tanzania CSR manager Andrew Kashangaki (R) pictured in Chumo ward at the weekend symbolically handing over to Kilwa district commissioner Christopher Ngubiagai buildings worth 800m/- to house a health centre complete with a theatre and a mortuary and meant to offer an array of outpatient services. Left is Kilwa District Council chairperson Farida Kikoleka. Story on page 14. Photo: Guardian Correspondent


TETRA TECH

JOB OPPORTUNITIES


The **Tanzania Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira (MUM) Activity** is a five-year (August 2021 - August 2026) \$25 million activity funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Mission to Tanzania. The purpose of Maji na Usafi wa Mazingira (MUM) Activity is to expand and sustain the provision and governance of WASH services by increasing access to sustainable water services; Increasing access to finance for water, sanitation, and hygiene; Strengthening the market for sanitation products and services; and Strengthening basin water boards and water user associations for stewardship of water resources. Tetra Tech ARD.

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Tetra Tech seeks experienced candidates for the following position:

MEL Manager (1 Post): Based in Iringa

Under the supervision of the Chief of Party, the MEL Manager will be an integral part of Tetra Tech/MUM Activity result-based performances. Full job description and application link can be found online: https://bit.ly/MEL_Manager_MUM



JOB VACANCY

Job Title: Regional Internal Auditor
Location: 3 roles, 1 role based in each location: Tanzania, Malawi or Ghana

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 Working with the Regional Audit Manager to provide independent objective assurance and consulting engagements to key stakeholders, designed to help the organization to achieve its strategic objectives, add value, improve operational efficiency, ensure effective, accurate and timely reporting and compliance to donors and regulatory requirements. You will support Regional Internal Audit Manager to plan and execute risk-based audit engagements for CAMFED covering Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, Malawi and Ghana, in accordance with CAMFED Internal Audit processes, policies and the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF).

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- Partly qualified with any of the following professional certifications (ACCA, CPA, CIA, CISA, ACFE)
- Four (4) plus years of audit experience internal/external audit, strong applications in finance/accounting and/or grants will be considered.
- Knowledge of Salesforce or Financial Force software will be an advantage.
- Proven experience in Risk Based Auditing and procurement.
- Maintain a current knowledge base of audit industry practices and to ensure best practices as always considered.
- Considerable knowledge of the Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and the Code of Ethics developed by the Institute of Internal Auditors.
- Good analytical, interpersonal, time management, research, and communications skills.
- Good understanding of non-profit industry.
- The position requires the ability and willingness to travel domestically and internationally up to 40 % of the time. This role involves working in a virtual /geographically dispersed / multi-culturally team.

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International Organization for Migration (IOM)
The UN Migration Agency

Slipway Road, off Chole Road
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 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

REF: KSL/IOM/245/24
 Date: 08 May 2023

INVITATION TO BID

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

In the framework of IOM Operations in Tanzania, the IOM Bids Evaluation and Awards Committee ("BEAC") now invites Bidders to submit "Bid" for purchasing for the following Vehicles.

No	Description of the Vehicle	Reference	Quantity	Bid collecting date from 0900 - 1600hrs	Bids Submission date: at 16:00pm
1	Station wagon, Turbo Diesel, 5 door, 7 seater (Airbags, Climate Ctrl, ABS),	LOT No. 1	2	08.05.2023 - 19.05.2022	22.05.2023
2	Station wagon, 13-seater, 5 door (A/C, ABS, Airbags, Power Windows/Doors, Roof Rack), 5 speed, Manual.	LOT No. 2	1	08.05.2023 - 19.05.2022	22.05.2023
3	Station wagon: 10-seater, 5 door (A/C, ABS, Airbags, Power Windows/Doors, Roof Rack), 5 speed, Manual.	LOT No. 3	1	08.05.2023 - 19.05.2022	22.05.2023
4	Commuter Bus, 15 seater, Turbodiesel (Airbags, Air Conditioning, ABS),	LOT No. 4	2	08.05.2023 - 19.05.2022	22.05.2023
5	Min Bus w/cooler, 29 Seats, High roof, 4.2 Diesel (MANUAL)	LOT No. 5	1	08.05.2023 - 19.05.2022	22.05.2023

Interested bidders shall obtain a complete set of the "Instruction to Bidders" for specific vehicle able to supply. The Instruction to Bidders will be obtained at IOM Office in Dar es Salaam and Kasulu Sub Office for further (see above-mentioned dates)

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – NATIONAL DIRECTOR – Tanzania and Zanzibar

Position title:	National Director
Working location:	National Office, Dar es Salaam
Supervisor:	Board of Directors, MA Tanzania and MA Zanzibar
Region:	East and Southern Africa (ESAF)
Contract	Period 3 years with possible extension

Context of the Organization

SOS Children's Villages International (SOS CVI) is non-governmental and non-denominational organization working with communities, partners and states to ensure that the rights of all children are fulfilled in every society. SOS CVI is a global federation working to protect and care for children who have lost parental care, or who stand at risk of losing the care. We respect all religions and cultures and work with trusted partners in places where we can contribute to social development. Everything we do is made possible through the generous support of sponsors and donors, institutional and corporate partners, and loyal friends worldwide.

Envisioning that every child belongs to a family and grows up with love, respect and security, we exist to build families for children in need, we help them shape their own futures, and we share in the development of their communities. Everything we do is guided by the firm belief that no child should grow up alone and that we need to improve care for children who are at risk, enabling them to overcome precarious conditions and to succeed in life. To achieve our mission, our strategy for the upcoming decade focuses on ensuring the best care of children, innovation, and effective collaboration with more partners. Our core values guiding who we are and what we do include courage to take action, commitment to keep our promises, trust to believe in each other, and accountability to be reliable Partners.

Job Summary

The National Director (ND) ensures the effective overall direction, operations and performance of the Member Association (MA), by developing and executing core programmes and financial strategies that lead to the sustainability of the organization. The ND leads and develops the MA with the support from leadership (Board and Management), to ensure effective delivery of programmes and services to children, families and communities within the frame of the MA's vision, mission and values.

Main Clients

- Board of Directors
- National Management Team
- International Director Region
- CVI Representative
- Regional Office Functional Directors & Advisors

Key performance areas and main responsibilities:

Strategic Direction and Governance

- Establish, guide, direct and oversee the strategic plans, under direction of the Board, to advance the mission and objectives and promote sustainability and growth of the MA, in line with global strategic plans.
- Communicate SOS-KDI policy across SOS Children's Villages in Tanzania and Zanzibar.
- Drive operational excellence by ensuring appropriate best practices, processes and technologies.
- Drive adherence to corporate governance principles and statutes to ensure compliance at all times and ensure remedial action is taken where necessary.
- Ensure implementation of strategies and formulation of policies by delegating appropriate authority levels to key managers, and ensure effective monitoring and reporting of progress, aligned to strategic plans.
- Advise and support the establishment of effective national management systems and structures, governance systems and statutory requirements.
- Review strategy regularly, proactively assess future needs and perform sustainability forecasts to ensure relevance and appropriateness of the MA.
- Identify and address problems and opportunities central to business success timeously, and solve critical issues at highest levels.
- Oversee the implementation of effective monitoring and auditing systems aligned to agreed standards.
- Follow up on reports relating to the development and/or deviation from the expected route by any programme / project within the MA.
- Oversee the establishment of corrective measures / improvement plans where standards are not met.
- Lead by example in organizational ethics and morals, and take strong action against non-adherence to values, ethics and codes.
- Present plans, reports and proposals at Board meetings and/or Board sub-committees, and ensure that Board decisions/resolutions are translated into clear actions.
- Support the development of the Board and members through initiating orientation and other activities as directed by the Chairperson.

Sustainability and Fund Development

- Oversee the development and implementation of realistic and effective fund development plans and strategies.
- Develop contingency plans in conjunction with key managers to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Drive the creation of sustainable wealth to ensure achievement of strategic targets.
- Ensure long-term financial viability by continuously evaluating social, internal and external factors.
- Oversee the MA planning and budgeting processes.
- Evaluate financial trends and ratios and manage the MA's expenditure within the approved budget to ensure effective cost control and savings under the direction of the Board.
- Review management and financial reporting and statements to determine progress and status in attaining objectives under the direction of the Board and assist to revise objectives and plans in accordance with current conditions when necessary.

Marketing and Brand Awareness

- Provide strategic and tactical guidance to the MA marketing, branding and communication strategies and initiatives, together with the Fund Development and Communications Department.
- Maintain close contact with internal and external marketing and related stakeholders to build strategic relationships, solicit continual feedback on current initiatives, and understand market needs and perceptions.
- Drive proactive and continuous communication amongst all stakeholders and partners to ensure active and informed involvement on organization-wide marketing and branding initiatives.

Innovation, Transformation and Process Optimization

- Evaluate the need for change and transformation initiatives in anticipation of the sector, national and international priorities.
- Initiate, lead, authorise and drive initiatives aimed at optimising programmes and operations, improving service delivery and reducing costs within the MA.
- Propose and present new innovative ideas to the Board and identify opportunities to leverage from partners and other networks.

Strategic Relationship Management

- Establish and manage relevant strategic partnerships and relationships with both internal and external stakeholders, focused on the rights of children without parental care or at risk of losing their parental care, to ensure enduring business associations to assist in achieving strategic objectives.
- Develop and maintain a positive corporate image with both internal and external stakeholders (including media) to ensure positive response to, perception and trust of the MA.
- Drive and guide the pursuit of advocacy objectives with NGO Child rights forums and in partnership with other NGOs in conjunction with the Children's Rights and Advocacy Officer.

- Establish sound relationships with relevant government authorities and seek government recognition and support for SOS programmes.
- Oversee cross-national advocacy efforts on children's issues of National relevance.
- Represent the MA towards provincial and national governments, forums, as well as other key partners / stakeholders in the child-care field together with Programme Directors and the Children's Rights and Advocacy Officers.
- Support and act as the MA's representative at affiliations, functions and events.

People Management and Development

- Set medium to long term goals and objectives for subordinates and actively monitor progress of the achievement of objectives.
- Ensure the professional recruitment, orientation, performance management and on-going development of national office management staff.
- Develop and maintain a high performance team, and regularly evaluate performance of subordinates to ensure functional objectives are met or exceeded according to established policies and objectives.
- Assure stable employee relations by managing conflict and creating a positive working environment.
- Oversee workforce planning to ensure team is suitably staffed to meet objectives taking into account various internal and external factors.
- Ensure work ethics is of such a nature that employees continuously strive towards improving their own performance.
- Provides technical assistance as and when needed, with the support of the National Management Staff in liaison with Regional Office (RO) (advisory/coordination) staff, and offer special support in times of crisis to all the programmes.
- Ensure that the organizational culture is maintained and that employees live the values of the MA.
- Oversee the sound management of all resources, and full compliance with international reporting and auditing requirements.

International Federation – GSC coordination

- Ensure a smooth flow of communication between MA and the RO, including adherence to reporting requirements and maintain effective communication structures and channels.
- Ensure MA's compliance with
 - reporting on developments as per the MA's Strategic and Annual Plans;
 - reporting on programmes development;
 - Financial reporting, budgeting and accounting requirements.
- Oversee an efficient flow of funds to the programmes and projects.
- Coordinate feedback as and when required from relevant co-workers within the MA during international policy and guidelines development.
- Accommodate research programmes on common and/or crucial topics, as well as piloting some programmes/projects of importance to the international organization.
- Participate in Regional Meetings and other Forums as determined by the RO.
- Support regional / international initiatives to promote exchange and sharing of experiences, information, and resources where necessary.

Child Safeguarding (CS)

- Responsible for implementation and management of SOS Child Protection Policy in MA and for reporting to the national Board.
- Ensures that co-workers and programmes do not cause harm to children and young people and that they are not exposed to the risk of harm and abuse.
- Responsible to report any concerns the organization has about children's safety in its programmes and within the communities to the appropriate authorities.
- Ensures that co-workers act within national law, Child Protection Policy, Code of Conduct and other child safeguarding requirements.

Knowledge, skills, qualifications, abilities and behavioral competences:

- Degree in Social Sciences or a Business related field such as marketing, accounting or management finance or any related field of study.
- Preferably a Master's degree in Business Administration and/or Education and/or Social Sciences or any related field of study.
- At least 10 years' experience in developmental work at senior management and leadership positions.
- Good understanding of policies and strategies relating to child development programmes, education and advocacy.
- Understanding of child rights, child development, family and community development, advocacy, rights-based programming.
- Solid understanding and knowledge of childcare legislation and policies.
- Intercultural, gender and diversity sensitivity: able to bridge different national or organizational cultures and to work effectively in a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic environment respecting diversity.
- Experience in developing, nurturing and implementing social development programmes and fundraising through establishment of long-term partnerships with stakeholders.
- Strong influential and executive leadership style, be an articulate and confident manager able to spur confidence in the organization, working closely with the Board of directors.
- Notable success working with and building high performance and successful teams in a multi-cultural setting.
- Excellent networking ability, persuasive communication, marketing and fundraising skills.
- A successful record of accomplishment working with and building high-performance teams in a multi-cultural setting.
- Strong managerial and implementation skills.
- Strong strategic awareness, integrating environmental developments, future orientation and a pragmatic view into operational planning and day-to-day work.
- Proactive decision-making based on sound analysis and excellent communication skills.
- Fluency in English and Kiswahili is required.
- Valid driver's license.

How to Apply

If you believe you are the right candidate for the above position, please send your detailed curriculum vitae (CV), and photocopies of academic certificates. Applications should be submitted electronically through the email provided. All applications should be submitted not later than **28th May 2023**. To apply please send to: recruit.sostanzania@sos-tanzania.org

Applications that are late, do not have a CV or certificates attached will be disqualified. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

SOS Children's Villages has zero-tolerance neither on sexual exploitation, harassment and abuse nor fraud and corruption, amongst other safeguarding aspects. SOS also provides equal employment opportunities to all qualified applicants without regard to race, colour, religion, gender, origin, age, disability, marital status, or class. SOS Children's Villages complies with all applicable laws governing non-discrimination in employment.

This position involves working with an INGO committed to children and human rights and is subject to strict safer recruitment checks. The successful candidate will be required to complete safer recruitment checks including police and reference checks to help verify their suitability to work for SOS CV. In addition to candidates' ability to perform the duties of the post, the selection process will also explore the motivation and approach of the candidate to child safeguarding.



ONLINE SUPPLIER PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION FOR SUPPLY OF GOODS, WORKS AND SERVICES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023 - 2026 (REVISED)

- CRDB Bank Plc is an African Bank and Leading Financial Service Provider in Tanzania with current presence in Tanzania and Burundi and soon to open in DRC Congo. The Bank was established in 1996 and was listed in the Dar-es-salaam stock Exchange (DSE) in June 2019.
- CRDB Bank PLC is currently inviting online applications from all eligible, competent and experienced suppliers to apply for pre-qualification for supply of goods, works and services of different categories as tabulated in item 7 of this advertisement.
- Applications will be conducted according to CRDB Bank Plc Procurement Policies and Procedures. Only shortlisted suppliers will be eligible for invitation to quote under competitive procedures each time when needed.
- This is online supplier pre-qualification whereby suppliers shall submit their applications online through CRDB website: www.crdbbank.co.tz
- Overview of selection criteria shall be as follows: -

A. Legal Compliance

- Submission of all registration certificates from relevant authority
- Submission of valid business, Certificate of Incorporation or extract from registrar
- Submission of TIN & VAT (for registered)
- Submission of current Tax clearance certificate
- Current physical location with valid lease agreement or title deed
- Submission of certified litigation history certificate
- Submission of all other required information and attachments required during application

B. Company capabilities, competence and eligibility

- Show evidence of at least THREE (3) years' experience in the relevant field
- Submission of CV and copies of certificates for key personnel and technical staff
- Submit at least THREE (3) years of latest AUDITED financial statements
- Demonstrate capabilities in terms of equipment, skills and technology as per requirement in respective tender category
- Submission of Company profile

C. Sanction

- Submission of correct information of Directors and Shareholders and their scanned copies of Identity Cards (ID) e.g., Driving license, Voter ID, Traveling Passport, National ID
- And submission of all other required information and attachments required during application.

- Only eligible and qualified suppliers with demonstrative experience, compliance with the above application criteria and excellent track record in similar assignments will be considered for this pre-qualification. **All existing suppliers and service providers currently operating with CRDB Bank are also required to apply.**
- The list of pre-qualification services is here under, you may apply for single applications or more. Evaluations of supplier pre-qualification will be on an application basis.

SN	DESCRIPTION OF TENDER ITEM
A: SUPPLY OF GOODS	
1	Supply of Furniture, Fittings, Curtains and Vertical blinds
2	Supply of ICT consumables, Tonners and Cartridges
3	Supply, repair, servicing & Maintenance of Fire extinguishers, Fire Alarm and all Fire related equipment
4	Supply of Security safe and strong room doors
5	Supply of Branded T-shirts
6	Supply of Motor Vehicles spare parts & Batteries
7	Supply of tires, tubes and Batteries for motor vehicles and motorcycles preferably importers, dealers and distributors.
8	Supply and installation of Generators and Generators Monitoring tools & spare parts
9	Supply of office equipment
10	Supply of ICT equipment
11	Supply of Mobile Phones and Electronic equipment
12	Supply of ICT Equipment (Desktops, Laptops, Printers, Sorters, Counting Machines, etc.
13	Supply of Computers accessories (Mouse, Power cables, HDD, RAM etc)
14	Supply of Empty branded Archive boxes
15	Supply of Air conditioners
16	Supply of drinking water for the dispensers
17	Supply and installation of CCTV Cameras and Alarm system

18	Supply of Cheque Leaf's and Cheque Personalization
19	Supply of various customized gift hampers.
20	Supply of general office stationery
21	Supply various Promotional Materials
22	Supply and installation of water pumps and spare parts
23	Supply of Software & Enterprises Solution
24	Supply of Fresh Tropical flowers
25	Supply of Brand New & Used Motor Vehicles
26	Supply of News Papers
27	Supply of Sports items & Kits
28	Supply of Safety Materials & First Aid Kits
29	Supply of Power Inverters
30	Supply of ATMs & ATMs spare parts
31	Supply of Staff Uniforms
32	Supply of Rubber stamp
33	Supply of Food Items
34	Supply of Fire Extinguishers and Fire System equipment
35	Supply of Motorbikes, Bicycles & Bajaj
36	Supply of Branded Notebooks, Diaries and Calendars
37	Supply and refill of Generator fuels
38	Supply of Gift Hampers
39	Supply of Home & Office Appliances (TV, Microwaves, Fridges, etc.)
40	Supply of Customized branded Trophies and Plaques
41	Supply of steel Containers (20ft & 40ft)
B: SERVICES	
42	Provision of Printing Services for Bank forms and other stock items
43	Running of CRDB Recreation lounge for selling of Drinks
44	Provision of Fumigation and Pest control services
45	Provision of Property Valuation Services & Collateral Management Services
46	Provision of transport services specifically vehicle hire; saloon cars, pick-ups double cabin, station wagon, minibuses and trucks
47	Acquisition and Retention proposal for Merchant and Wakala.
48	Provision of Cleaning , Gardening, Sanitary and Hygiene services
49	Provision of Security and Guarding services
50	Provision of Cash in Transit (CIT) services
51	Provision of Digital/Online Newspapers
52	Provision of Clearing and forwarding services
53	Provision of Marketing and advertising agency services
54	Provision of Auditing & Tax advisory services
55	Provision of PR services
56	Provision of Internet & Data Services
57	Provision of Event Management Services
58	Provision of Courier and Transport services
59	Provision of Auctioning and Debt collection services
60	Provision of Servicing and Maintenances of Air conditioners
61	Provision of Outsourced Drivers
62	Provision of Services and Maintenance of Motor Vehicles
63	Provision of Services and Maintenances of Elevators
64	Provision of Trade Marketing Agency Services
65	Provision of Insurance Services
66	Provision of Digital and Social Media Services
67	Provision of Media Services (Radio and TV).
68	Provision of Media Production services - still photography, videography, livestreaming music and documentary.
69	Provision of Training services for CRDB staff
70	Provision of Servicing and Maintenances of data cabling & Network Equipment.
71	Provision of Branding and Signage activities
72	Provision of Hotel accommodation and conference services
73	Provision of Recruitment and HR services
74	Provision of Legal Services
75	Provision of Catering Services
76	Provision of Air, Marine tickets and other Travelling services
77	Provision of Ride hailing services

78	Provision of Media Monitoring, Photography and Video production.
79	Provision of Media Monitoring services
80	Provision of Quantity surveyors' services
81	Provision of Car wash services
82	Provision of Architectural services
83	Provision of Road Billboards/Signage Hiring
84	Provision of Quality assurance services
85	Provision of Music & DJ services
86	Provision of Creatives, Innovation & Animation Services
87	Provision of Caller Tunes advertising
88	Provision of website content, re-writing & Software development
89	Provision of Marketing Research & Insight
90	Provision of exhibition designing services
91	Provision of Bulk SMS services
92	Provision of Fuel & Car tracking System
C: WORKS	
93	Building works Contractors (Minor & Major)
94	Specialized works- Electrical
95	Specialized works- Plumbing works
96	Specialized works- Data cabling
97	Specialized works- Intruder Alarm
98	Specialized works- CCTV Camera
99	Specialized works- Fire Alarm
100	Specialized works- Air Condition

- CRDB Bank Plc reserves the right to request submission of additional information from prospective applicants. Kindly note that all filled pre-qualification application documents should be clear, readable and uploaded in the online pre-qualification system.
- Pre-qualification forms not filled out completely and submitted in the prescribed manner will not be considered. All documents that form part of the pre-qualification must be attached accordingly.
- Supplier must declare any conflict of interest in relation to any member of CRDB Bank staff. CRDB Bank Plc will not procure goods or services from suppliers where the employees are conflicted and have not declared conflict of interest.
- The applicant shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the online pre-qualification application and CRDB Bank Plc will not in any case be responsible and liable for the costs incurred.
- CRDB Bank Plc will not be enforceable to disclose reasons for disqualifying any supplier after publication and closure of the online pre-qualification exercise.
- All information given in writing to or shared online with the applicant in connection with this pre-qualification is to be treated as strictly confidential. The applicant shall not share or invoke such information to any third party without the prior written approval of CRDB Bank Plc. This obligation shall continue after the pre-qualification exercise has been completed whether or not the supplier is pre-qualified.
- Prospective applicants must have undertaken successful supply and delivery of goods/services to institutions of similar size and complexity. They must also demonstrate the willingness and commitment to meet the pre-qualification criteria.
- Completion of the pre-qualification documents includes forms and documents required of prospective suppliers/service providers to be considered for pre-qualification. Prospective suppliers must submit all the information herein requested and any applicant who does not meet all the relevant mandatory requirements will be automatically disqualified by the system.
- Interested and qualified applicants should send completed pre-qualification application and other required information as per system requirement before the communicated deadline.
- Whenever there is a need, CRDB Bank Plc will carry out a due diligence exercise for the shortlisted prequalified suppliers which will also include a site visit whenever required.
- Any clarity may be required from the application of the pre-qualification process should be directed to;
Email: info@crdbbank.co.tz
Copy to: procurementdesk@crdbbank.co.tz
Phone Numbers: 0222197700; 0800008000; 0714197700; 0755197700;
- All applications must be submitted online through CRDB website: www.crdbbank.co.tz**
- Deadline of submission of the application(s) is **Wednesday, 31st May 2023 at 1700 hours**. Thereafter, the application system will automatically close. Pre-qualification application shall be submitted only online through the CRDB website: **www.crdbbank.co.tz**.

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Only 30 per cent of arable land in EAC region is being cultivated, forum told

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

ONLY 30 per cent of arable land is being used in agricultural activities in the East African Community (EAC) region, a very small size compared to the great needs of foods in the area.

This was revealed here at the weekend by some representatives from the Eastern and Southern Africa Small-scale Farmers Forum (ESAFF) at the first three-day forum of the East African Civil Societies Organisation (EACSO).

They said it is essential for member countries to have a strategic plan to make sure all arable land is farmed to produce sufficient food to satisfy the needs of the people in the area.

ESAFF representative, who is also the leader from the Association of Women in Agriculture in Kenya (AWAK), Julius Mundia, said the situation is according to recent research by various international institutions including the World Bank and FAO.

Mundia said the research found out that 70 per cent of arable land in the region remains dormant while only 30 per cent is used for food production.

"As we talk about food security we are also supposed to utilise land re-

source even if we depend on rains, we should cultivate all arable land to get sufficient food as well as surplus for export outside the EAC region," he added.

He also said the EAC should have in place a strategic plan to make sure all uncultivated land should be cultivated to avert famine.

For his part EAC Head of the Agriculture Department and Food Security, Fahari Marwa said the Community assists member states in various issues including having in place joint guidelines, policies and laws that assist in boosting the farming sector.

He said the issue of inadequate budget for agriculture has been discussed but the EAC has been stressing to member states that 10 per cent of their main budget should be directed to agriculture.

"Statistics show that many states do not allocate 10 per cent of their main budgets towards agriculture," he added.

For his part, ESAFF Chairman, Baliarine Hakim said the meeting brought together small farmers from the eastern and southern Africa to discuss and look into how the countries can put in place plans to increase funds towards agriculture as well as addressing the effects of climate change.



Bulyanhulu Gold Mine general manager Cheick Sangare (2nd-R) pictured at the weekend presenting a dummy cheque for US\$10000 to Fatuma Gilalah (3rd-R), headteacher of Shinyanga Region's Buhangija Primary School. The support is derived from funds provided by a charity known as Nos Vies en Partage (NVEP) through sponsorship by Barrick Gold Corporation president and CEO Mark Bristow. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

NGO plants 15.35 million trees in Singida Region

By Guardian Correspondent, Singida

TREES for the Future, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) has planted a total of 15,358,918 trees of various kind in Singida Region in 2,758 acres of land since the establishment of "Bustani Msitu" in 2019 sponsored by the institution.

The director of the NGO, Heri Rashid made the remarks here at the weekend at the ceremony

of 1,445 farmers who graduated during a training in implementing the "Bustani ya Misitu" project, saying the trees planted were those for fruits, timber fencing and for the fertilization of the soil and that by 2030 the aim is to plant one billion trees.

He said the trees have huge benefits including the absorption of carbon dioxide and produce clean air and assist in addressing the effects of climate

change.

Rashid said the Bustani ya Misitu project has been the source of various nutritious foods for 1,445 households of the tree planting graduates.

He said through the project whose main aim is to boost production from farmers' fields, farmers have been able to sell their fruit in the market in Singida town including passion and paw-paws thereby increasing

their daily incomes.

He added that after they began benefitting from their tree gardens, the Trees for the Future institution established 107 groups which were registered in the Singida, Mkalama, Iramba and Ikungi District Councils.

He said the groups assist farmers to loan and pay money so that the money accrued from the trees project should circulate among themselves the practice

that has helped to boost their economic well-being.

For his part, Singida Regional Commissioner, peter Serukamba, who was chief guest of the graduation event held at Siuyu Village in Ikungi District, said the government will continue to collaborate with the Trees for Future NGO as it has provided great contribution to farmers.

He added that the NGO should also assist farmers to dig water

wells to enable them with irrigation farming so that they to cultivate three times in one season, and pledged the government's collaboration in the project.

RC Serukamba also stressed to the people to continue planting trees in huge numbers and that those who graduated in the "Bustani ya Misitu" project straining should act as good example for others in the issue of environmental conservation.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: FOR THE PROVISION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR EACOP - REFERENCE NO. REQ-00000195

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) LTD ("EACOP LTD") invites experienced and reputable companies to express their interest in providing Directors and Officers Liability Insurance services to the EACOP Project.

The EACOP Project involves the construction and operation of an underground and cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale, Hoima District in Uganda to the Chongoleani peninsula near Tanga in Tanzania. The length of the pipeline is 1,443 km, of which 1,147 km will be in Tanzania.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES

EACOP requires to be provided with directors' and officers' liability insurance. The objective of this expression of interest is to invite insurance firms/companies to provide directors and officers (including managers and supervisors) ("D&Os") liability insurance for EACOP Co. The scope of the cover should be worldwide and include but not be limited to:

- Any claims arising from or incidental to the performance of duties by EACOP's D&Os. Claims shall be understood as including any written demand or proceedings seeking compensation or other legal remedy as well as criminal proceedings and official investigations.
- Claims related to environmental, social and governance risks.
- Legal defense costs, settlement amounts, public relations expenses, management liability, non-executive directors' protection, assets and liability costs, emergency costs, environmental extension, corporate manslaughter, outside directorship, public relations expenses, extradition proceedings, investigation costs, lifetime runoff cover for retired insureds, new subsidiaries, legal representation extension, tax extensions, joint property liability.
- Damages & penalties (if insurable) awarded against Board members, executives, and management of EACOP in case of covered legal claims.
- Any other coverage that by practice within the insurance industry is required or ordinary covered by the requested coverage.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Companies or organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:

- Must be registered and licensed to operate in Uganda and Tanzania.
- Must have a minimum of five (5) years' experience in providing directors and officers liability insurance. Including experience in providing directors and officers liability insurance to at least one multi-national company.
- Must have reinsurers with an A- or better rated financial strength rating from a reputable rating agency.
- Must demonstrate a track record of settling claims promptly and fairly.
- Recommendations from at least three (3) organizations/firms/companies with contact persons, to whom similar services have been provided by your company.
- Financial capacity to deliver the services required. (Audited books of accounts for the previous two financial years).
- Registration or approved application for registration with the EWURA Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
- Compliance with Local Content Regulations, 2017.
- Proof of registration with the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) and Tax Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
- Up-to-date professional and business licensing from relevant in-country authorities for the provision of the services.
- Proof of Anti-corruption, Anti-bribery, Compliance and Human Rights policies.

Interested insurance firms/consortiums which have the ability, capacity, and resources to implement the activities listed above should express their interest by sending together with the documents stated in the above section through an email to procurement.tz@eacop.com, (max. email size 20Mb) on or before 16:00 hours East African Time (EAT) on or before 21st May 2023. Email object shall be: REQ-00000195 - Provision of Directors and Officers Liability Insurance services to the EACOP Project. Statements of EOI should be no more than ten (10) to twenty (20) pages long. All Expression of Interests should be submitted in English Language.

Note: EACOP LTD will review and assess the documents provided by companies that have expressed interest in accordance with this EOI and conduct evaluations based on internal criteria to determine which companies will be included in the list of pre-qualified companies. Only the pre-qualified companies will receive, by signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to bid as a continuation of the call for tender process. EACOP LTD reserves the right at its sole discretion to make the decision to select or reject a company and maintain its decision without having to give reasons to the company concerned.

TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF AUTOMATIC TANK GAUGING (ATG) AND HIGH-LEVEL ALARM FOR TWO NEW TANKS

08 May, 2023

- Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd (TIPER) is a hospitality storage facility for bulk fuel with its share divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA (Based in Switzerland). The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot # 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
- TIPER hereby invites via International Competitive Bidding (ICB) experienced and reputable electrical contractors registered in class four and above to bid for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Automatic Tank Gauging (ATG) and High-level Alarm for Two New Tanks.
- Interested and eligible bidders may request electronic copy of tender document through the following email: tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz by sending an application letter and copies of certifications from the Engineering Registration Board (ERB) or a similar certification. from Monday to Friday at 08:00AM to 4:00PM between May 08, 2023 to May 26, 2023.
- Bidders are encouraged to visit the site. Site visit will be conducted on Monday, 15 May 2023 from 10:30hrs to 11:30hrs.
- Bidders are required to come with their own Personal Protective Equipment PPE's during the site visit. The minimum PPE requirement are steel toe safety boots, worker's helmet and cotton reflector vest / cotton over coat / cotton overall. Bidders who will not come with correct PPE's will not be allowed to enter onto site.
- Bidders must submit hardcopies of bids (one original and one copy) respectively, enclosed and sealed in a single plain envelope marked Tender No: TP/05/2023/NCB/GS/006 for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Automatic Tank Gauging (ATG) and High-level Alarm for Two New Tanks. Softcopies MUST be submitted in a USB flash disk. All bid documents shall be addressed and delivered to Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Ltd, P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.
- The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be 1600hrs local time Monday May 29, 2023.
- Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids will not be accepted or considered for evaluation.
- Bids opening will be conducted in the presence of the TIPER tender committee only, formed by the company. There shall be NO public opening of bids
- TIPER reserves the right to accept or reject any tender and does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any bid

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Africa should recruit youths to champion fight against malaria

AS the fight against malaria continues in East Africa, governments, organisations, and communities are working tirelessly to combat this deadly disease.

Youth are an important constituency under the African Union's development agenda. African youth account for 60 per cent of the population, representing the largest segment of the population. Their passion, innovation, and creativity have vast potential to contribute significantly to the fight against malaria. At the urging of the ALMA chair, member states are establishing national campaigns to co-ordinate youth as the next generation of malaria leaders. Kenya, Eswatini, Zambia, Mozambique, Uganda, and Tanzania, have established their national 'malaria youth corps', whilst efforts are underway to establish similar initiatives in other countries.

Currently, Africa is on track to achieve malaria elimination by 2030. However, significant progress is achievable when there is strong political will, country ownership, solid partnership, adequate resources, and a shared sense of urgency.

East Africa accounts for a quarter of the global malaria cases, making it a significant area of focus in the global fight against malaria.

Countries in the region have made notable progress in reducing malaria cases and deaths over the past decade by implementing insecticide-treated nets, improved diagnostic testing, and effective treatment with antimalarial medications.

However, malaria still poses a major health challenge in the region, especially in rural and remote areas with limited access to healthcare services. This year's World Malaria Day theme, "time to deliver zero malaria: invest, innovate, implement," underscores the urgent need for action and further investment to achieve zero malaria.

Significant investments are still required to increase coverage of key interventions and achieve the ambitious goal of eliminating malaria by 2030.

For example, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda have insufficient resources to

fully implement their respective Malaria Strategic Plans, with a shortfall of at least 50 per cent.

Accelerating progress against malaria requires countries to have sufficient resources to deploy tailored, locally appropriate, life-saving interventions at scale, based on malaria transmission settings. Existing and pledged resources are insufficient to fully support malaria programmes, especially in the face of global inflation, supply chain disruptions, and other economic shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reducing malaria transmission results in improved health outcomes, increased productivity, and reduced healthcare costs, which in turn contributes to economic growth. Therefore, investing in ending malaria not only saves lives, but also has a significant positive impact on the economy.

Furthermore, investments such as for community health workers and enhanced disease surveillance, will strengthen Africa's health systems' capacity and resilience to respond to future epidemics and pandemics. Strengthening the capacity of countries to defeat malaria will enhance broader pandemic preparedness and response.

In Tanzania, 90 members of parliament were trained in the use of the malaria scorecard. The countries are demonstrating their commitment to fighting malaria by sharing their scorecards on the ALMA scorecard hub and with partners, and by documenting best practices at the local level.

Several countries have also been recognised for their successes in related areas. Kenya won an award for the best reproductive, maternal, new-born, child and adolescent health (RMNCAH) scorecard tool; the Republic of the Congo for the best neglected tropical disease scorecard tool; Ethiopia for the best community scorecard tool; Rwanda for the best institutionalisation of scorecard tools across malaria and RMNCAH; and the United Republic of Tanzania for the best innovative use of scorecard tools.

Salt miners need creativity in the market, not block it

THERE are robust demands in the legislature for ending imports of salt and setting up strategic factories for small salt miners, enabling their activity to be commercialised. The demands came up in contributing to debate on the budget estimates for the Investment, Industry and Trade portfolio, where MPs were sure that the revival of older, dormant factories so that the country stops importing the product. This issue of imports took a wider profile in the debate.

It is unclear whether MPs think free markets are useful or they are a burden, when castigating issuance of permits for salt importation. It is not uncommon for lobbyists to look at issues in a one-sided manner, as countries do not import because they can't produce that item in the country, but rather since it is cheaper elsewhere. Cheapening products of daily use uplifts welfare of the broad public but a strand of opinion thinks that we are doing importers an excessive favour.

It is not evident that importing salt derails the development of small scale salt miners as often they can't observe the standards required, not to speak of price levels. In that case it is faulty to say the ministry had turned a blind eye on the sector as there is no such sector strictly speaking, where each product is its own sector. What they want the state to do would actually be done by an investor, who comes in with the right equipment and purchases local raw materials there.

For one thing, all countries bordering the sea have such raw materials, and if the salt comes cheaply from next door there is no welfare gain to

stop imports to produce in a more costly fashion. Again plenty can be done with the land that the salt producers occupy, and indeed the salt can be put to other uses if they have equipment and find the market, as with cattle feed. It is just brainstorming.

One expert writes online that a cow needs an ounce of salt per day but at times they are given more salt to limit consumption of grains or certain supplements. Instead of fixing their concerns with the domestic salt market, it would be easier to think of cattle feed as even sea salt is usable without much processing, on the basis of the write up. It is also possible to use sea salt as a crop fertilising agent.

Another write up says sea salt contains up to 90 minerals that plants need to grow healthy and strong. When used in moderation, sea salt can be an effective and inexpensive organic fertiliser, the note says, specifying that sea salt is beneficial to a variety of plant types including flowers, trees, lawns, vegetables and more. It is surprising that MPs, like the coastal dwellers, don't realise this.

It is hence evident that there is first a lack of imagination on the part of salt producers as to areas of salt needs where local production and marketing could be cheaper. It not clear how much anyone uses sea salt in farms instead of depending on imported urea, etc whereas it is possible a lot can be achieved with such use. Whatever the case a certain amount of investment is needed, and saying it has to come from the government is not exactly a well-researched idea.

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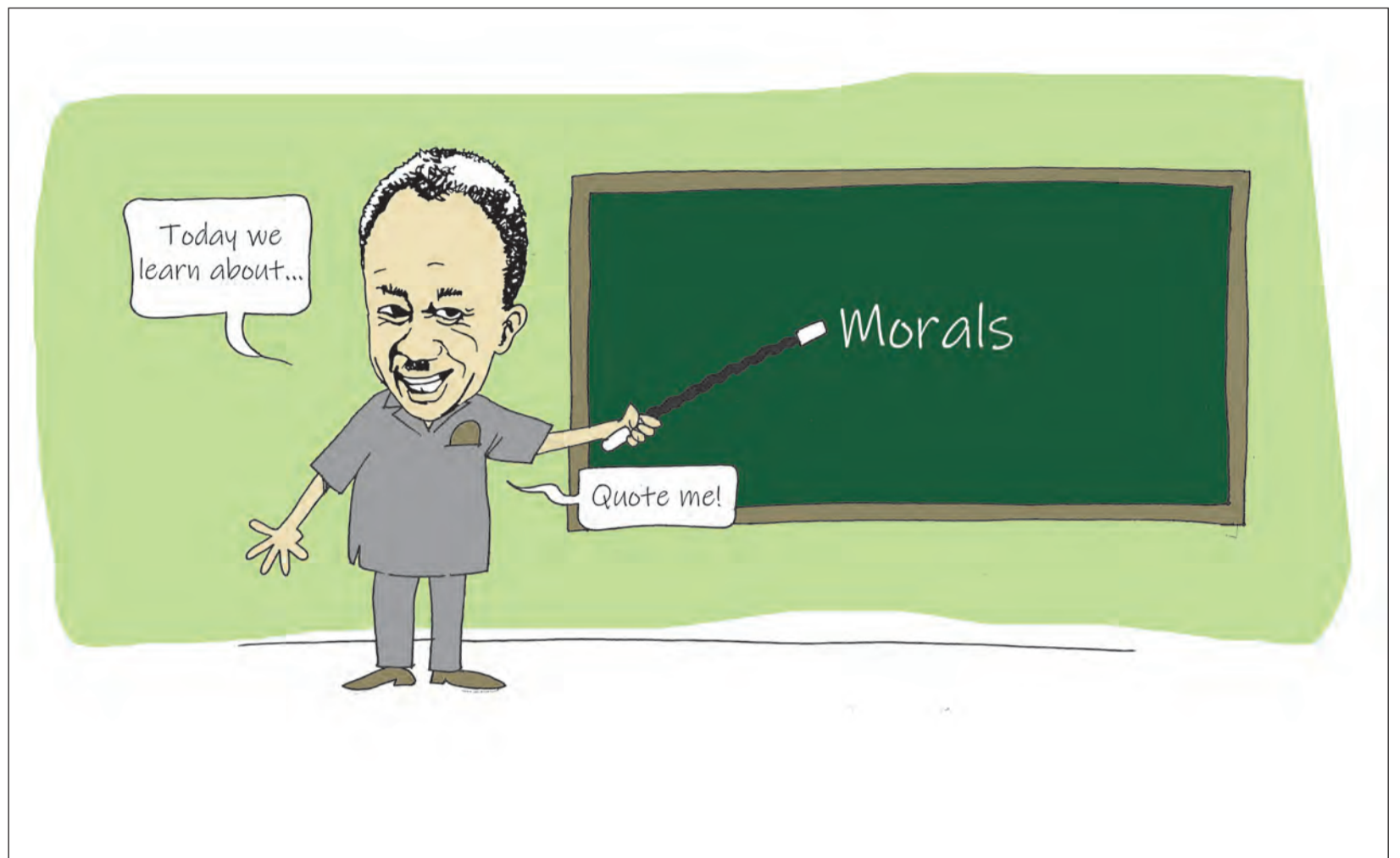
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Gender-responsive approach to technology and innovation will ensure progress

By Naureen Hossain

PROMOTING gender equality in technology and digital spaces is at the core of the UN's observance of International Women's Day (IWD) as UN senior officials call on the world to take concrete action against ingrained gender biases.

The United Nations and UN Women hosted their observance of IWD under the theme "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality," with a special celebration of women and girls in the STEM fields. This year's theme aligns with digital transformation and innovation for educating women and girls currently being discussed at the 67th Commission of the Status of Women (CSW).

The event was hosted by journalist and WABC-TV anchor Sabe Baderinwa, who remarked on the theme's significance by reminding attendees that "access to and control over technology is crucial for women's economic and social empowerment."

The event touched on the significance of promoting gender equality in the digital space through the meaningful ways technology and innovation can empower women and girls when given the opportunity. It also notably dissected the barriers preventing complete gender parity in this sector. Put simply, women and girls have historically been under-represented in the STEM fields and are prevented from unlocking the full potential of technology.

At present, nearly 37 percent of women do not have access to the internet, meaning that they neither have access to resources nor are able to acquire useful digital skills. Those women and girls who do use technology and occupy digital spaces are at greater risk of being subject to online harassment and violence, and misogynistic attitudes.

The gender disparity in online spaces is also evident in the ways that online harassment has targeted women and girls in these spaces and has even pushed them off these platforms. Within the tech industry, women make up less than a third of the workforce, with even fewer of them in leadership positions.

This was pointed out by several of the speakers present at the event, including President of the General Assembly Csaba Kőrösi in his opening remarks.

"As it stands, far too many women and girls still cannot access the opportunities offered by technology... Women are twenty-seven times more likely than men to face online harassment and hate speech. Only one in four reports [these incidents], and nearly nine in ten limit their online activity because of it, reinforcing the digital divide."

Secretary-General Antonio Gu-



Delegates at the UN observance of International Women's Day, under the theme "DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality." Credit: Naureen Hossain/IPS

terres said in a statement that technology can lift women and girls up in "a myriad of ways" through access to education and healthcare or entrepreneurship. But the full promise of technology can only be realized when the systematic barriers have been confronted. This starts with including more women in leadership roles in the tech sector.

"Without women's leadership, the Silicon Valleys of this world don't disrupt the patriarchy; they simply digitize sexism and perpetuate inequalities. And without women's leadership, tomorrow's products will have gender equality built into their code."

In his own statement at the event, the Secretary-General's Chef de Cabinet Earle Courtney Rattray brought attention to how the disparity in technology access is more prominent in developing countries, including the Least Developed Countries.

"Nowhere is this more evident than in LDCs," he said. "According to the International Telecommunications Union, about two-thirds of the LDC population remains offline, and the gap between these countries and the rest of the world in the [sheer number] of people losing access to the internet has increased from 27% in 2011 to 30% last year."

"The inclusion of women and girls as prominent key players in digital evolution for current and future generations gives the opportunity to address the most critical development and humanitarian challenges," Chair of the 67th Commission on the Status of Women Mathu Joyini said in her statement.

UN-Women Executive Director Sima Bahous reminded those in attendance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), particularly SDG5, which calls for gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. "It is no coincidence that today, as SDG5 is off-track, so are the SDGs as a whole. We live in a world of interconnected crises. At the heart of every crisis, we see inequality multiplied. We now have a new form of poverty. Digital poverty is growing

and intensely gendered." She also added that governments' involvement should include introducing legislation that would place more protections online, citing Denmark's own examples in passing laws that target online grooming and the distribution of intimate images.

Director of Strategic Initiatives at Pollicy, Dr Irene Mwendwa, spoke from the perspective of policymakers and researchers in the field and the transformative power that technology can have for local government women leaders in Africa. "Once they understand the power of technology and data, when they go into the council, when they go into cabinet and parliament, they will be able to debate better. When they debate better over the legal frameworks, the policies coming out of our countries into our communities will be inclusive to both women's and men's needs, pertaining to ICT."

Finally, the perspective and contributions of young people as those most involved and present in online spaces must also be encouraged, especially young women. UNICEF Youth Advocate Gitanjali Rao remarked on the opportunity to "harness the ingenuity that youth bring to the plate."

"Now is the time to maximize creativity. We should be taking these opportunities to look at the ways in which we can support girls, especially by digitizing content online and honestly supporting them in every way possible, whether that's through the work they're doing or making sure that they're safe online as well," she said.

The speakers and panelists called for multiple measures to be taken that could address the systemic gaps and inequalities that women and girls face with technology. These measures include broadening access to technology to reach more people, investing in digital skills-based learning for women and girls to effectively make use of technology and learning, and breaking down the gender biases and binaries that make digital spaces unsafe for certain groups, especially through gender-based violence facilitated through technology.

This also means promoting more women into leadership and decision-making roles in the tech sector and beyond, where there are able to directly influence policy and legislation. As technology continues to be ubiquitous in our daily lives, a gender-responsive approach will be crucial to future innovations.

"Without decisive action, the digital gender divide will become the new face of widening social and economic inequalities," Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed said in a video statement at the end of the event.

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In her statement, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) Doreen Bogdan-Martin shared stories of young women and girls who used technology to improve the quality of life in their communities through their own innovations, remarking on how their examples "reminds us that technology is not a luxury, but a necessity."

"We have the foundation because all countries agree on the need to achieve universal connectivity, and they agree on the need for sustainable digital transformation," she said. "We also have the momentum, the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition led by the ITU, together with many UN partners, has mobilized in one year over \$17 billion USD for digital gender equality. We also have the unique opportunity... all of us today together, to ensure that gender equality happens in our lifetime and not in 300 years."

During a panel discussion moderated by Baderinwa, the current state of technology and innovation was further explored, with particular attention paid to the involvement that would be needed from multiple stakeholders to achieve gender parity.

As journalist and UN Women Goodwill Ambassador Marion Reimers remarked, when it comes to the safety of women and girls, attention should be given to the systems that perpetuate harassment online, including in the case of women journalists.

"We are so far behind because it feels like there is no help because this is a new landscape, and it has created so many new necessities that we need to catch up real quick," she said. "When you take into account that 75% of women journalists are victims of online harassment, this is directly intertwined with how we speak about problems in the public sphere... with how the voices of women are taken into account."

"If we want to succeed, we must have meaningful participation and involvement from civil society," said Marie Bjerre, Minister for Digital Gov-

Cervical cancer status in Tanzania and recommended prevention measures

By Nuru Ngailo, Angasyege Kibona and Pankras Luoga

THERE are rumours and misinformation about causes of certain diseases, including cervical cancer. This may be the case because some diseases are linked to certain of human behaviours and practices as risk factors.

The misinformation increases chances of women and girls being at high risk of infection. Already, there are high rates of infection of this disease in our country. In general, this comes due to biological and human behaviour and practices that expose women to infection compared to men of the same age group.

However, the focus of the article is on the meaning of cervical cancer, how it is transmitted and what measures are scientifically recommended to be taken in order to prevent one against the diseases.

What is cervical cancer?

Cervical cancer is one among many types of cancers in the world. The type of cancer caused by the infection of human papilloma viruses (HPV). However, this type of cancer affects the woman cervix at the entrance from the vaginal to the uterus. It affects a large cervical portion primarily. Generally, it is a communicable disease as it can be transmitted from one person to the other especially through sexual intercourse or skin contact with a person who has been infected. Scientifically, it is reported that human papilloma virus is an extremely common virus transmitted through sexual contact.

What is reported in scientific studies?

According to various scientific studies done elsewhere on the cervical cancer burden, the virus infects women but mostly those who did not get the vaccination against human papilloma virus. In our country, the vaccination provided is well known HPV given to girls aged between 9 to 14 years.

The vaccination is accessible in various areas of our country, including schools, health facilities and other areas like churches that are early accessible by the community. The vaccination has proved to prevent cervical cancer by 90 per cent. Therefore, health scientists and health providers recommend it for girls at the recommended age to take it in order to prevent them against the disease.

What is being done and should be done?

The government of Tanzania has invested and continues to invest in efforts against cervical cancer burden in the country. This includes having a section at the ministry that deals with cervical cancer and also providing education to various age groups on the disease, the risk factors and how communities can prevent the spread of the disease.

The efforts have been successful in collaboration with other stakeholders who also provide awareness, education and vaccination in various regions



of our country. Among the stakeholders working in the country is Elizabeth Glacier Pediatric Aids Foundation (EGPAF). The America-funded organization provides cervical cancer education, HPV vaccination, cervical cancer diagnosis and referrals to positive diagnosed women in the regions of Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Manyara, Dodoma, Singida and Tabora.

The efforts are still underway but unscientific evidence shows that many of the community members are not aware and do not have knowledge on the cervical cancer disease, how it is transmitted and what can be done to prevent against the disease. Recommended meas-

ures that can be taken to prevent the disease include taking HPV vaccination, avoiding early onset of sexual activities, not having many sexual partners and making and male circumcision. Also, attending regular screening for cervical cancer can help those affected get early treatments.

Urgent call

Every member of the society should try to take recommended measures against cervical cancer. Sensitization of girls on the risk factors linked to cer-



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vical cancer and how they can prevent themselves is important in the fight against this health burden.

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WOMEN'S LEGAL AID CENTRE (WLAC)

Publication of Bi- annually Income and Expenditure

In accordance with Non-Government Organization Amendment Regulation 2018 WLAC is pleased to publish its Bi-annual Income and Expenditure report for a period between Jan - December 2022.

Women's Legal Aid Centre Bi-Annual Income and Expenditure Report for the period from January - December 2022		
	Jan- Dec 2022 TZS	Jan- Dec 2021 TZS
Income	(2,790,717)	
Receipts from Donors	1,171,313,581	1,521,089,551
Total Income	1,171,313,581	1,521,089,551
Expenditure:		
Legal Empowerment and Advocacy for reforms	987,893,546	1,221,811,903
Community awareness engagement in civic and socio-economic rights	10,418,000	179,453,461
Institutional capacity and sustainability of WLAC	175,792,752	129,992,961
Total Expenditure	1,174,104,298	1,531,258,225
Surplus (deficit) of income over expenditure	(2,790,717)	(10,168,674)

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Call for Proposals

The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) invites proposals from African cooperatives, producer groups, and enterprises for grant financing and local support for innovative solutions that extend their own capabilities to increase revenues, create jobs, improve farmer incomes, and achieve sustainable market-based growth.

Proposals will only be accepted from registered agricultural cooperatives, producer groups, and agricultural processors in Tanzania working directly in the horticulture, cotton, coffee, edible oilseeds (sunflower and palm oil) and cereals (maize and rice) value chains. Innovative approaches to agricultural and economic development will also be considered. This includes, but is not limited to digitization, information technology, agricultural solutions using renewable energy,

Maximum award US \$250,000

- The organization must demonstrate that it has successfully worked together for a minimum of 2 years, have a minimum of 200 active members or suppliers, and has the capability to effectively use grants funds.
- The ownership and management must be in agreement on the problem to be addressed and have a commitment to benefit their community.
- The organization must have basic functional management and financial controls for a minimum of 2 years to demonstrate capability to account for USADF funds.
- Organizations must be 100% African-owned and led.

Successful Proposals Must:

- Have a clearly defined market opportunity to grow revenues that can increase incomes.
- Have a clearly defined plan of how they can increase revenues and incomes in 2- 4 years.
- Be able to make significant cash or in-kind contributions to the project.
- Be able to directly impact hundreds of people and community members.
- Be able to identify a path for growth after the USADF grant ends.
- Special consideration will be given to applications that incorporate innovative strategies to make use of new approaches and technologies, including complementary finance and information technology.
- Special consideration will also be given to women owned organizations and applications that promote youth.

For details go to:
www.usadf.gov/apply/

Submit your application form, financial statements for the last 2 years and a copy of registration document to: Tanzania@usadf.gov by **June 30, 2023**.

THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - INDIVIDUAL SELECTION) COUNTRY: UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

NAME OF PROJECT: ZANZIBAR IMPROVING QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION PROJECT (ZIQUE).

For

TZ-MOEVT-342191-CS-INDV EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUAL PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROCUREMENT FUNCTIONS UNDER ZIQUE PROJECT".

Financing Agreement reference: IDA-72580-TZ
Project ID No: P-TZ-PT78157

The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Zanzibar Improving Quality of Basic Education Project (ZIQUE), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to payments under the contract for "the Employment of Individual Procurement Specialist to support the implementation of the Procurement functions under ZIQUE Project".

The objective of the assignment includes is to strengthen the procurement activities in ZIQUE and assist PIT in monitoring and implementation of ZIQUE activities based on the World Bank Standard Procurement Procedures and in line with Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act No.11 of 2016 and its Regulation of 2020. The Procurement Specialist will be responsible to manage the procurement of goods, services, and works under the proposed project, in accordance with World Bank Procurement Guidelines. This will include the planning, implementation and supervision of all procurement operations under the project. In addition, the procurement management specialist will be responsible to develop procurement and contract management capacity of the PIT and other stakeholders involved in the implementation of ZIQUE.

The Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar now invites eligible Individual Procurement consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

The main functions of required Specialist will include but not limited to:-

- Prepare various Tendering and contract documents for the ZIQUE Project.
- Procurement of necessary goods/equipment i.e. vehicles, computers, software, hardware, etc.
- Procurement of various Works and Consultancy services under the ZIQUE Project
- Participate in the development of technical Specifications, TOR, manuals and guidelines that are essential for the planning, development, maintenance and management of infrastructures.
- Tailor made training activities within the country after identifying the gap/s on Construction project management, procurement and contract management and administration especially to the donor funded projects.

Required Expertise

This position requires a seasoned professional with extensive experience in procurement especially in donor funded projects. The consultant should be motivated to improve government systems, mentor staff, and work with communities.

The individual consultant for conducting the assignment should have the following qualifications:

- Have at least Master's degree in procurement Management, engineering and commerce from a recognized Institution with relevant training procurement;
- Must be active member of higher Professional qualification in procurement from recognized institutions such as the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (MCIPS). PSPTB will be an added advantage
- Have a general experience of not less than ten(10) years, with at least five (5) years specific experience as a procurement specialist or having responsibilities with a substantial content in procurement matters in the World Bank/World Bank or other international multilateral organization funded project;
- Three years' experience in handling large value contracts, works, goods and services that are subject to international competitive bidding preferably under World Bank/World Bank Procurement Regulations/ Guidelines.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with individual Selection method set out in the World Bank

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <https://moez.go.tz> or upon request to pmu@moez.go.tz or dktzubeir@gmail.com

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: 7:30am to 3:30 pm EAT excluding public holidays.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person) by 24th May 2023 and marked at the envelope "EoI for Employment of Individual Procurement Specialist to support the implementation of the Procurement functions under ZIQUE Project".

Attn: Project Coordinator (ZIQUE),
Ministry of Education and Vocational Training,
Procurement Management Unit Office,
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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PROJECT

Pact is an international non-governmental organisation registered in Tanzania since 2002 with a certificate of registration number INGO/R1/00952. Pact's work in Tanzania focuses on supporting the government in enhancing health and welfare of vulnerable populations, safety and market linkages for artisanal and small-scale gemstone miners and strengthening capacity of local organizations

In line with Regulation 12 of the Government Notice 609 on Financial Transparency and Accountability, Pact Tanzania hereby discloses to the public of award of a new project, per details below:

Name of project	Integrated Early Childhood Development
Funding agency	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
Purpose of project	To ensure children from vulnerable households have the opportunity to grow to their full potential.
Duration of project	April 2023 - March 2026
Budget for FY 2023-2026	USD 3,000,000
Implementation area	Mbeya Region - Busokelo DC, Rungwe DC, Mbeya DC and Chunya DC, Mbeya CC, Kyela DC & Mbarali DC. Tabora Region - Igunga DC, Kaliua DC, Nzega DC, Sikonge DC, Uyui DC, Tabora MC & Urambo DC.

For more details, kindly contact us at tanzania@pactworld.org

Levina Kikoyo
Country Director

Here is the Afghans' appeal to UN leadership

By Ahmad Wali Ahmadi

WE are a group of Afghans living in the country and working across sectors including peace, civil society, humanitarian aid, human rights, media, and the private sector, and are working to promote dialogue and seek long-term solutions for our country.

This ad hoc group encompasses and reflects the work of individual Afghan men and women and organizations led by and employing women working across the aforementioned sectors at grassroots, sub-national, and national levels.

As you gathered in Doha, Qatar on May 1st and 2nd 2023 to discuss the ongoing situation in Afghanistan, we welcome your initiative to explore avenues of engagement and dialogue to resolve the impasse that the Taliban Authorities and the international community have been in over the course of the last 19 months.

Afghans are suffering from the worst humanitarian crisis on the planet worsened by a weakened economy and a lack of a framework for political dialogue. Whilst humanitarian engagement has been a necessity, we need the global community to recognize that this is neither sustainable nor optimal for alleviating the human suffering in Afghanistan.

A principled, pragmatic, and phased approach to engagement with the Taliban Authorities is needed to ensure the well-being of the Afghan people and to remove the roadblocks holding us back from pursuing the social and economic development of our country.

As such, we urge that you take into consideration the following:

Political track

With the recent renewal of the UNAMA mandate, the organization needs to be supported, strengthened, and empowered as the major political entity representative of the international community present inside Afghanistan.

The international community should work with people inside Afghanistan to develop Afghan solutions to Afghan problems. We encourage the creation of spaces to promote local peace building initiatives and dialogues that already exist and sup-

port to expand on our work.

Wide-range consultation with Afghans living inside Afghanistan including participation in international engagements taking place on Afghanistan.

Aid track

Ensure the effective and principled implementation of humanitarian assistance through I/NGOs and UN Agencies with routine monitoring and re-evaluation of approach, commitment of timely and effective delivery of aid, and meaningful participation of women both as humanitarians and clients.

Expansion and flexibility in funding - local organisations have shown better capacity to negotiate humanitarian access and the ability to expand into essential non-humanitarian work. Therefore, donor agencies should consider expansion of funds to national entities as well as showing flexibility around areas of operation and expansion of programming in areas where women can work.

Focus on funding women-led and owned organizations and explore opportunities of funding private sector to develop and expand their initiatives.

Repurpose and replenish ARTF funding to be fit-for-purpose in the current operational context through supporting locally-led mechanisms for delivery of aid and implementation of development programming.

Women and girls can continue to access and be active through a range of institutions such as local media, certain types of vocational institutes, cultural heritage preservation and arts programming. These spaces would benefit from investment from the international community.

Fund initiatives tackling climate change in Afghanistan before it is too late - the effects of climate change are increasingly evident, putting millions of lives and economic livelihoods at risk.

Economic track

While the economy is no longer in free-fall and there is evidence of a low-level stabilization, external obstacles continue to have significant detrimental effects on the Afghan economy. We urge for the lifting of sanctions on financial transactions that are crippling an already struggling private

sector and leads to overcompliance of the international banking system.

Unfreezing of the Afghanistan Central Bank's assets to improve the banking and liquidity crisis plaguing the country and restore the SWIFT system.

Technical support to the Afghanistan Central Bank in the areas of Anti-Money Laundering, Countering Terrorist Financing, and relevant fiscal policy departments to build confidence in the banking sector and support economic activity.

Diplomatic track

* Increase the in-country diplomatic presence to ensure direct engagement and dialogue without the reliance on intermediaries.

* Establish a clear roadmap for international dialogue with the Taliban Authorities including launch of informal working groups with the Taliban Authorities on issues of common interests such as countering terrorism, illicit drugs, irregular migration, preservation of cultural heritage as trust building measures, and enhancement of access to information as a public good.

As Afghans living and working in Afghanistan, we are advocating on behalf of millions that have remained here and are suffering from a multitude of man-made crises. We urge you all to consider them when you meet this week to discuss the situation in Afghanistan.

The current approach to Afghanistan has only increased the suffering in this country. Our people are innovative, determined, pioneering and resilient - let's work towards lifting the barriers to our progress.



Unfreezing of the Afghanistan Central Bank's assets to improve the banking and liquidity crisis plaguing the country and restore the SWIFT system



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No.	Reference no.	Description of services to be procured	Pre-Qualification Criteria
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Kindly send your response by email to bulytender@barrick.com by latest 1800hrs on the 15th May 2023. Any responses received after this date shall not be considered.

Please quote the above Reference number and description on your Expression of interest submission.

If you do not hear from us in 21days after the deadline date, please consider your EOI unsuccessful.

Pre-qualification of any company submitting an "Expression of Interest" shall be at the sole discretion of BGML.

For and on behalf of BULYANHULU GOLD MINE LIMITED



THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

SURPORT FOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY IN BLUE ECONOMY PROJECT (SEBEP).

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

RFB Reference No: TZ-MoEVT/AfDB/G/NCB/09

For

SUPPLY OF TWO (2) 4WD BRAND NEW DOUBLE CABIN PICK-UP AND ONE (1) HARD TOP 5 DOOR 10-SEATER FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND IMPLIMENTATION.

- The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Support for Skills Development and Youth Employment in the Blue Economy Project (SEBEP), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to payments under the contract for "Supply of two (2) 4WD Brand New Double Cabin Pick-Up and one (1) Hard Top 5 door 10-Seater for Project Management and Implementation".
- The Principal Secretary Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Supply of 2New 4WD Double Cabin Pick-Up and One (1) Hard Top 5 Doors 10-Saters for Project Office as itemized in the table below.

Description of Goods	Quantity	Destination (Project Site)
Brand New 4WD Double Cabin Pick-Up - Unguja	2	Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Mazizini (Unguja).
Hard Top 5 Doors 10-Saters	1	Ministry of Education and Vocational Training (Chake Chake) Pemba.

- Bidding will be conducted through National competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy Framework dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>, and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Policy.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security from reputable commercial Bank properly addressed to the beneficiary Principal Secretary, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Zanzibar in the form and amount specified in bid data sheet. The Bid Security shall be valid for not less than twenty-eight (28) calendar-days after the bid's submission deadline.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar, at the Office of The Secretary of the Ministerial Tender Board, Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar, 143 Julius Kambarege Nyerere Road Ground Floor, Room No. 26/17 Mazzini Street, P.O. Box 394, E-mail: pmu@moez.go.tz and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. local time on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, except on public holidays.
- The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS 100,000.00 (Tanzanian Shillings One Hundred Fifty Thousand Only) or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency. The method of payment will be transferred through the control number which will be available upon request by the supplier during working days from 7:30 to 3:30 p.m. to the email mentioned above.
- Bids must be delivered to the address provided under paragraph five (5) above on or before 31st May 2023 at 10:00 a.m. local time. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend in person at the Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Conference Room, Zanzibar, 10:30 am immediately after the deadline for bid submission.
- The bidding document is being provided in the hard copy. However, only for the convenience of the bidders, in filling the various forms, a soft copy will be provided through email upon request. But bidders should note that in case of any difference in the hard copy and soft copy, the one in the hard copy will prevail.

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TCRA urged to educate public on safe utilisation of courier services

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

RESIDENTS of Mbeya Region have appealed to Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) to provide them more education in regard to the proper use of courier services to prevent frequent losses of their goods they incur while in transit.

Speaking at the open campaign to mobilise for the proper courier services, they said their goods and parcels get lost in transit owing to ignorance on official procedures in recognizing licensed courier services providers.

Speaking on the issue, Anang-

isye Mwakyaoma, a businessman said in many cases when he wants to transport his goods, he uses a bus that he knows but after being provided with the education he will abide to the procedures provided.

For her part, Kisa Mwaipya said had she been educated on the issue, she wouldn't be losing his goods on buses through agents who did not have offices.

Fr. Elibariki Mmari advised TCRA to disclose the qualifications and criteria of the official courier services providers to avoid loss of their goods.

Earlier, stressing on the impor-

tance on using licensed courier services providers, TCRA manager for the Southern Highlands Zone Asajile John said when the Authority issues licences, and it also issues conditions which the courier services providers have to adhere to.

He mentioned the conditions as including for the licensed courier services providers to have recognized offices as well as issuing receipts for the goods they transport. The education is part of the nationwide TCRA campaign to educate the public on the safe transmitting of goods via licensed courier services providers.



Federation of Miners' Associations of Tanzania president John Bina (2nd-R) inspects mining machinery and vehicles at the GF Trucks & Equipment Ltd pavilion installed on the sidelines of the body's annual general meeting held in Mwanza city at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

School in Dar hails Samia for sprucing up of environment in education sector

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has been commended for creating good environment for education in the country, which has made the private sector make a significant contribution to the sector.

Director of High Mount primary and secondary school Benard Kasika, said this yesterday in Dar es Salaam when speaking to journalists on the contribution of private sector in the country's education development.

He said that President Samia has made an outstanding performance in education in both public and private "that's why we cherish her."

"Here at High Mount schools we've two teachers with Bachelor Degrees in Education who have passed and studied in this school.

We also have medical doctors who have also passed here," said the director.

Located in Gongo la Mboto in Dar es Salaam's Ilala Municipality, the school also provides various services to the community in the area.

Kasika explained that private schools, including the ones he leads, have been developing and developing various talents of young people and therefore do not help the government in the area with the theft and development of talents for young people.

The school director said that the sixth phase government under President Samia has continued to create a good environment for investment in the education sector in this country.

"Our involvement as a private

sector with the authorities in charge of education in this country has continued to be great, in fact we congratulate our government for involving us especially in the area of the composition of various national exams," he said.

He said that within this period, the freedom to express ideas has been great, a situation that contributes significantly to the development of the education sector in the country.

He calls on the education authorities in the country to continue giving various seminars to teachers to face the various challenges of technology.

"Technology is growing every day, it is good that the education authorities continue to train our teachers to keep up with the growth," he said.

THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRM SELECTION)

COUNTRY: UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

NAME OF PROJECT: ZANZIBAR IMPROVING QUALITY OF BASIC EDUCATION PROJECT (ZIQUE).

For

TZ-MOEVT-353450-CS-CQS PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR UNDERTAKING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING HEAD OFFICE BUILDING AND RENOVATION OF THE TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGES IN UNGUJA AND PEMBA UNDER ZIQUE PROJECT"

Financing Agreement reference: IDA- 72580-TZ
Project ID No: P-TZ- P178157

The Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Zanzibar Improving Quality of Basic Education Project (ZIQUE), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to payments under the contract for "Provision of Consultancy Services for Undertaking Environmental and Social Impact Assessments for the Proposed Extension of Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Head Office Building and Renovation of the Teachers Training Colleges in Unguja and Pemba under ZIQUE Project".

The Ministry of Education and Vocational Training seeks to engage a qualified firm (hereafter referred to as Consultant) to carry out the environmental and social studies on three (3) sites, at Mazizini Unguja and Kiuyu Pemba. The sites in particulars are:

- i. Mazizini Unguja for proposed extension of ministry of education and vocational training building
- ii. Mazizini Unguja for proposed Renovation of the teacher training College.
- iii. Kiuyu Pemba for proposed Renovation of the teacher training College.

The Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar now invites eligible Consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

The Consultant will be tasked to Prepare the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the respective constructions which include extension and rehabilitation, and the associated Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP). The Consultant may be required to prepare Resettlement Action Plan the social assessment as a part of this assignment will reveal such needs.

The objectives of the ESIA include but not limited:

- a. To establish baseline information on both natural and built environment including socio-economic, physical environment for the proposed sites.
- b. To evaluate potential alternatives
- c. To identify, predict and evaluate foreseeable environmental and social impacts and risks, both beneficial and adverse that may be posed by intended construction during implementation and in future.
- d. To identify the environmental and social mitigation measures to prevent, minimize and/or mitigate the potential negative impacts and promote potential positive impacts.
- e. To inform statutory and public stakeholders about the potential impacts as well as risks and opportunities of the project and the proposed mitigation measures.
- f. To develop the ESMP, for the construction and operation phases
- g. To design a Grievance Redress Mechanism available to project beneficiaries and stakeholders.

Required Expertise

The Study team may be composed of not less than four EIA experts of which the team leader should appear within the register maintained by ZEMA:

- i. Environmental Science/Environmental Engineer/Environmental management or any environmental fields
- ii. Social Science (Sociology)
- iii. Civil Engineer or Engineer depends on the nature of activity/project
- iv. Gender/GBV specialist

Team leader - Environmental Sciences / Environmental Engineer

The Team Leader shall have a minimum of Master Degree in Environment, Environmental engineering, Natural Resources Management or related field and with at least five (5) years of practical working experience in undertaking ESIA studies in building works or other related projects. In addition, the team leader must be familiar with the Zanzibar Government Environmental laws and regulations, and the World Bank's ESSs and procedures. She/he must have at least three (3) projects of which two (2) must be in the past five years of similar magnitude and complexity. The Team Leader must have excellent communication skills, fluent in written and spoken English and should be certified with ZEMA, holding a valid EIA/EA/ESIA practicing certificate issued by ZEMA. The team leader must present supporting documents/ evidence of ESIA studies under taken or ongoing and his contribution or his/her role in their respective projects.

Social Scientist (Sociologist)

At least Bachelor in Social Sciences, or related studies (anthropology, sociology, social work, or economics), with at least 10 years progressively experience in preparing and implementing social impact assessments, community engagement in construction industry, preferably in Zanzibar. Familiarity with World Bank Environmental and Social Standards is a necessity. Understanding and experience on Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) will be an added advantage. The Sociologist will produce as evidence at least three sample reports related to the construction of buildings which he/she was part of and was accepted by ZEMA.

Civil Engineer or Engineer depends on the nature of activity/project

At least Bachelor in Civil Engineering or related studies with at least 10 years progressively experience in preparing and implementing social impact assessments, community engagement in construction industry, preferably in Zanzibar. Familiarity with World Bank Environmental and Social Standards is a necessity.

The main role is to aid in identification and analysis of a wide range of impact especially those attributable to constructions activities. An engineer expected to assist on outlining and executing alternative methods in building design, contaminated waste processing, water transport, and other facets of engineering that will minimize unintended side effects of the proposed projects.

Gender/GBV Specialist

A holder of Master's degree on development, gender, international relations, sociology, anthropology or any other relevant social science; He/she shall have at least five years of relevant experience working on gender and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) related issues and with operational experience; He/she shall have relevant work experience on GBV prevention, mitigation and/or response and a good understanding of all areas; experience on case management is an added value; He/she shall have experience conducting gender analysis for public policies and defining activities to close gender gaps;

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <https://moez.go.tz/> or upon request to pmu@moez.go.tz or dktzubeir@gmail.com

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours; 7:30am to 3:30 pm EAT excluding public holidays.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person) by **24th May 2023** and marked at the envelope "Eol for Provision of Consultancy Services for Undertaking Environmental and Social Impact Assessments for the Proposed Extension of Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Head Office Building and Renovation of the Teachers Training Colleges in Unguja and Pemba under ZIQUE Project".

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Church World Service reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids/proposals and is not bound to give any reasons for its decision.

Reshaping multilateralism in times of crises

By Jens Martens

THE world is in permanent crisis mode. In addition to the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, the war in Ukraine and other violent conflicts, a worldwide cost of living crisis and an intensified debt crisis in more and more countries of the global South are affecting large parts of humanity.

Scientists are now even warning of the risk of a global polycrisis, "a single, macro-crisis of interconnected, runaway failures of Earth's vital natural and social systems that irreversibly degrades humanity's prospects".

Human rights, and especially women's rights, are under attack in many countries. Nationalism, sometimes coupled with increasing authoritarianism, has been on the rise worldwide. Rich countries of the global North continue to practice inhumane migration policies toward refugees.

At the same time, they pursue self-serving and short-sighted "my country first" policies, whether in hoarding vaccines and subsidizing their domestic pharmaceutical industries, or in the race for global natural gas reserves. This has undermined multilateral solutions and lead to a growing atmosphere of mistrust between countries.

"Trust is in short supply", UN Secretary-General António Guterres told the Security Council in August 2022. Consequently, Member States defined one of the main purposes of the Summit of the Fu-



Indigenous women gather before an equality forum in Mexico City, Mexico. Credit: UN Women/Paola Garcia

ture in September 2024 to be "restoring trust among Member States".

António Guterres had proposed to hold such a Summit of the Future, which he described as "a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reinvigorate global action, recommit to fundamental principles, and further develop the frameworks of multilateralism so they are fit for the future".

The Summit offers an opportunity, at least in theory, to respond to the current crises with far-reaching political agreements and institutional reforms. However, this presupposes that the governments do not limit themselves to symbolic action and voluntary commitments but take binding decisions - also and above all on the provision of (financial) resources for

their implementation.

In this context, the principle of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) remains absolutely valid. Without such decisions, it will hardly be possible to regain trust between countries.

The G77 emphasized in a statement on 20 April 2023, "since the Summit of the Future is meant to turbo-charge the SDGs, it must address comprehensively the issue of Means of Implementation for the 2030 Agenda, which includes, but is not limited to, financing, technology transfer and capacity building."

Of course, it would be naive to believe that the risk of a global polycrisis could be overcome with a single summit meeting. But the series of upcoming global

summits, from the SDG Summit 2023 and the Summit of the Future 2024 to the 4th Financing for Development Conference and the second World Social Summit 2025, can certainly contribute to shaping the political discourse on the question of which structural changes are necessary to respond to the global crises and to foster multilateral cooperation based on solidarity.

Our new report Spotlight on Global Multilateralism aims to contribute to this process. It offers critical analyses and presents recommendations for strengthening democratic multilateral structures and policies.

The report covers a broad range of issue areas, from peace and common secu-

city, reforms of the global financial architecture, calls for a New Social Contract and inclusive digital future, to the rights of future generations, and the transformation of education systems.

The report also identifies some of the built-in deficiencies and weaknesses of current multilateral structures and approaches. This applies, inter alia, to concepts of corporate-influenced multistakeholderism, for instance in the area of digital cooperation.

On the other hand, the report explores alternatives to purely intergovernmental multilateralism, such as the increased role of local and regional governments and their workers and trade unions at the international level.

Seventy-five years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a key challenge is to create mechanisms to ensure that human rights - as well as the rights of future generations and the rights of nature - are no longer subordinated to the vested interests of powerful economic elites in multilateral decision-making.

Timid steps and the constant repetition of the agreed language of the past will not be enough. More fundamental and systemic changes in policies, governance and mindsets are necessary to regain trust and to foster multilateral cooperation based on solidarity and international law.

**Jens Martens is Executive Director of Global Policy Forum Europe
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We must ensure that use of AI is ethical and considers vulnerable people

By Florence de Vries

MY whirling mix of encounters with artificial intelligence (AI) these past few months felt like the lengthy centre of G Willow Wilson's novel The Bird King: escape, pursuit, capture, escape, (more) pursuit...

The journalist who believed the news they didn't write. The encounter with the clock that gifts a new poem every minute of the day. The woman who envisioned - and conjured - utopian cannabised scenes in the style of Vivian Maier.

Every now and then, I find myself in a theoretical chokehold, loosened only by the odd flurry of doubt seeping through the pronouncements of contemporary heralds.

You see, The Bird King is a meta-textual Bildungsroman for the ages, a historical fantasy about alternative communities, discrimination and the price of freedom.

It is also the only metaphor I could muster following my gripping passage through sev-

eral streams of consciousness slipping in and out of the fascinating and wholly bewildering wilderness that is AI.

Statistical discrimination

It's safe to say that AI has "emerged" and been silently structuring our lives ever since. In many spheres of public life, human autonomy has already been replaced by algorithm decision-making. Whether in part or in full, machines are now deployed to use data drawn from "previous patterns" and they are "making predictions" (think near-prehistoric predictive analytics) that could alter your life. Yes, AI can be the ultimate arbiter, deciding who gets the job, the home loan and even parole.

In these scenarios, it is argued that the result of deciding the outcome of any one particular "application" is based on whether or not the applicant "fits" into a multitude of previously established patterns, which were created using existing data.

This is where scholars in

the field of ethics are starting to object - and with good reason too. Scholars such as Carolina Villegas-Galaviz, Solon Barocas and Andrew Selbst are arguing that data mining can constitute a form of "statistical discrimination", whereby the use of AI also reproduces past prejudices when it identifies aforementioned previously established patterns.

"When new data is analysed according to a specific model, it may be ignoring vulnerabilities and specific circumstances that could be essential to decide morally," says Villegas-Galaviz.

This means that using AI to determine who the beneficiaries of funding allocations, treatment provision or development programmes ought to be may adversely affect some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Researchers are already pointing out the "disparate impact" that AI decisions create when people "do not fit into the pattern" and some, like Villegas-Galaviz, are pre-

sending care ethics as a moral grounding for the AI era.

The ethics of care

To many people, ethics can be an obscure subject. But what makes the ethics of care - or care ethics, as some scholars refer to it - compelling in the context of a subject like AI is that it is completely premised on the inherently relational and responsiveness aspects of being human.

Psychologist Carol Gilligan, the earliest documented proponent of care ethics, proposed it as a moral theory in which aspects related directly to the human condition, such as "personal relationships", "vulnerability" and "responsibility", are identified as cornerstone tenets.

Gilligan argued that the general idea of care is to "understand responsibility and morality in the context of relationships". In other words, even moral dilemmas must take account of the fact that we are vulnerable and (in many ways, inherently) de-

pendent on one another.

A theory that puts vulnerability and relationships in the foreground would "better identify wrongs of AI decision-making" and thereby the moral implications of algorithms, posits Villegas-Galaviz.

A natural phenomenon

The origin of ethical action can be found in the natural caring sentiment as well as the earliest memory of being cared for. Care as an ethic is actually quite a natural thing.

At the outset, we are dependent on one another to develop our most basic abilities, and throughout our lives, most of us receive forms of "care" in many facets - so much so that we logically become obliged to care about other people in one form or another.

More than a decade ago, the World Health Organisation identified people living with mental illnesses as "vulnerable" owing in a large part to the fact that the barriers to accessing and affording mental healthcare services are es-

pecially devastating to most people who find themselves in this section of the world's population. In particular, it has also been pointed out that groups, such as people living with mental illnesses, share common challenges, including stigma and discrimination.

It is inevitable that AI will be deployed to find out how to close the gaps for people living with significant medical and social support needs. If AI is going to assist future healthcare practitioners with their research, or as one psychiatrist put it, "sorting through data to find new patterns that may help us better understand how mental illnesses develop", it is essential that statistical discrimination is eradicated at the outset.

To this end, researchers are arguing for a care-based grounding, which may account for "all kinds of patterns", including recognising those considered vulnerable. In healthcare settings, AI can be preset so that a care ethics-based development

and deployment of it also focuses on "the voices being silenced", the "interdependent relationships" affected, and whether the data used could imply "exploiting the vulnerabilities" of those affected by any one algorithm.

If we are to develop tools that will significantly enhance the full spectrum of human life, we have to look at the patterns we know and consider that which we don't know.

We have to ask the kinds of questions that can only be answered by those who hardly speak. We have to base our every action on the notion of care. A great number of care ethics scholars posit that the hidden paths folding the distance between here and our next destination can only be found through this human principle. DM168

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Loan-issuing firm readies to help more local farmers in Tanzania access tractors

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

EFTA Ltd, a farming machinery loan firm for farmers has mobilised itself to increase the number of farmers owning tractors in the country aimed to increase food and cash crops production.

Nicomed Bohay, EFTA Managing Director made the remarks at a training seminar for better farming practices to farmers in Morogoro Region held at Ifakara Town.

He said in making the initiative a success in collaboration with Arusha based Hughes Tanzania, have organised a strategy for granting loans for more than 200 Holland TT75 tractors to Morogoro farmers and other areas countrywide.

"We want to expand the number of farmers owning tractors in the country, and that is why we are issuing them with loans and we believe the measure will increase food and cash crops production for their own benefit and that of the country," said Bohay.

He said farmers expect to benefit from low interest loans for tractors and spares thereof that will be made available to every farmer without any collateral.

"The tractor itself will act as collateral,

hence farmers should not fear to take up loans, as our aim is to empower farmers to abandon traditional farming for modern farming practices through the use of modern farming equipment," he added.

Earlier, opening the training seminar, Kilombero District Commissioner, Dunstan Kyobya called on farmers in his district to grab the opportunity that has come to spur the government efforts to rescue Tanzania farmers.

"It is time to abandon traditional farming practices as this assure for more benefits in our farming activities," he added.

He said Kilombero is home to farmers and herders who still conduct their activities in the traditional way and many of them have been contributing to environmental destruction.

"as a government, we have provided directives to all both farmers and herders to immediately their activities in water sources areas as well as inside the Kilombero reserve Forest, as we want these areas protected by every one of us," said DC Kyobya.

Kilombero District is 14,958 square metres in size, with homesteads, 35 wards and five divisions and is very much known for farming activities including sugar cane and rice farming.

Bolt gets set to improve safety and standards in the ride-hailing market

By Guardian Reporter

BOLT has hailed its close cooperation with the Land Transportation Control Authority (LATRA), saying that the efforts will help improve safety and standards in the ride-hailing market.

Country Manager, Charles Matondane said the company is encouraged by the interventions as these will improve ride-hailing across the country, and also resolve issues affecting the driver and passenger community.

Matondane said: "Bolt would like to reiterate that it only has one registered office located in Dar es Salaam. Bolt would like to reiterate that it has no other offices in Tanzania and would like to advise the public not to conduct any official business with any unauthorised persons." The company however cautioned its driver community to not transact or engage with any unauthorised agents or persons who purport to represent Bolt.

"In any instances, we encourage drivers to immediately contact us so that we can assist for further action to be taken against these persons with local police. We have also reported two locations to the Central Police stations in Dar es Salaam in order to take action against these unlawful persons. Bolt is also working with the relevant authorities to take legal action against the persons purporting to

be authorised agents and extorting drivers in order to on board them on our platform," Matondane explained this in a press statement yesterday.

Matondane reiterated that Bolt does not charge drivers to be boarded on platform, hence, drivers should not pay any person in order to gain access to the platform as Bolt will not be held liable for any such transactions.

"Bolt is also aware of some drivers who have fraudulently been using an illegal application dubbed "Zuzu", which defrauds some of our customers by overcharging the trips. We would like to state that the use of any alternative application or patches by drivers in the market is unlawful and Bolt does not condone such behaviour," he said.

According to him, they have reported these offending drivers to LATRA and the Police Force for further action to be taken against such drivers.

"We have been working with platform companies to ensure these illegal applications and the hacking of smartphones are reduced in order to ensure their GPS data will not be adjusted to inflate the price of a trip. Bolt is currently deactivating any drivers that are using this illegal application and would like to advise all drivers to ensure that they are using updated versions of the application," he added.

CRDB, Care International ink agreement to support businesses run by women

By Guardian Reporter

CRDB Bank and Care International have signed an agreement to collaborate on training women on how to properly manage their businesses, financial and capital supervision as well as giving them enabling capital through iMbeju programme

Speaking during the signing of the agreement yesterday, CRDB Foundation managing director Tully Mwambapa said the collaboration with Care International is expected to reach many women entrepreneurs countrywide.

Mwambapa said the aim of iMbeju programme is to support women economic groups in the country and the collaboration with Care International is expected to create positive results due to its experiences in empowering women over the last three decades.

"Our bank and CRDB Foundation believe in partnership as the foundation of dealing with social challenges. I thank Care International for their readiness in this partnership with us through women programme. I invite more institutions to join this initiative," she said.

She thanked the government



CRDB Foundation CEO Tully Mwambapa (R) and Care International resident director Prudence Masako in jovial mood shortly after signing the agreement supporting women businesses through providing enabling capital. Photo by Guardian Correspondent

through national ICT Commission and Commission for Science and Technology (Costech) for their collaboration they are giving on empowering youths' startups.

CRDB Bank recently announced that it received more than 700 applications through iMbeju programme, of which 106 applications were selected to receive seed capital and training.

"The women programme through iMbeju is still open and we have joined Care International to reach more women. I would like to invite more women entrepreneurs to exploit this opportunity to improve their economic activities," she added.

Care International resident

director Prudence Masako said CRDB Foundation is an important partner because their efforts in fighting against poverty will succeed because of providing enabling capital through iMbeju programme.

Masako said Care International was established 78 years ago and it started operating in Tanzania 29 years ago with the mission of supporting communities in fighting against poverty and is working with 50 groups of 600,000 women.

"One of the main objective of Care International is to support fight against poverty. So when we heard about iMbeju we were so impressed because is going to reach more people who have been left behind economically," Masako said.

She said groups are required to sign agreements to participate in iMbeju programme, and they will receive training by Care International or facilitators from CRDB Foundation.

iMbeju programme was launched in March by the Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa and 5bn/- is being allocated to support youth startups and women entrepreneurs countrywide.



Mwanaidi Sinare Maajar (L) and Prof Musa Assad (R) from the Muslim University of Morogoro speak at the 9th edition of the Impact Business Breakfast in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Photographer

Don urges youth to study hard, grab opportunities to accomplish life goals

By Felister Peter

TANZANIAN youth have been challenged to study hard, wisely grab opportunities and work hard to achieve their life goals as well as excelling in their careers.

The advice came after many young professionals, especially those from colleges and universities showing the desire to quickly achieve successes, instead of dedicating their efforts to work hard.

"There is no shortcut in achieving success; you do not need to be formally employed to work hard and realize your desired development. Working hard and discipline at whatever you do may take you to where you want to be in life," said Prof Musa Assad from the Muslim University of Morogoro.

He was speaking along with other distinguished professionals during

the 9th edition of the Impact Business Breakfast (IBB) in Dar es Salaam on Wednesday. The event brought together over 290 different professionals under the theme—Achieving high-performance workplace with young professionals'.

IBB is an elevated intellectual platform designed to inspire, influence and unite like-minded professionals. The platform sought to equip millennial and the new generation with necessary skills to excel in their positions while customizing leadership styles to align with their unique values and characteristics.

Prof Assad was concerned that most of the young professionals (Gen Z) are not tolerant to go through a learning process at workplaces. He said for young professionals to excel and climb the leadership ladder they must ensure continued learning and make it part and parcel of their daily

lives.

"You cannot succeed in two years; I bought my first car within four years of working," he noted.

He however said that for leaders to achieve high performances, they should crystallize workers roles and make sure everybody fits in the organization vision. He said clear and respective communication is key because as a leader; one should appreciate and accept perspectives from different people.

Speaking at the event, Ambassador Mwanaiidi Sinare Maajar, an attorney by profession, urged young professionals to be patient while at work since most of them have too much expectations of getting higher job titles.

Amb Maajar underscored the need for organizational leaders to have clear job descriptions as well as criteria for performance assess-

ment to be able to hold employees accountable.

"Young professionals and interns may produce good workers; they should be given assignments and be assessed. Firms must have proper and competitive processes for hiring young professionals to get the desired workforce," she added.

She added: "Rewarding best workers helps in increasing employees' morale. As a leader, one should not use threatening words to avoid demoralizing workers."

Angel Mbogoro, Social Impact Consultant and Founder of IBB said she has been organizing such career development platforms four times a year, noting the next IBB will be held in July this year.

"These platforms have been successful since we have been inviting top leaders as our main speakers. Young generations and the millenni-

al have benefited from their shared personal professional insights," said Mbogoro.

She noted that her journey towards shaping and enhancing global standards to young Tanzanians wasn't easy because the first IBB was attended by twelve people, but now, she has been able to bring together over 290 professionals.

Mbogoro called for successful professionals to always try to impart their subordinates with similar professional skills, as by doing so they would become more competent in their areas.

"I had a spirit to share knowledge with my subordinates; this pushed me to introduce IBB because I also wanted other people to excel and ensure international standards at work places," she remarked.

The engaging sessions enable professionals to align their goals with

global standards, ultimately cultivating a new wave of leadership across Tanzania, she added.

Mbogoro said: "Our ultimate goal at IBB is to guide and inspire Tanzanian professionals to broaden their horizons and achieve international standards, fostering a culture of professionalism across industries. The platform is tailored to those who recognize the importance of continued learning and implementing new knowledge in their fields."

She said the selection of themes for each edition is based on research and market analysis that allows them to identify gaps in various industries and design themes that shine a light on the gaps.

She said the theme for 9th edition was sourced from feedback obtained from past sessions, indicating an urgent need for leadership training in the digital age.

Foundation celebrates two years of giving back to the community by visiting orphanages in Dar

By Getrude Mbago

As part of celebrating its second anniversary, HERI Foundation has extended a donating hand to Malaika Kids based in Konondoni District, Dar es Salaam Region supporting them with assorted food items and clothes.

Speaking during the handing over event at the weekend, Foundation's executive director, Susan Ngole said: "As we mark our second anniversary, we are proud to have yet again made a significant impact in the lives of the less fortunate."

She said the foundation's donation at Malaika Kids Orphanage in Mwananyamala ward of various items, including food, clothing, and other essentials is meant to support the children's welfare, making them feel well and cared for.

"At HERI Foundation, we understand that giving back to the community is an integral part of our mission. Through such initiatives, we hope to make a positive difference in the lives of those who need it most. As we continue our journey, we reaffirm our commitment to supporting similar initiatives and partnering with organizations that share our values. We remain dedicated to giving back to the community and leaving marks that make a difference," she said.

Susan said that the visit also launched the long-term partnership with Malaika kids where children at the centre will be mentored to ensure that they achieve their dreams.



Executive director of HERI Foundation, Susan Ngole (R) in a smile while handing over a sack of sugar to the caretaker-Ramadhan Mahumbi at Malaika Kids in Kinondoni District as part of various assortment of food items and clothes donated by the foundation.

"Our mission is to contribute to facilitating access to quality education and healthcare services in Tanzania through capacity building enhancement and provision of related facilities, so through

our partnership with Malaika kids, children here will be getting opportunity to visit various companies and organizations to learn how they are operating so as to enable them nurture their dreams and carriers,"

she explained.

HERI Foundation is a non-governmental organization that advocates for equitable access to quality health care and education for all. The organization seeks to ensure

increased access to quality healthcare and education for all regardless of geographical location, ethnic group, gender, age or any form of disability; by providing health care and educational facilities, capacity development to healthcare workers, community engagement activities.

"To us, good health and wellbeing as well as quality education for all, form a foundation for healthier livelihood and well-educated communities that are capable of transforming economies, politics, technology, environment and culture; for the benefit of all," Susan noted.

Ramadhan Mahumbi, the centre's caretaker thanked HERI Foundation for the support pointing out that the donations cover most all of the basic needs that the children use in their day-to-day lives.

He said the donations are timely and will cut their operating costs allowing them to redirect their funds to other needs.

Mahumbi said the centre is currently supporting over 200 children where others are in the Mkuranga-based centre and others in streets with their families.

"We are more than grateful for this donation. We urge more stakeholders to come and chip in, the children are a communal responsibility we all have a part to play in their wellbeing," he said.

Hadija Said, Malaika Kids Secretary said the foundation appreciates the efforts done by HERI foundation as they have set an example for others in the private sector to step in and support the community to care for the needy and less privileged.

Foundation, mining company issue 23m/- to enhance education for special needs children

By Guardian Correspondent, Shinyanga

NOS Vies en Partage Foundation (NVEP) in collaboration with Barrick Gold have issued a \$10,000 (23m/-) to help improve the learning environment for children with special needs at Buhangija Special School in Shinyanga Region.

The support is part of the funds donated by the Nos Vies en Partage Foundation (NVEP) sponsored by CEO and the President of Barrick Gold, Mark Bristow to support special groups such as women, children and other needy groups in Africa that do not benefit from the continent's economic growth.

Speaking during the handing over event held at Bulyanhulu Gold Mine in Msalala District, the mine's manager Cheick Sangare said in every quarter of the year, the institution has been providing aids which have direct benefits to communities.

"We have so far been able to provide support to more than 10 organizations in Tanzania through the NVEP, today we are here to bring change to the Buhangija primary school which provides education to children with special needs by supporting them with funds to improve the learning environment for pupils to study smoothly," Sangare said.

Speaking after receiving the sup-

port, the school's head teacher Fatuma Gilalah who was accompanied by the district's education officer Mary Maka commended the foundation and Barrick Gold for extending their support to the school, something which is going to address some academic challenges facing the school and children.

She said that despite the great efforts made by the government to improve the learning environment at the school, there are still some challenges in terms of infrastructure and teaching materials.

Buhangija primary school provides education to children with impaired hearing and those with albinism.

Pan African Energy hands over health centre worth 895m/- to Kilwa District

By Guardian Correspondent, Kilwa

PAN African Energy Tanzania (PAET) has handed over the constructed health centre worth \$380,000 (895m/-) to Kilwa District, Lindi Region.

PAET CSR Manager Andrew Kashangaki said that the built health facility is part of the company's ongoing investment in local communities.

"Construction of the health centre started last year and is meant to provide community members with essential, high-quality healthcare services," said Kashangaki.

The project has brought many benefits to the community, through the employment of local people using materials and services around Kilwa, as and where possible.

Kashangaki said: "PAET is proud of the role it plays in Tanzania, and the financing and construction of this medical facility is proof of our commitment to making a positive contribution to the communities in the area. We hope that this facility will benefit the local residents for generations to come."

He stated: "As a business, we remain focused on supporting Tanzania's economic and industrial growth by delivering a reliable supply of natural gas for the benefit of the nation as a whole Tanzania and PAET's wider stakeholders."

The facility comprises of will comprise an outpatient's department, maternity ward, surgical theatre, labora-



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tory, mortuary, and a laundry room, and will provide immediate medical support to community members have the same capabilities as a similar major health center constructed by PAET in Somanga.

Chumo is one of the most densely populated wards in Kilwa District, with five villages and a population of approximately 14,000 over 29,200.

The health center will also reduce the burden on urban healthcare facilities and reduce patients overcrowding.

Kilwa District Commissioner, Christopher Ngubiagai reiterated the Government's commitment to providing quality health care to the residents of Kilwa.

He also spoke of the value of partnership and the key role that the private sector can play in ensuring high-quality

social services are delivered to communities that need them. Addressing the gathering at the handing over ceremony, he said.

"I thank PanAfrican energy, an ORCA company for this historic day as they hand over these sis buildings for the use of the Chumo Health Centre. This is a great support and assistance to the community. As district commissioner, my duty is to encourage development in the community and ensure that my residents get social services, including health care."

"I remember coming to Chumo for the first time, the main complaint I heard about was the lack of health care facilities. Kipatimo division has 5 wards that all depend on Kipatimo village which is a very long distance away especially considering that transport is hard to get as well. So, I spoke to our partners at PanAfrican energy and told them about the difficulties faced by Chumo residents, they understood and commenced construction of this centre in 2017 and here we are today with complete buildings worth more than 800m/-," the DC said.

"We've these buildings also partly thanks to some residents of Chumo who donated land to the community to build this centre which will provide services to children, pregnant women, the elderly and others. Without these land donations we would not be here today."

Tigo Pesa Mastercard Virtual Card Number Service: Innovation at its best in business partnerships

By Guardian Reporter

THE launch of Tigo Pesa Mastercard Virtual Card Number Service following a partnership of Tigo Tanzania, Selcom and Mastercard, shows how business partners with shared values can galvanize synergy and through the principle of strategic partnerships, conduct their businesses by effectively sharing technical knowledge, skills and ideas.

The Tigo Pesa Mastercard Virtual Card Number service unveiled recently, according to Tigo, allows for Tigo consumers to easily make payments at any online purchase point where Mastercard is accepted without the need for a bank account or credit card.

The partnership will see the three telecommunications industry giants revolutionize the digital payment ecosystem by enabling convenient online payments globally through the Tigo Pesa Mastercard Virtual Card Number Service, an innovative service that further fortifies Tigo's history of conceiving top-notch innovations in the local and regional telecoms industry.

Nevertheless, it is the narrative of business partnerships and their importance that must be told here, with Tigo Tanzania leading the pack among the companies that have used strategic partnerships that have led to not only growth of business but also inculcated unflinching loyalty among the leading 'digital lifestyle' company's customers.

Currently, Tigo Tanzania boasts 16 million subscribers and over 13.6 million Tigo Pesa Mobile Financial Services (MFS) accounts, effectively positioning it as the second leading telecoms company in the country.

Business partnerships, ex-

perts say, are important because they play a crucial role to a company's growth. Most importantly, business partnerships usually involve companies that have shared short-term and short-term values and therefore, they come together to forge a partnership so as to bridge any existing gaps in expertise and knowledge for their mutual business and ultimately, for the benefit of their customers.

Granted, business partnerships also create an avenue for sharing ideas, information and advice and also brain power, thus birthing creative solutions and innovating new ways of doing things.

Needless to say, the catchword within the Tigo, Selcom and Mastercard partnership is innovation for which Tigo is famous. As was illustrated by these partners, the overriding bond that brought them together is the art of innovation that is key to success in the telecoms industry.

"Through its distinctive and diverse product portfolio in voice, SMS, high-speed internet and mobile financial services, Tigo has pioneered digital innovations such as the first Smartphone in Swahili, Free Facebook in Swahili, Tigo Pesa App, Tigo Mobile App as well as the first East African cross-border mobile money transfer with currency conversion", echoes Tigo in the oft-quoted line that has always set the telecom apart from its counterparts in the local telecoms market.

Selcom's Executive Director, Sameer Hirji also had this to say on innovation: "At Selcom, we take pride in our unwavering commitment to innovation and excellence in the payment industry. We are thrilled to join forces with esteemed partners like Tigo Pesa and Mastercard to unveil our state-of-the-art

mobile money wallet-linked virtual card".

The sentiments on innovation were equally expressed by Senior Vice President, Digital Partnerships EEMEA, Mastercard, Ngozi Megwa, who said:

"Our innovation approach is focused on enabling the digital transformation of our partners so that millions of customers can enjoy seamless access to a global payments ecosystem with a superior user experience. Our technology is fully equipped to empower our partners to launch innovative and relevant solutions that will create a strong value proposition for all our customers. With our deepened relationships with the telecommunications industry players, this partnership with Tigo embeds our commitment to further expand customer choice and access to digital commerce."

It can be argued therefore, that the common denominator in the Tigo, Selcom and Mastercard is innovation, a novelty that unearths unique products and services for the benefit of the partners' customers.

In the recent past, Tigo has partnered with several partners with a view to offering its customers its famed cutting-edge digital technology.

In 2021, it partnered with Bank of Africa (BOA), a banking provider launched a mobile money savings product dubbed as Tigo Pesa "Kibubu" as well as in May 2022, Partnership with Azania Bank to Launch Tigo Pesa "Bustisha" and overdraft service to enable Tigo Pesa customers to complete their transactions even if they do not have sufficient funds on their wallets, that enables Tigo Pesa customers to save and earn interest.

WORLD

Charles III crowned in ceremony blending history and change

LONDON

KING Charles III was anointed and crowned on Saturday in Britain's biggest ceremonial event for seven decades, a display of pomp and pageantry that sought to marry 1,000 years of history with a monarchy fit for a new era.

In front of a congregation including about 100 world leaders and a television audience of millions, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the spiritual leader of the Anglican Church, slowly placed the 360-year-old St Edward's Crown on Charles' head as he sat upon a 14th-century throne in Westminster Abbey.

During the solemn two-hour service, elements of which date back to the time of King William the Conqueror in 1066, Charles' second wife Camilla was also crowned queen.

A huge military procession followed, gun salutes were fired, thousands of soldiers roared three cheers, and there was a scaled-down flypast by military aircraft as the king and queen waved from the balcony of Buckingham Palace to cheering crowds who gathered on The Mall boulevard.

While rooted in history, the ceremony - only the second British coronation to be televised - was also an attempt to present a forward-looking institution and to reflect a more diverse country.

"I come not to be served but to serve," Charles said at the start.

With Britain struggling to find its way in the political maelstrom after its exit from the European Union and maintain its global standing, the monarchy's supporters say the royal family provides an

international draw, a vital diplomatic tool and a means of keeping it on the world stage.

"No other country could put on such a dazzling display - the processions, the pageantry, the ceremonies, and street parties," Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said.

But despite Sunak's enthusiasm, the coronation took place amid a cost of living crisis and public skepticism, particularly among the young, about the role and relevance of the monarchy.

Charles, 74, automatically succeeded his mother as king of the United Kingdom and 14 other realms including Canada and Australia when Queen Elizabeth died last September.

Saturday's event was on a smaller scale than that staged for her in 1953, but still sought to be spectacular. There was an array of historical regalia from golden orbs and bejeweled swords to a scepter holding the world's largest colorless cut diamond.

After the service, Charles and Camilla, 75, departed in the four-tonne Gold State Coach built for George III, the last king of Britain's American colonies, to ride to Buckingham Palace in a one-mile procession of 4,000 military personnel from 39 nations.

Meanwhile hundreds of soldiers in scarlet uniforms and black bearskin hats lined the route along The Mall for what was the largest ceremonial event of its kind in Britain since Queen Elizabeth's coronation.

Tens of thousands of people ignored pouring rain to mass on the streets to watch what some saw as a moment of history.



Britain's King Charles III (left) and Queen Camilla wave to the crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace after the coronation ceremony in London, May 6, 2023. (PHOTO / AP)

"When I was a young girl, I was able to watch (the coronation of) Queen Elizabeth on television in Hartford, Connecticut, at a friend's house because we had no TV," said retired US teacher Peggy Jane Laver, 79.

"So I'm thrilled to be here for the coronation in person."

Not everyone who came to watch was there to cheer Charles, with hundreds of republicans booing and waving banners reading "Not My King". The Republic campaign group said its leader had been arrested, among 52 people detained as part of a "significant police operation".

Sacred ceremony

Inside the abbey, which was bedecked with flowers and flags, politicians and dignitaries from around the world such as US first lady Jill Biden took their seats alongside 2,200 others from charity workers to celebrities, including actors Emma Thompson, Maggie Smith and Judi Dench and US singer Katy Perry.

Charles looked solemn as he swore oaths to govern justly and uphold the Church of England - of which he is the titular head.

He was then hidden from watching eyes by a screen for the most sacred part of the ceremony when he was anointed on his hands, head and breast by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby with holy oil consecrated in Jerusalem.

After being presented with symbolic regalia, Welby placed the St Edward's Crown on his head and the congregation cried out "God save the King".

Gun salutes were fired at the Tower of London and across the capital, the nation, in Gibraltar, Bermuda and on ships at sea.

Charles' eldest son and heir Prince William, 40, knelt before his father to pledge his loyalty as his "liege man of life and limb".

Much of the ceremony featured elements that Charles' forebears right back to King Edgar

in 973 would recognize, officials said. Handel's coronation anthem "Zadok The Priest" was sung as it has been at every coronation since 1727.

But the service also included an anthem composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, famed for his West End and Broadway theatre shows, a gospel choir, and an "unprecedented" greeting from faith leaders.

However, there was no formal role for either Charles' younger son Prince Harry, after his high-profile falling out with his family, or his brother Prince Andrew, who was forced to quit royal duties because of his friendship with late US financier Jeffrey Epstein, a convicted sex offender.

They sat in the third row behind working members of the royal family and neither appeared on the palace balcony.

Camilla's crowning sealed her rise from a position of deep unpopularity in the period after Charles' divorced first wife, the popular, glamorous Princess Diana, died in a car crash in Paris in 1997.

For the last decade, the royal family has enjoyed massive global media attention, celebrating everything from weddings, births, and significant anniversaries to mourning last year's death of Queen Elizabeth, and now Charles' coronation.

But, no major event is likely for some years, and with polls indicating a decline in support for the monarchy, especially among the young, commentators say adapting and staying relevant is the greatest challenge to the institution.

Neil Edward, 72, a retired salesman who traveled from southwest England to watch, said the experience had been a mixture of pride and nostalgia with a touch of sadness that this might be the last big royal event he attends.

"Without them, I don't know how we would come together to celebrate big events like this," he said.

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US, Ukraine to blame for terror attack against Prilepin - Russian MFA

MOSCOW

KIEV and its Western patrons, in the first place, the US are primarily responsible for the terrorist attack against writer Zakhar Prilepin, the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Saturday.

"Responsibility for this and other terrorist acts lies not only with the Ukrainian authorities, but with their Western patrons, in the first place, the United States, who since the coup d'etat of February 2014 have painstakingly nurtured the anti-Russian neo-Nazi project in Ukraine," the statement reads.

"The lack of Washington's condemnation of another in a string of terrorist attacks against a Russian journalist and public figure is an act of self-exposure by the US authorities. The silence of international organizations concerned is impermissible."

"The terrorist attack against Prilepin is yet another manifestation of the systemic approach to liquidating ideological opponents, which has been actively cultivated in Ukraine by Washington since 2014 to have becoming a basic reflex of the Kiev regime," the Foreign Ministry said.

The Foreign Ministry offered condolences to the near and dear ones of the man who died in the attack and wished Prilepin a prompt recovery.

Details of terrorist attack

On Saturday morning, an explosive device went off in an Audi Q7 carrying Zakhar Prilepin. The incident occurred in the village of Pionersky, the Nizhny Novgorod Region.

The writer was wounded and his driver killed. There were no other victims, the police said.

A criminal case was launched under article 205 of the Criminal Code (an act of terrorism). Law enforcement officials told TASS that a group of saboteurs might have been behind the attack.

The investigators are probing into the complicity of a detainee, identified as Alexander Permyakov, in the assassination attempt. The suspect has testified he has been acting on instructions from Ukrainian secret services.

Iran executes 'terror' group's ringleader

TEHRAN

IRAN on Saturday executed Habib Farajollah Chaab, the ringleader of the Harakat al-Nazal group, for masterminding and conducting several "terror" operations in the southeastern Iranian province of Khuzestan. Mizan news agency of the Iranian judiciary reported.

According to Mizan, among the "terrorist" attacks plotted by Chaab (pictured), a Swedish-Iranian dual national, was one on a military parade in the southwestern city of Ahvaz in 2018 that killed 25 people and injured many others.

The report said the acts of the "terror" group have so far caused deaths and injuries of 450 Iranian civilians.

In November 2020, the Iranian Intelligence Ministry announced the arrest of Chaab in Türkiye.

In early March, Iran's Supreme Court upheld the death sentence of Chaab for alleged "corruption on earth," a term used by Iranian authorities to refer to a range of offenses including those related to violating Islamic codes.

The ruling was appealed in March, but was rejected following "all-out and accurate" considerations by the Iranian judicial authorities, Mizan said.

The report said Chaab confessed to having relations with Israeli intelligence service Mossad, US Central Intelligence Agency, the Islamic State, and the Swedish Security Service (Sapo).

Headquartered in Denmark and the Netherlands, the Harakat al-Nazal group was founded in 1999. It has claimed responsibility for several assassinations and attacks against energy infrastructure and civilian targets over the years, according to the website of Iran's High Council for Human Rights.

The group is currently classified as a terrorist organization by the Iranian government.

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Hollywood writers strike over pay and AI

LOS ANGELES

THE Writers Guild of America (WGA) and its 11,500 members went on strike this week. The industry-wide strike is the first in 15 years, bringing Hollywood production on many new projects to a halt.

According to the WGA and other industry experts, the entertainment industry is currently undergoing a major transformation with the rise of streaming services and massive change in consumer viewing habits, which is adversely affecting writers and their livelihood.

The labor union, which represents creators who write scripted series, features, news programs and other content, pointed out that despite massive revenues for streamers worldwide, writers are not receiving their fair share of profits from the booming streaming industry and they want to see writers' wages, residuals and health care increased accord-

ingly.

However, some studios and producers are hesitant to give in to the WGA's demands, citing the financial implications of increasing their pay and benefits as just too costly.

The wide gulf between the two sides could lead to a prolonged standoff between writers and industry executives with the potential for creating long-term damage to the entertainment industry as series and projects go dark.

Opponents of the strike cite the last strike of writers in 2007, which lasted 100 days and cost the Hollywood entertainment industry and Los Angeles economy an estimated 2 billion U.S. dollars.

U.S. media and Hollywood insiders noted the most immediate effects of the strike. "Now that the strike has been called, industry insiders are scrambling to shut down shows - late-night comedy programs, including 'Saturday Night Live,' and daytime talk shows are the first to feel the hit,"



reported Variety, a top Hollywood trade publication, adding that studios are initiating contingency plans to keep film production rolling on projects with completed scripts.

The Los Angeles Times pointed out that a long strike could have a ripple effect on not only film and television production, but also the Southern California economy. "The impact is also likely to be felt in Georgia, New York, New Mex-

ico and other production hubs nationwide.

Without writers, scripted television shows will struggle to continue filming and live late-night shows will stop immediately," the biggest newspaper on the U.S. West Coast noted.

However, writers say the time has come to redress the inequities of the current system. "Some studio and streamer executives say they need to cut costs to en-

sure profitability," Bob Underwood, member of the WGA's Foreign Task Force, told Xinhua.

"But writers have difficulty believing they need to make so little when some of the same executives who talk about the need to contain costs are making sure that they are paid tens or even hundreds of millions per year," he asserted.

Triple-threat Writer-Producer-Director Jeff Most, best known for "The Crow" film series, concurred and pointed out that entertainment company executives - particularly streamers - have taken advantage of the massive revenues coming in to be paid some of the highest salaries in history, while writers' incomes have continued to erode.

"Far fewer feature film scripts are being bought now and the trend is for smaller TV 'writers rooms' with fewer writers per series and very low residuals. None of those trends are good for the writers," Most told Xinhua.

Good times for US economy may be over, says billionaire investor Buffett

OMAHA

BILLIONAIRE investor Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, said Saturday that the majority of his company's businesses would report "lower earnings this year than last year," suggesting the good times for the U.S. economy may be over.

"It is a different climate than it was six months ago," Buffett said at the Berkshire Hathaway 2023 Annual Shareholders Meeting on Saturday, the first in-person meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic began, gathering tens of thousands of shareholders

from over 40 countries.

Buffett, 92, (pictured) said his managers "were surprised" by the economic conditions, with Berkshire companies forced to deal with excess inventory.

"In the general economy, the feedback we get is that perhaps the majority of our businesses will actually report lower earnings this year than last year," said Buffett, who said Berkshire owes its success to the incredible growth of the U.S. economy over the decades.

Talking about the recent U.S. bank failures, Buffett said it would have been "catastrophic" to let any Sili-



con Valley Bank depositors lose their money when regulators seized the troubled California lender, calling for

more conservative banking practices.

Bank regulators must find a way to punish executives and board members who make risky decisions that doom a bank, calling for better communication with the American public to prevent further potential bank runs, said Buffett.

Buffett expects issues in the banking sector could continue, but he said depositors shouldn't worry about their money.

When asked if the U.S. dollar can continue its global dominance, Buffett said it's unlikely that the U.S. dollar will be dethroned as the reserve currency, even amid concerns about

the U.S. debt ceiling. Still, he warned against the extent to which the United States has been printing money.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Monday that the deadline to extend the debt ceiling or face the first U.S. default could be as early as June 1.

Buffett spoke briefly on the debt limit, noting that he could not imagine the U.S. government allowing "the debt ceiling to cause the world to go into turmoil."

He also expressed broad worry about the trajectory of U.S. politics, saying that "Partisanship, it seems to be, has moved toward tribalism, and tribalism just doesn't work as well."

Berkshire operates in various industries, including insurance, energy, real estate, railroads, manufacturing, retail and services. The scale and scope of its operations mean investors view it as a microcosm of the U.S. economy.

Berkshire's annual shareholders' meeting, dubbed by Buffett and fans as "Woodstock for Capitalists," was held for the first time in 1973 in the employee cafeteria at an insurance company they owned.

The annual lunchroom gatherings stayed small for several years. As Berkshire got bigger, the meeting moved to larger arenas

Xinhua

Türkiye's Erdogan doesn't flinch in fight for political life

ANKARA

WITH his two-decade rule in the balance, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has pulled out all the stops on the campaign trail as he battles to survive his toughest political test yet and shield his legacy from an emboldened opposition.

Erdogan, the son of a sea captain, has faced stiff political headwinds ahead of a May 14 election: He was already facing blame over an economic crisis when a devastating earthquake in February left his government accused of a slow response and lax enforcement of building rules that may have saved lives.

As polls show a tight race, critics have drawn parallels with the circumstances that brought his AK Party to power in 2002, in an election also shaped by high inflation and economic turmoil.

His opponents have vowed to unpick many of the changes Erdogan has made to Türkiye, which he has sought to shape to his vision of a pious, conservative society and assertive regional player.

The high stakes are nothing new for a leader who once served a prison sentence - for reciting a religious poem

- and survived an attempted military coup in 2016 when rogue soldiers attacked parliament and killed 250 people.

With so much at stake in the presidential and parliamentary polls, the veteran of more than a dozen election victories has taken aim at his critics in typically combative fashion.

Accusing the opposition of seeking advantage from a catastrophe, Erdogan has made several visits to the quake zone where more than 50,000 died, vowing rapid reconstruction and to punish builders who skirted building regulations.

He has peppered the election run-up with celebrations of industrial milestones, including the launch of Türkiye's first electric car and the inauguration of its first amphibious assault ship, built in Istanbul to carry Turkish-made drones.

Erdogan also flicked the switch on Türkiye's first delivery of natural gas from a Black Sea reserve, promising households free supplies, and inaugurated its first nuclear power station in a ceremony attended virtually by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

He has enjoyed extensive coverage from mainstream media while state



media has paid scant attention to his main challenger, Kemal Kilicdaroglu, prompting accusations of an unfair playing field from the opposition.

His attacks against the main opposition alliance have included accusations of support from the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), which has been waging an insurgency since the 1980s in which more than 40,000 people have been killed.

Kilicdaroglu, who was endorsed by the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP), has responded by defending Kurdish rights and accused Erdogan of "treating millions of Kurds as terrorists".

As he seeks to shore up his appeal

among conservative voters, Erdogan has also spoken against homosexuality, describing LGBT rights as a "deviant" concept he would fight.

'Building Türkiye together'

Polls suggest voting could go to a second round and some show Erdogan trailing. This hints at the depth of a cost-of-living crisis sparked by his unorthodox economic policies.

Authorities' drive to slash interest rates in the face of soaring inflation aimed to boost economic growth, but it crashed the currency in late 2021 and worsened inflation.

Despite indications his party could return to more orthodox policies, Erdogan last month stressed that interest rates would fall as long as he was in power and that inflation would decline with them.

The economy was one of Erdogan's main assets in the first decade of his rule, when Türkiye enjoyed a protracted boom with new roads, hospitals and schools and rising living standards for its 85 million people.

"If he loses, that will damage his image. But for the people who love him, they will not give up on him very easily," said Seda Demiralp, chair of the Depart-

ment of International Relations at Isik University in Istanbul.

Halime Duman said high prices had put many groceries out of her reach but she remained convinced Erdogan could still fix her problems. "I swear, Erdogan can solve it with a flick of his wrist," she said at a market in central Istanbul.

Humble roots

The president rose from humble roots in a poor district of Istanbul where he attended Islamic vocational school, entering politics as a local party youth branch leader. After serving as Istanbul mayor, he stepped onto the national stage as head of the AK Party (AKP), becoming prime minister in 2003.

His AKP tamed Türkiye's military, which had toppled four governments since 1960, and in 2005 began talks to secure a decades-long ambition to join the European Union - a process that later came to a grinding halt.

After the coup attempt authorities launched a crackdown, jailing more than 77,000 people pending trial and dismissing or suspending 150,000 from state jobs. Erdogan's government said the purge was justified by threats from coup supporters, as well as Islamic State and the PKK.

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China to help Afghanistan realise stability at early date

ISLAMABAD

CHINA is ready to help Afghanistan realise self-reliance, peace, stability, development and prosperity at an early date, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang said on Saturday.

While meeting with Amir Khan Muttaqi, acting foreign minister of the Afghan interim government in the Pakistani capital, Qin said China and Afghanistan are traditionally friendly neighbours connected by mountains and rivers.

The two countries have been supporting, understanding and trusting each other, he said, noting that no matter how the international situation evolves, China will always stand firmly with the Afghan people and support Afghanistan in pursuing a development path that suits its national conditions.

The Chinese side will continue to respect Afghanistan's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, and deepen cooperation with Afghanistan in various fields, Qin said.

Afghanistan should earnestly fulfill its commitment to fighting terrorism, resolutely crack down on terrorist forces, including the East Turkistan Islamic Movement, and ensure the safety of Chinese personnel and institutions in Afghanistan, the Chinese foreign minister said.

He noted that China will continue to advance the China-Afghanistan-Pakistan trilateral dialogue and cooperation based on the principles of equal consultation, pragmatic cooperation and friendship, and mutual benefit.

For his part, Muttaqi said Afghanistan attaches great importance to developing relations with China and will never allow any force to use its territory for anti-China activities.

Afghanistan hopes to strengthen cooperation with China in such fields as economy, trade, people-to-people exchanges and infrastructure within the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative to safeguard common interests and benefit the two peoples, Muttaqi said.

Huawei announces switch to MetaERP, redefining enterprises' core business systems

DONGGUAN

HUAWEI has announced that it has replaced the legacy ERP system with its MetaERP system over which it has full control.

Currently, Huawei hosted the MetaERP Award Ceremony to recognize the individuals and teams who made critical contributions to this project. The event titled: "Heroes Fighting to Cross the Dadu River" was held at the company's Xi Liu Bei Po Village Campus in Dongguan, China.

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) is the most critical enterprise management IT system. Huawei introduced the Manufacturing Resource Planning (MRP) II system in 1996, and later expanded to the ERP system with several iterative upgrades.

The old ERP system was the core system underpinning Huawei's enterprise operations and rapid development for more than 20 years. It supported Huawei's efficient business operations, which generate hundreds of billions of dollars every year, across more than 170 countries and regions worldwide.

In 2019, Huawei began facing increased external pressure and business challenges. The company decided to develop a completely self-controlled MetaERP system to replace the old ERP system. This has been the most extensive and

complex transformation project Huawei has ever undertaken. Over the past three years, Huawei has invested significant resources and assigned several thousand people to this project, while also working with industry and ecosystem partners to overcome related challenges. This new, future-oriented, ultra-large-scale, and cloud-native MetaERP system has already gone live, replacing the old ERP system.

MetaERP currently handles 100% of Huawei's business scenarios and 80% of its business volume. MetaERP has already passed the tests of monthly, quarterly, and yearly settlements, while ensuring zero faults, zero delays, and zero accounting adjustments.

Tao Jingwen, Huawei's Board Member and President of the Quality, Business Process & IT management Department said: "We were cut off from our old ERP system and other core operation and management systems more than three years ago. Since then, we have not only been able to build our own MetaERP, but also manage the switch and prove its capabilities. Today we are proud to announce that we have broken through the blockade. We have survived!"

Huawei has complete, full-stack control over MetaERP, which has been built with other Huawei systems like EulerOS and GaussDB. Huawei



Recognizing Huawei's partners at the MetaERP Award Ceremony

has also worked with partners to incorporate advanced technologies, such as cloud-native architecture, metadata-driven multi-tenant architecture, and real-time intelligence, into the MetaERP system, significantly improving service efficiency and operational quality.

Huawei's guiding principles are to build the simplest possible ar-

chitecture with the best possible quality, delivering the best possible experience at the lowest possible costs. In a range of fields, including both ERP and PLM,

Huawei will keep working with partners to build more efficient and secure core enterprise business systems that are not subject to any restrictions.

Sabrina Meng, Huawei's Rotating Chairwoman and CFO, said: "Leaps in technology take a spirit of craftsmanship and years of experience.

More importantly, it takes an open mind to drive leaps in the way we think. We wouldn't have been able to build MetaERP without the support of our partners.

Innovation is only possible with an open mind, and thriving is only possible when we work together."

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Iraqi PM calls on global intervention to save Tigris, Euphrates rivers

BAGHDAD

IRAQI Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani on Saturday stressed that Iraq is suffering from water scarcity due to climate change and urgent international intervention is necessary to save the twin rivers in his country.

Under the auspices of the al-Sudani, the Baghdad 3rd International Water Conference was launched in Baghdad on Saturday, which was participated by Iraqi officials, diplomats and representatives from Arab countries and neighboring countries such as Iran and Türkiye, as well as international organizations specialized in the field of water and climate.

This conference focuses on water resources and climate changes, aiming at preserving biodiversity, rationalizing the usage of water, and activating international coordination and cooperation, according to Iraqi Minister of Water Resources Aoun Diab.

"Climate change is the primary factor contributing to the current water crisis in Iraq," al-Sudani told the conference, adding that the water scarcity in his country was compounded by unresolved water issues with upstream countries and an outdated water management system.

Al-Sudani pointed out that "urgent international intervention is necessary to save the Tigris and Euphrates rivers" to help Iraq in ensuring its water security and the future of its generations.



A picture taken on May 1, 2023, shows the drop in the water levels at the Tigris River in Baghdad. (PHOTO / AFP)

According to the UN Environment Program, Iraq ranks as the fifth most vulnerable country in the world to climate change, which will negatively impact social security and health in the war-torn country.

Iraq heavily relies on the Tigris and Euphrates

rivers, which originate in Türkiye, to fulfill its water needs. But the water levels in the twin rivers have declined significantly over the years as a result of drought climate, the construction of dams, and the diversion of water upstream.

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Tens of thousands join protests against Israeli judicial overhaul

TEL AVIV

TENS of thousands of Israelis joined protests across the country on Saturday against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's bitterly disputed plans to tighten controls on the Supreme Court.

The planned overhaul, which would give the government control over naming judges to the Supreme Court and let parliament override many rulings, was paused after opponents organized some of the biggest street protests ever seen in Israel, now in their 18th consecutive week.

The government accuses activist judges of increasingly usurping the role of parliament, and says the overhaul is needed to restore balance between the judiciary and elected politicians.

Critics say it will remove vital checks and balances underpinning a democratic state and hand unchecked power to the government.

Five months into the far-right coalition's term, 74 percent of Israelis think the government is functioning poorly, according to a poll released by the Israeli public broadcaster on Friday.

Crowds gathered in central Tel Aviv on Saturday in a show of defiance against plans which they see as an existential threat to Israeli democracy.

Israel's Channel 12 estimated 110,000 people demonstrated in Tel Aviv alone, with

other demonstrations held in cities across the country.

"I'm very worried for my country," protester Bental Shamir, a 60-year old teacher told Reuters in Tel Aviv. "I don't want a corrupted country."

The planned overhaul has been put on hold in an attempt to give time for Israeli President Isaac Herzog, who plays a largely ceremonial role, to broker a compromise between the coalition and opposition which could see the legislation softened, but so far compromise talks have not born fruit.

"I'm sure that we are closer than we can imagine," lawyer Dor Lasker, 35, told Reuters regarding the compromise talks. "I'm positive that it could happen."

Protesters waved the blue and white Israeli flags that have become a hallmark of the protests over the past three months.

A statement from the Israeli president's office said King Charles III greeted Herzog after the coronation ceremony in London and commended him for his mediation efforts.



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KHARTOUM

AS the fighting between the Sudanese Army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) enters the fourth week, the residents of the Sudanese capital Khartoum are confronted with more hardships due to a lack of basic services.

Residents in Khartoum, Omdurman and Bahri (Khartoum North) are going through a serious crisis that features a short supply of bread, water and electricity as well as the exposure of water and electricity facilities to military strikes.

Lack of basic services upset Sudanese as fighting enters 4th week

On Friday, people who fled shortly after the fighting are left with no choices but to re-emerge in a number of neighborhoods in the Sudanese capital, where they are seeking to buy some bread and other necessities. Only a few bakeries are still open in the three cities of the capital, but they are unable to supply enough food due to the severe shortage of flour, ongoing power outages, and the lack of cooking gas.

To solve the problems, Suda-

nese Finance Minister Jibril Ibrahim announced on Friday the establishment of two committees, one for handling humanitarian emergencies and the other for monitoring the flow of goods and services. "We are making every effort with the parties to provide food and fuel," Ibrahim said in a statement on Friday.

"Safe passages must be kept open for medical staff to reach their workplaces, and for engineers to fix electricity and water

problems," he said.

Several hospitals are out of service due to a shortage in medicines. According to the Sudanese Doctors Union, medical staff are unable to reach hospitals, and health facilities have either been destroyed or seized and turned into military barracks.

"We reject any military presence inside medical facilities," the union said in a statement on Friday. The union urged the conflicting parties to "prevent the armed

presence in or near medical facilities and medical institutions, stop using them as bombing platforms, and stop turning them into a battlefield."

Additionally, Internet services are hardly accessible to the residents of Khartoum, who are also facing difficulties in communicating through the main telecommunications networks. Due to repeated power outages and fuel shortage, the telecommunications sector in Sudan has had a tough

time in providing services to subscribers ever since the clashes broke out between the army and the RSF on April 15. MTN Communication Sudan announced on Friday that it had to suspend all services provided to subscribers in Khartoum because of power outages at its facilities.

"The generators' fuel could not be transported due to the current circumstances. We appeal to the concerned authorities to find urgent solutions," the company said

in a statement on its Facebook account.

Meanwhile, the clashes between the army and the RSF continued on Friday despite the two sides earlier this week having agreed to a seven-day truce extension proposed by the regional African bloc Inter-Governmental Authority on Development.

The Sudanese Army said on Friday that it has sent negotiators to the Saudi port city of Jeddah to discuss the humanitarian truce as part of a Saudi-American initiative to end the conflict in the African country. **Xinhua**

Sporting infrastructure insufficient for leading clubs' pitched ambitions

By Correspondent John Kimbute

JUST as Tanzania and kindred neighbours were announcing plans to bid for holding the 2026 Africa Cup of Nations jointly, serious gaps were being noticed in the viability of local sporting infrastructure.

The flagship competition facility, the Benjamin Mkapa Stadium located in Dar es Salaam, had to endure close to 40 minutes for the second time, for lights to be restored to the pitch.

This time the relevant authorities took administrative measures and changed the management.

Nothing was surprising about the failure of the lights during the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup quarterfinal rematch between Tanzania's Young Africans, alias Yanga, and Rivers United of Nigeria, played at the stadium as nearly the same situation came up with Taifa Stars played Uganda two months earlier or thereabouts.

Official explanations were likely to focus on the paucity of installed infrastructure, limited funds for maintenance or renewal of equipment parts, etc, but connoisseurs know the opposite is the case.

It is a trained habit of managers of public facilities to gain from urgencies, as plenty of money is quickly unblocked.

Just how far that may persist in the coming months or years and even beyond is anybody's guess, for there is a link between weaknesses of original project implementation, and additional weaknesses of facility management.

At each turn, weaknesses enable some people to pocket copious amounts of money, and only in several years, or decades would such weaknesses be laid bare.



Benjamin Mkapa Stadium

Taking note of such weaknesses and then figuring out how they help some people spin cash is a different issue as the facility, like any other, is an 'eating spot' by nature.

In that case, there are inbuilt habits in running public facilities that privilege periodic breakdowns, either of an incidental sort or a major need.

The stoppage of electricity twice in as many international encounters may relate to the incidental variety, that the power flow is likely to be disrupted so someone pays technicians to rush to the spot, and even demands a replacement part to be obtained urgently, which can also be used in a state of pecuniary leverage.

That it happened twice may as well indicate a carefully leveraged weakness, not too small or too big.

The time taken in waiting for the match to start was comparable in the Taifa Stars vs Uganda match as in the Yanga vs Rivers United encounter, 36 minutes in the first incident and either 41 minutes or thereabouts in the latest incident.

That means the runs-in or out for technicians to fix the

problem was nearly the same in both incidents, implying that it needed the same intervention features to follow, whether it is gathering the personnel, equipment, or use of skills, that it was nearly identical.

That means it was roughly the same sort of problem as in the earlier context, not a different one.

If this impression may to an extent be valid, it means there will be a time lag for the same situation to start occurring, as repeating it amidst change may prove a bit challenging for those managing the stadium, apart from the direct manager.

It is thus to be expected that change will be noticed in how matches played late evening will proceed, though organizers for international matches, in particular, may hesitate to line up late evening matches there.

That there is a new manager might not cut the ice with them, as perhaps the problem is not quite the manager but the owners.

This is an illustration of uneven development in the soccer scene, where a major facility is built well before there are frequent matches to fill it, at the

start of the new century.

Its ownership and managerial patterns are though not elevated to a different level, even as the leading soccer clubs reorganize themselves into far more competitive business models, changing the atmosphere of expectations.

As they do not have their stadia, those running facilities can play around with them.

Still, there was a difference in reactions in the Taifa Stars encounter electricity mishap and in the latest incident, as at that time it looked a bit bizarre but on the whole, it was a benign affair rather typical of power outages generally.

But when it was repeated in an admittedly more prestigious setting, not qualifiers for a specific tournament but quarter-finals, and where the danger existed of the local side getting problems if restoring the light proved beyond reach, then the urgency of a change of management was keenly felt. The question is if it is the end of the matter.

Here there are just some proverbial expressions to go with, as on the one hand the new team knows it has to deliver, or perhaps the new manager, as it is unclear if the stadium owners will see the need to change personnel in a more generalized manner.

That is all the same unlikely as no grounds exist for such a measure, as it could only follow from extensive accusations or probing of conduct, to unearth a layer of misconduct or gain from deliberate omissions.

Nothing of the sort is either there or imagined, so chances of similar disturbances are there, depending on how far the stadium managers feel that those in charge are oblivious of any such setting.



Tanzanian Paralympic Powerlifter, Yohana Mwila.

Dar weightlifter holds sway in 2023 National Paralympic Championships

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

PARALYMPIC weightlifter, Yohana Mwila, has won the weightlifting showdown of this season's National Paralympic Championships which took place at Uhuru Stadium in Dar es Salaam over the weekend.

The National Paralympic Championships attracted Paralympic athletes in athletics and Para powerlifting categories.

Nemes Chivalala, Mwila's coach, said the weight lifter lifted 135kg weight while second-placed Simon Parasu lifted 125kg weight and Juma Saidi who settled for third spot lifted 85kg weight.

Chivalala said in the women's category of the showdown, Celine Kalimbe lifted 65 kg, tying with Bedina Nyinyimbi, Celine, however, was awarded the top honour due to her body mass weight. Malina Mponji lifted 60kg to take the third spot.

The coach said he is happy with the level of competition showcased by his Paralympic powerlifters.

"I'm really happy with the competition, it seems they were all well-prepared for the championships, I'm urging them to keep working hard," he said.

Speaking after the championships, Mwila said he is delighted with the results, adding it will motivate him to work hard ahead of this year's All-Africa Paralympic Games to be held in

Ghana from September 3-12.

"It's good, the results are a motivating factor to me, they will inspire me to work hard ahead of the coming All-Africa Paralympic Games in Ghana," he said.

Thirty-six nations are expected to battle it out in African Paralympic Games. The performers will put their skills to show in Para athletics, Para powerlifting, Para-Taekwondo, wheelchair tennis, wheelchair basketball, goalball, sitting volleyball, and blind football.

Meanwhile, Mwila has disclosed that his participation in this season's Dubai Championships, slated for August, hangs in balance as he is lacking a sponsor.

The Dubai Championships run from August 23-30 and have been sanctioned by the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). The championships will also serve as a qualification for the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games.

Mwila revealed: "So far I'm not sure if I will travel to Dubai for the championships which are vital for my participation in the next year's Paris Paralympic Games."

"With the help of the Tanzania Paralympic Committee and others, we are still hunting for the money so that I can travel to Dubai," he said.

Mwila earned his Paris Paralympic Games qualification in last year's Birmingham Commonwealth Paralympic Games.

Nyambui calls for more junior athletics events in Tanzania

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

TANZANIAN athletics coach Suleiman Nyambui has called for more collaborative efforts in the development of junior athletics in the country.

Nyambui, also an athletics legend, said so in a response to the country's dismal showing in the just-ended Confederation of African Athletics (CAA) African Junior Athletics Championships that were held in Ndola, Zambia.

Tanzania's junior athletics team won two medals, one silver, and one bronze, to settle for the 12th spot in the showdown involving U-20 and U-18 runners.

The two medals were won by Mwanaamina Mkwaju in the jav-

elin and Samir Sururu in the shot put categories.

Nyambui attributed the national junior athletics side's performance in the championships to shoddy preparations, revealing there is a need for the country to have many junior athletics championships.

He also called upon athletics stakeholders to make follow up on athletes identified in national inter-school competitions, stressing due to lack of follow up many talented athletes are lost in transition.

The former athlete noted: "To me, the team did not have proper preparations, the preparations were somehow disjointed and, with such kind of preparations, you can't expect to win many

medals, such a feat might be achieved via miracles."

Nyambui noted: "Time has come now for more junior athletes events as this is the only platform which can give a junior athlete experience and build his confidence."

"It is very worrying that we have many athletics events for seniors in our country while those of juniors are very few," he lamented. "We also need to start making follow-up on talented and potential athletes identified in national inter-schools events," he said.

Currently, the only well-organized youth athletics showdown in the country is Tanzania Youth Athletics Championships (TAYAC) held in Arusha annually.

Nyambui also suggested that

Athletics Tanzania (AT) and stakeholders should revamp regional athletics championships that are no longer organized in many regions.

He said athletics development in the country is the government's responsibility.

"AT has no funds for talent identification and coordinating regional championships but if stakeholders like the Ministry of Education and others can join in they can identify more young athletes set to be nurtured for the future national team," he said.

South Africa ended as the overall winner in both the U-18 and U-20 categories of the CAA African Junior Athletics Championships.

Nyambui's remarks should be

taken as a wake-up call as Tanzania's junior athletes have in recent times not performing as expected, at the

The 2023 East and Central Africa Junior Athletics Championships (EAAR), hosted by Tanzania, witnessed athletes from Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar put below-par showing, with two athletes from either side grabbing gold medals while Kenya won 13 gold medals.

The regional showdown ended with Kenya's junior athletes finishing as overall winners, Zanzibar secured the second spot, whilst Mainland Tanzania ended third.

Fifteen athletes that had preparations at Tanzania Episcopal Conference (TEC) in Dar es Sa-

laam formed the national junior team for the 2023 CAA African Junior Athletics Championships.

The athletes are Said Ali that was the envoy in 100m and 200m races in U-18 and U-20, Alex Sezario (U-20's 100m), and Nicodemus Joseph battled it out in U-18's 1500m and 5000m races.

Gasis Gesasa competed in U-20 Boys' 100m and 200m races and Elia Clement was in U-20's 100m race.

The other U-20 competitor making the squad is Benedict Martius that competed in the 200m race, while Hafidh Talib was a competitor in U-20's discus.

In Boys U-18, Mpaji Gipson was the country envoy in the long jump and Samir Sururu put his skills to show in the shot put.



The 2023 Absa Dar City Marathon's 21km men's winner, Augustino Sulle (L), is presented with 1m/- prize by Absa Bank Tanzania Managing Director, Obedi Laizer (C), during presentation ceremony of the race in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Absa Bank Tanzania, one of the giant financial institutions in Tanzania, sponsored the marathon. Looking on is Absa Bank Tanzania's Head of Marketing and Corporate Relations, Aron Luhanga. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

Everybody wrote off Liverpool - but Mo Salah had a different idea

By Mike McGrath

IT was perhaps fitting that Mohamed Salah, nicknamed the Egyptian King, scored on Coronation Day. The player hailed by fans as Liverpool royalty netted with a scruffy close-range finish that broke records at Anfield.

Most significant of the landmarks was joining Steven Gerrard on 186 goals for the club, with only Ian Rush (346), Roger Hunt (285), Gordon Hodgson (241) and Billy Liddell (228) ahead of him on the list of Liverpool's greatest goalscorers. He was also the first player to score in nine consecutive home games, taking him to 100 Anfield goals overall.

The bigger picture for Jurgen Klopp's team is that they are putting huge pressure on Manchester United in the race for the Champions League places. Klopp has played down chances, saying his team had longer to put together a run when they came up on the rails in the 2020/21 campaign.

But they are stringing together wins that will see them run United close. With Erik ten Hag's team losing on Thursday evening, this victory took Liverpool a point behind their great rivals. They have played more games, but have applied scoreboard pressure with wins on the board. Over to their arch-rivals at West Ham on Sunday.

It is seen as unbecoming to celebrate a fourth-placed finish in the way Arsenal used to under Arsene Wenger, yet who would begrudge Liverpool their moment if they overhaul United. They were in 10th position at the start of February, with barely a hope given of European qualification let alone the Champions League.

This victory was not without its scares, thanks to Brentford's street-smart counter attacks. But it ended up being their sixth win in a row thanks to Salah. Neither his finish or the performance was vintage, but it was enough. They have three winnable games to take them to a maximum 71 points.

In Salah they have a player in the habit of finding the net, his goal taking him to 13 from his past 17 appearances. It is Erling Haaland and Marcus Rashford who have taken the headlines this season but Salah has quietly been finding the back of the net regularly, which has taken his team up the table and within sight of their unlikely achievement.

Fans made clear their feelings towards the national anthem being played before kick-off, roundly jeering God Save The King after it was played on the advice of the Premier League. Some chanted "Liverpool" instead as players stood around the centre-circle.

The current king of the Kop is Salah and the match was not a quarter-of-an-hour old when he scored his Gerrard-equalling goal. Having looked comfortable in possession, they took their time trying to break the backline of Brentford's flat-back five. It was Fabinho who first tried to get behind visitors and his cross to the far post opened them up.

Virgil van Dijk unselfishly headed across goal and Salah had enough time to scuff his initial effort into the ground before volleying into the roof of the net at the second attempt. It was also his 30th of the campaign, the third consecutive season he has reached that landmark.

Such has been Liverpool's run of recent victories, their pattern of play looked routine rather than going through the gears, players well-tuned to their functions. It meant Trent Alexander-Arnold moving into central midfield and picking long passes that had fans applauding.

One pass lofted behind the Brentford defence found Darwin Nunez in front of goal and the Uruguayan striker was shouting at himself in his native tongue for passing up such a good opportunity. When Trent Alexander-Arnold had the ball pinched off his toes in a dangerous position, it showed the risks he can take in possession but these errors have been close to non-existent on Liverpool's recent run. His team-mates covered to block off Bryan Mbeumo on this occasion.

Klopp was clapping his goalkeeper, Alisson Becker, when the Brazilian started a move with a well-placed throw down the middle of the pitch. It seemed Liverpool were looking to put the game to bed, while Brentford's threat was on counter-attacks and the physical presence of Ivan Toney.

When the England striker was felled by Fabinho, he took the free-kick himself and was only just wide of the post. Mbeumo had the ball in the net after a counter-attack but was hauled back for offside.

Cody Gakpo was playing more as a midfielder, dropping back from his usual forward position, but found himself a couple of yards from goal in the second half. Diogo Jota fizzed the ball across and it somehow went wide off Gakpo, when it had looked impossible to miss the target.

Brentford remained in the game while there was only one goal between the teams. Toney was causing problems across the Liverpool backline, drawing fouls in dangerous areas and getting his team-mates into the game with hold-up play.

Alisson getting booked for time-wasting pointed to how the match was being played out. Brentford threatening, while Liverpool looked to the final whistle for their three points. Alexander-Arnold arrowed one effort towards the top corner as he looked to cap his excellent display with a goal, but David Raya tipped over spectacularly.

THE TELEGRAPH

LeBron's Lakers rout Warriors 127-97, take 2-1 series lead

LOS ANGELES

LEBRON James didn't take a shot in the first quarter of Game 3 for the first time in his NBA-record 275 playoff appearances, and the Los Angeles Lakers' home crowd rumbled with mild uncertainty each time he passed the ball instead.

Turns out James and his Lakers were just taking a while to warm up before they steamrolled the Golden State Warriors.

Anthony Davis had 25 points and 13 rebounds, a slow-starting James finished with 21 points, eight assists and eight rebounds, and the Lakers took a 2-1 lead in their second-round playoff series with a 127-97 victory Saturday night.

D'Angelo Russell hit five 3-pointers while scoring 21 points for the seventh-seeded Lakers, who remained unbeaten at home in the postseason with a strong defensive effort against the reigning NBA champions. Los Angeles seized control in the middle quarters, outscoring the Warriors 63-38 to turn Game 3 into a laugher.

"We're one of the best defensive teams in the league, if not the best," James said. "For us to reach our potential, we have to defend at a high level. Not one team in this league tests you more in that than Gold-



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James tosses powder in the air prior to Game 3 of an NBA basketball Western Conference semifinal against the Golden State Warriors Saturday, May 6, 2023, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo)

en State, so we have to be alert for a test on every single possession."

James curiously didn't shoot the ball until well into the second quarter, yet he led the way while Los Angeles pulled away. The 38-year-old also mixed in a handful of plays that defied his age and 20 years of NBA experience, making a deft spin move and blocking a shot on the other end shortly after he leaped the front row of fans and ran well up into the stands following a deflection.

"That's just how the game was going," James said of his unusual start. "I didn't want to force it. Just let the game come

to me and make my imprint when needed."

Stephen Curry scored 23 points and Andrew Wiggins had 16 in a collective stinker for the Warriors, who committed 19 turnovers and never mounted a response to the Lakers on either end in the second half. Golden State went 13 for 44 on 3-pointers - making just 10 while the game was still competitive - after hitting 21 in each of the series' first two games in San Francisco.

Game 4 is Monday night in Los Angeles.

Davis had an impressive bounce-back game under both baskets, blocking four shots and

leading the Lakers' latest strong defensive effort. Los Angeles has built its 16-5 run since March 17 on defense, and the Warriors couldn't hit enough shots from the perimeter to counteract their disadvantages in size and athleticism.

"After that first quarter, guys just really turned it up," Lakers coach Darvin Ham said. "They dialed up their competitiveness, and their communication was great. ... We were just playing a really physical, forceful downhill game."

Klay Thompson had 15 points and seven rebounds for the Warriors, but the rest of the roster beyond their top three

scorers struggled mightily, combining for just 18 points before coach Steve Kerr pulled his starters with 9:11 to play. Draymond Green had two points in 23 minutes while playing with foul trouble.

"As ugly as this was tonight, we have an opportunity to respond on Monday, so there's no point in dwelling on it and hanging our head and getting discouraged," Thompson said. "We know how to respond. We've done it in our existence for 10 years here."

The Warriors were held under 100 points for only the fifth time in 92 games this season.

They also got two technical fouls for arguing with the officials, who whistled Golden State for 22 fouls to the Lakers' 21.

"You can't get distracted by stuff you can't control," Curry said. "As much as it's frustrating, it's the test that every team has to go through throughout the series, blocking out that stuff as much as we can. We obviously know who we are and what we're capable of, all the things we always say after a loss."

After an exciting opener, this much-anticipated playoff rematch between generational superstars James and Curry has featured more garbage time than memorable thrills. After Ham sat down his stars before the fourth quarter of Game 2, Kerr pulled the plug while facing a 26-point deficit early in the fourth quarter of Game 3.

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James' son, Bronny, announced his decision to play at the University of Southern California about two hours before tipoff. The 18-year-old was among the top uncommitted recruits in the nation, and he chose to stay close to home with a loaded Trojans team coming off its third straight NCAA Tournament appearance. Bronny James, USC hoops coach Andy Enfield and Trojans football coach Lincoln Riley all attended Game 3.

AP

Butler scores 28, Heat top Knicks 105-86 for 2-1 series lead

MIAMI

IT was one of the worst shooting games of the season for the Miami Heat, by far: 39% from the field, 22% from 3-point range, barely 50% on usually easy shots at the rim.

Defense - still the Heat staple, even in these high-scoring NBA days - came through, and moved Miami two wins away from another trip to the Eastern Conference finals.

Jimmy Butler returned from his sprained right ankle to score 28 points, Max Strus added 19 and the Heat topped the New York Knicks 105-86 on Saturday to take a 2-1 lead in their East semifinal series.

"It's about figuring out how to compete at a really high level," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "What's necessary for that game to be able to win."

For as poorly as the Heat shot, the Knicks were worse - 34% from the field, 20% from 3-point range, 46% from the restricted area around the rim.

And that was the story. "You've got to win games different ways," Heat guard Kyle Lowry said. "In the playoffs, like I've said many a time and for many years now, every game is seriously different. And this is one of those games where we held them down. ... To win by half a point, one point, two points, 20 points, it's about winning the game however it happens." Jalen Brunson scored



New York Knicks guard RJ Barrett (9) drives to the basket against Miami Heat guard Kyle Lowry (7) during the first half of Game 3 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series, Saturday, May 6, 2023, in Miami. (AP Photo)

20 for New York, which got 15 from Josh Hart, 14 from RJ Barrett and 12 from Immanuel Quickley - who left midway through the fourth quarter after spraining an ankle that will be evaluated again Sunday. Julius Randle added 10 points and 14 rebounds for the Knicks.

Game 4 is Monday.

"We couldn't get stops early so we couldn't get any easy buckets," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau said. "So, we paid the price."

Bam Adebayo had 17 points and 12 rebounds for Miami and Lowry added 14 points as the Heat never trailed. Duncan Robinson opened the second quarter with a 3-pointer, giving Miami an 11-point lead - and the lead remained double digits the rest of the way.

"Hopefully we can get back on the right track

and find a way to make some shots next game and come out with a win," Randle said.

There was even a Heat-Knicks dustup under a basket, just like the good ol' days of the teams' playoff rivalry - though this one was nothing like P.J. Brown flipping Charlie Ward in 1997 to start

a bench-clearing mess that led to suspensions, or Jeff Van Gundy tugging on Alonzo Mourning's leg in 1998.

This one, such as it was, happened with 14.7 seconds left in the third, after a basket by Quickley got the Knicks within 87-70.

Randle and Cody

Zeller got tangled as they fought for rebounding position. Randle ended up getting shoved to the floor, Isaiah Hartenstein took offense and shoved Zeller, Caleb Martin took offense and shoved Hartenstein, and it took about five minutes to sort out a mess that lasted for about five

seconds.

The final tally: offsetting technicals on Zeller and Hartenstein, plus a technical on Martin. Randle missed the free throw. And right after it happened, Butler was dancing a bit, enjoying the aftermath of the show.

"Much ado about nothing," Spoelstra said.

Butler missed Game 2 with his ankle sprain and limped at times in the second half Saturday, but was effective throughout. He had 10 points in the opening quarter as Miami set the tone on both ends; the Heat made 10 of their first 15 shots, the Knicks missed 13 of their first 17, and it took until midway through the second quarter for New York to make a shot from anywhere other than the paint.

"We always said we can win games when we defend and not make shots," Butler said. "And this is one of those games."

AP

Gwiji by David Chikoko



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Ruvu Shooting's head coach, Mbwana Makata.

Ruvu Shooting focuses on NBC PL playoff ties

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

RUVU Shooting skipper Abdulrahman Mussa says they will approach the club's remaining ties in the ongoing NBC Premier League seriously to clinch a playoff berth and boost their chances of survival.

The outfit has to win the remaining games to clinch one of playoff spots while hoping Kinondoni Municipal Council FC drops maximum points, otherwise, the former will draw closer to battling it out in Championship League next season.

Simba SC, Singida Big Stars, and Dodoma Jiji FC are clubs standing on Ruvu Shooting's way to survival.

Coast Region-based Ruvu Shooting sits at the bottom of the top flight with 20 points from 27 games having succumbed to loss in 17 ties, drawing seven, and winning seven.

Mussa noted: "We are threatened by relegation because we are at the bottom of the standings but we have always been training intensively for the league finale and watching video footage of every match we play to correct the mistakes we made in previous games without giving up because the league is still on and anything can happen for us to survive."

"We understand football fans have written us off next season's top-tier soccer but we should be accountable for it and we believe our chances are higher despite tough fixtures ahead," the player stressed.

Ruvu Shooting introduced Mbwana Makata as the outfit's new head coach in December 2022 after the departure of Charles Boniface Mkwasa on a mutual agreement after a series of poor results.

This year, Ruvu Shooting has, under Makata's tutelage, registered only two wins from eight games whilst failing to score in three duels.

Mussa said he believes 14th-placed Kinondoni Municipal Council FC and Polisi Tanzania currently sitting 15th will likely drop points in upcoming fixtures and Ruvu Shooting will capitalize on such a loophole to clinch a promotion/relegation playoff spot.

"The most important thing is to have confidence, play with ultimate discipline to get maximum points in the remaining matches so that if we fail to achieve the points that will keep us up directly, then we can even play the playoffs which can save us," Mussa disclosed.

The Ruvu Shooting captain said reasons that have led to their team's dismal performance this season include the absence of several key players who frequently went for military courses thus affecting their team's chemistry and stability.

"We didn't like being in the last place but our primary work brought about such a situation because many players, key performers in particular, went to military courses so the team was weakened, the change of coaches also contributed to our team being here," Mussa noted.

This season Ruvu Shooting has scored 18 goals and leaked 36, while grabbing only one win in their last five encounters and other games ending in defeat.

Pamba FC and Kitayosce FC win to take promotion race down to the wire



Pamba FC players are pictured before featuring in a previous season's Championship League clash that took place in Mwanza. PHOTO: COURTESY OF PAMBA FOOTBALL CLUB

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

THE hotly contested race for automatic promotion to Mainland Tanzania's NBC Premier League between Pamba FC and Kitayosce FC is set for a photo finish.

One round of matches remains before the Championship League curtain goes down.

Second-placed Pamba FC and third-placed Kitayosce FC are separated by one point in a tight race in the second tier to join already promoted JKT Tanzania in the NBC Premier League.

Only one team can be automatically promoted, with the other two having another shot at the Premier League promotion ticket through the playoffs.

The Tabora-based Kitayosce FC defeated Mbuni FC 1-0 to maintain their second place on the table.

Congolese import, Fabrice

Ngoy Wa Ngoy, scored the all-important goal in the second minute.

The Kitayosce FC attacker, currently the Championship League leading goal scorer, scored from the spot kick after he was brought down inside the box.

Saturday's result means Kitayosce need to win their last game to grab the remaining automatic promotion.

In Saturday's game staged at Nyamagana Stadium, Pamba FC managed to keep alive their automatic promotion hopes with a tough 1-0 home victory over champions JKT Tanzania.

A positive result against Fountain Gate FC and a slip for Kitayosce FC could see Pamba FC seal the automatic promotion slot in the final game of the season.

Still, on Saturday, Ken Gold FC got back to winning ways with a 1-0 home against Copco FC at Nelson Mandela Stadium, Rukwa.

The win was enough to keep Ken Gold FC's promotion playoffs hopes alive while more or less extinguishing any flicker of hope for Copco FC to avoid the relegation playoffs.

Ken Gold FC is now sitting fourth, one more

point than fifth-placed Mashujaa FC who have a game in hand in the battle for the other promotion playoffs.

Pamba FC and Kitayosce FC are already guaranteed of promotion playoffs spot in case of failure to snatch the automatic promotion spot.

Meanwhile, Ndanda FC's relegation to the third tier was confirmed as they pulled out of honouring their fixture against another relegation-threatened Pan African.

The financially crippled Ndanda FC, based in Mtwara, have written to Tanzania Football

Federation (TFF) to confirm they are unable to fulfill their remaining fixtures obligations.

They become the second team to withdraw from the Championship League, following in the footsteps of Gwambina FC who pulled out before playing half of their seasonal games.

Though TFF has not issued an official statement on Ndanda FC's fate, the regulations state their remaining games will be awarded as walkovers because they have played more than half the stipulated seasonal matches for all their results to be annulled at this stage.

Company supports marathon to raise funds for social services improvement

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

ORYX Gas Tanzania Limited (OGTL) has for the third time in a row backed the famous Mbeya Tulia Marathon organized by Tulia Trust aiming to raise funds for the improvement of social services.

The funds will be directed to different institutions that work to improve services in the health and education sectors.

Accompanied by the company's staff, Benoit Araman, OGTL Managing Director, participated in the marathon, insisting the firm has for a long period been supporting girls' education in the country.

The OGTL boss stated: "We have for a long period engaged in the improvement of social services especially those related to helping a girl child."

"This spirit has made us continue sponsoring the marathon because our goals as the same," Araman disclosed.

According to him, OGTL is impressed with the various measures taken by the Tulia Trust in finding solutions to challenges facing Tanzanians at different levels.

He explained that the LPG gas-selling company will continue to support the government in its endeavours



Oryx Gas Tanzania Limited's Managing Director, Benoit Araman (R), gets a medal from the 2023 Mbeya Tulia Marathon coordinator after the former had taken part in the showdown's 5km event which took place in Mbeya last weekend. The marathon, backed by Oryx Gas Tanzania Limited as a co-sponsor, aimed to raise funds for improving health and education infrastructure in Mbeya. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

aimed at bringing development to the people.

"We are supporting the

government in its efforts especially the improvement of girls' education as well as the welfare of Tanzanian

women," he added.

He said that OGTL has been running a campaign to promote the use of clean energy for cooking through the distribution of stoves and gas cylinders to women in various regions.

Araman noted that the company has so far reached more than 5000 women across the country. He pointed out the goal is to ensure women shift from fossil fuels such as wood and charcoal to clean energy sources.

"When seeing foundations like the Tulia Trust organize marathons to raise funds in support of girls' education, we feel that it is also our responsibility to make sure young girls are assisted to attain their educational dreams," he said, promising continued support to the foundation.

Speaking at the event, Tulia Trust's founder, National Assembly Speaker Tulia Ackson, noted that in education, the priority will be on assisting vulnerable girls especially those in rural areas.

Tulia Trust was founded in 2015 targeting to provide and promote care, protection, and opportunities for girl child education, rural communities' economic empowerment, and women's maternal health.

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