

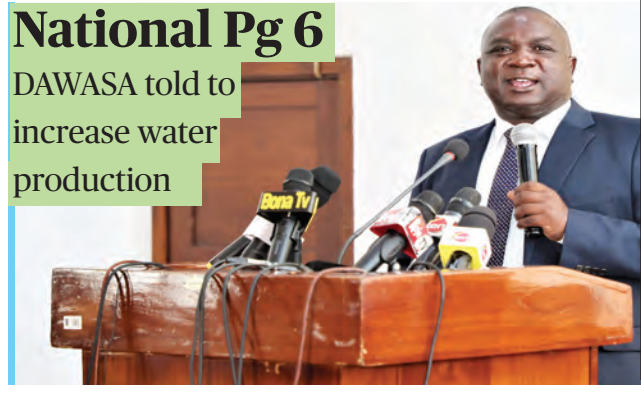


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Samia extols Membe as talented diplomat

By Guardian Reporter

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan yesterday led hundreds of mourners in paying their last respects to the former Foreign Affairs minister Bernard Membe who died on Friday after a short illness.

In a mournful address at the Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam, the president described the late veteran cabinet minister as a famed and talented diplomat.

She said the late Membe (69) who will be buried tomorrow at Rondo village, Mtama constituency in Lindi Region, "was a brother who loved to teach and share knowledge with others."

"Membe was a gentleman, a hard worker and a leader who always pushed for the development of the country and his people like those in other nations," she told mourners, narrating the shock she had upon hearing of Membe's demise.

"My family and I join Tanzanians in mourning Membe. Our condolences go to the widow of the deceased, children, relatives and people of Lindi Region," she stated.

She narrated having worked with the late Membe in the cabinet during the fourth phase of government, as well as being part of the central committee and the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the ruling party.

"As human beings we cannot plan our birth and death dates. Death confronts us in different ways, it may be due to illness or anything else," she declared, pointing at how Membe's sudden death has shocked and saddened many people within and outside the country.

"I understand the pain that family members are going through following the death of our beloved colleague," she said, saying the feelings of grief and well wishing are shared all over the country.

"Membe's death has left a gap not only at his family but also in Tanzania and the countries he had occasion to assist in protecting the dignity of African people."

Conveying condolences for opposition parties, ACT Wazalendo leader Zitto Kabwe said Membe, was an exemplary politician and strategist. He said he got to know him for the first time in 2005 at the time of selecting the ruling party presidential candidate to succeed the late Benjamin Mkapa.

Membe was at the forefront in defending the rights of Tanzanians and in 2006 he assisted a family that was harassed and moved to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) on the grounds that they were not citizens. He made sure they returned to the country, he said.

Daniel Chongolo, the CCM secretary general, said the late Membe was a smart person and that the party had lost an individual who worked to defend the interests of the country.

He said the late veteran minister wanted to share knowledge with others, and during his tenure in the government and in party organs he has left many good things worthy of emulation.

Representing the family, Information, Communications and Information Technology minister Nape Nnauye thanked President Samia for timely contributions including airlifting the late minister's body to Lindi.

"We are thankful to all those who supported us; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Dar es Salaam regional leadership for support following the death of our brother. We also thank doctors at the Kairuki Hospital for their efforts to save his life," he said. Nnauye also MP for the area.

Membe died on Friday at the Hubert Kairuki Memorial Hospital where he was rushed for treatment. He will be buried tomorrow in his native Rondo village, Lindi region.



President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured at the Karimjee Hall in Dar es Salaam yesterday paying her respects to one-time Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Bernard Kamilius Membe (69), who died on Friday morning while undergoing treatment in a hospital in the city. Hundreds of other mourners also similarly bid the former minister final farewell. Related photo on Page 2. Photo: State House

Mini-laboratories to check harmful chemical imports

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

UP TO 40 auxiliary testing laboratories have been set up at the country's border entries, international air terminals and sea ports, regulatory authorities say.

Prof Joseph Ndunguru, the Tanzania Plant Health and Pesticides Authority (TPHPA) acting director, said this is part of efforts to protect the country from infiltration of harmful chemicals from insecticides and pesticides passing at

border posts.

TPHPA mini laboratories will be used to analyse samples and filtering consignments of pesticides being imported in the country, he said, noting that the regulator had noticed significant infiltration of pesticides, herbicides and other consumable chemicals, some being harmful.

Laboratories are being set up on 37 marine and surface border points as Tanzania borders eight countries, apart

from international airports, he said.

In remarks made at the United Nations International Day of Plant Health here at the weekend, he said facilities to equip the new auxiliary laboratories are being mobilised.

It has procured seven motor vehicles, 19 motorcycles, 20 aerial vehicles (drones), 38 desktop computers, port-

Opposition in Ghana chooses ex-president Mahama for 2024 race

ACCRA

Ghana's largest opposition party chose the country's ex-president John Dramani Mahama as its flagbearer for the 2024 presidential election.

Delegates of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) voted in primaries on Saturday through yesterday to choose a candidate for both the presidential and parliamentary polls.

Mahama was declared the overwhelming winner after polling 297,603, or 98.9 percent, of the votes while his challenger former Kumasi mayor Kojo Bonsu scored 3,181, or 1.1 percent.

The primaries come as Ghana holds talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) over a \$3 billion bailout to help overcome an economic crisis, and as it faces a growing jihadist threat from a conflict in neighbouring Burkina Faso.

On Saturday, more than 355,000 NDC party delegates converged at 401 voting centres across the country for the ballot.

Despite defeats in 2016 and 2020 elections by incumbent President Nana Akufo-Addo, 64-year-old Mahama had been eyeing a return and had faced off with former central bank governor Kwabena Duffuor and Bonsu.

But Duffuor withdrew from the race late on Friday, saying the party was not ready to conduct a "free and fair election".

Mahama had already been tipped

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Vodacom leading the pack in TCRA service quality survey

By Guardian Reporter

VODACOM (T) Ltd leads the pack in the quality of service measurements, results of a quarterly survey by the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) show.

Semu Mwakyanja, TCRA principal corporate communications officer, said in a statement at the

weekend that the survey measured the call connection failure rate, call drop rate, voice quality and data transmission speed and availability of 2G, 3G and 4G mobile communications services.

Vodacom leads in the provision of quality services, with a score of 96.83 percent followed by MIC-Zantel (93.59 percent), MIC-Tigo

(89.24 percent), Airtel (88.05 percent), Halotel (86.06 percent) and TTCL (74.29 percent), he said.

TCRA shared the survey results with service providers, who are initiating programmes for improvements to enhance quality in the provision of services, he said.

The survey on mobile network operators' service

quality has shown that voice, SMS, data and video streaming services are available in most parts of the country, he stated.

TCRA measured the quality of voice and data services in 18 areas as part of enforcing the quality of service (QoS) regulations, with the report indicating that data transmission rates are high. Measurements used took

into account parameters and methods as specified in the Electronic and Postal Communications (Quality of Service) Regulations of 2018, he stated.

Measurements were carried out in Ubungo, Temeke, Iringa, Coast, Arusha, Kilolo, Morogoro, Dodoma,

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Vodacom leading the pack in recent TCRA service quality survey

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Kinondoni, Ilala, Kigamboni, Unguja, Mafinga, Singida, Ruvuma, Mara, Njombe and Simiyu.

Five leading mobile phone companies, also offering data application were surveyed, with the number of subscribers to the various services listed as

Airtel (17,054,716), Halotel (8,146,036), MIC-Tigo/Zantel (16,599,038), TTCL (1,510,985) and Vodacom (18,553,779).

Mobile phone services are available for users at not less than 99 percent in most spots surveyed, with TCRA measuring how well mobile networks were available when users wanted to use such services, he said.

Airtel and Vodacom passed the target in all 18 measured service areas. MIC-Tigo did not reach targets in Mara, MIC-Zantel in Simiyu region, while Halotel failed to reach targets in Coast, Morogoro and Kinondoni, and TTCL failed to reach targets in seven service areas, it explained.

Vodacom failed to reach call connection targets in Ubungo and Mara, while MIC-Tigo failed to reach targets in Ubungo, Mara and Simiyu and MIC-Zantel failed to reach such targets in Arusha, Unguja and Mara. Halotel failed to reach the targets in 10 service areas, Airtel being under target in six service areas, and TTCL failing to reach targets in nine service areas, it elaborated.

Vodacom, TTCL, Halotel and MIC-Zantel passed targets on call drop rates in all 18 measured service areas, it showed, highlighting that MIC-Tigo failed to reach the target in Singida while Airtel failed to reach targets in eight service areas.

The survey looked at the geographical area covered with 2G, 3G, and 4G coverage, where

Halotel and MIC-Tigo passed 2G targets in all 18 measured service areas.

Vodacom failed to reach 2G coverage targets in Kilolo, with Airtel failing to reach the same targets in Singida, Simiyu and Unguja. TTCL failed to reach 2G targets in Arusha, Kigamboni and Unguja while MIC Zantel failed to reach the targets in Iringa, Kigamboni and Ruvuma, it said.

Halotel passed 3G targets in all 18 measured service areas, while Vodacom and Airtel failed to reach the target in Kilolo. MIC-Zantel failed to reach targets in Mara, Kigamboni and Kilolo. MIC-Tigo was under target in Mara, Kigamboni, Mafinga and Kilolo while TTCL failed to reach targets in Tembeke, Kigamboni, Unguja, Singida, Mara and Simiyu.

MIC-Tigo and MIC-Zantel exceeded 3G targets in all measured service areas, while Vodacom was under target in Unguja. Airtel failed to reach targets in Morogoro and Halotel failed to reach targets in seven service areas while TTCL failed in eight service areas.

Vodacom, MIC-Tigo, TTCL, Airtel, Halotel and MIC-Zantel eclipsed targets on voice quality in all 18 measured service areas, it said, noting that Vodacom, Airtel and Halotel were above targets on data transmission rates in all 18 measured service areas.

MIC-Tigo was under target in Kilolo while MIC-Zantel failed to reach set targets in Kilolo and Mara. TTCL failed to reach targets in Kilolo, Mafinga, Singida, Mara and Simiyu, it affirmed.

Vodacom, MIC-Tigo, Airtel, Halotel and MIC-Zantel were above targets on call setup time in 18 measured service areas, while TTCL failed to reach targets in Mafinga and Mara, the statement added/



President Samia Suluhu Hassan consoles members of the family of one-time Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Bernard Membe shortly after he led hundreds of mourners in paying their respects to him in Dar es Salaam yesterday. Membe (69) died on Friday morning while undergoing treatment in a hospital in the city. Photo: State House

Opposition in Ghana chooses ex-president Mahama for 2024 race

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by most political analysts to win the primary, based on his experience and influence in the opposition party.

"He has been tried and tested and comes with a lot of experience," Kwame Asah-Asante, a political science lecturer at the University of Ghana, told AFP.

"Mahama is the most marketable candidate in the party now. I don't see the delegates voting against him.

The party stands a better chance of returning to power with Mahama than any other candidate."

Duffuor, also a former finance minister, has a large base in the Ashanti Region – the stronghold of the governing New Patriotic Party (NPP).

He had reversed his decision earlier on Friday to place a court injunction on the primary race after expressing reservations about discrepancies in the electoral roll.

The 80-year-old's campaign message had centred on hope for Ghanaians.

But later the same day he pulled out of the race.

"I wish to reiterate my commitment to the party and its grassroots. However, my concerns that the party is not ready to conduct free and fair election is evident for all to see," he said in a statement.

"Taking part in such would be akin to knowingly drinking from a poisoned

calabash."

The ruling New Patriotic Party will hold its own primaries in November 2023 while the presidential election is scheduled for December 7 next year.

Mahama will likely look to capitalise on the economic crisis facing the West African country in the presidential campaign.

Ghana, a major exporter of cocoa and gold, has defaulted on its external debts including eurobonds, and is in talks with the IMF for a \$3 billion

line of credit to strengthen the economy.

Once seen as an investors' favourite, Ghana has recently struggled with its debt load. The government spends more than half of its revenues on debt servicing.

Ghana, along with coastal West African neighbours Benin, Togo and Ivory Coast, is also bracing for growing spillover from jihadist conflict over northern borders in Burkina Faso, where Islamist militants control large swathes of territory.



Tanzania's Ambassador to Cuba, Humphrey Polepole (R), has a quick word yesterday with medical specialists from Dar es Salaam's Jakaya Kikwete Cardiac Institute at the Julius Nyerere International Airport, where he went to meet them when they jetted back after setting up a one-week camp in Malawi attending to patients with heart conditions. Polepole was Tanzania's High Commissioner to Malawi from March 15, 2022 to this April 3, upon which he was transferred to Cuba. Related story on Page 3. Photo: Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

AfDB: Women must play a larger role in peace building, resolving conflicts

ABUJA

WOMEN'S proven role in conflict resolution makes the unique position of First Ladies even more important as agents for resolving conflicts in Africa.

"Men make wars, women make peace. Women must therefore be included in peace making, peace building, conflict resolution, and reconstruction efforts." African

Development Bank President told guests at the inauguration of the African First Ladies Peace Mission (AFLPM) state-of-the-art headquarters in Abuja recently.

"There can be no development without peace and security," said Dr Adesina in a speech delivered on his behalf by the African Development Bank's Director General for Nigeria, Lamin Barrow.

Nigeria's first lady and outgoing chair of the African First Ladies Peace Mission (link is external), Aisha Buhari, emphasised the significance of women's role in conflict resolution.

"As women leaders and mothers, our role in peace and security is to continue to say no to the culture and structures of violence that make people accept and un-

leash violence on innocent victims, the majority of whom are women and children," she said.

She told the gathering that the African First Ladies Peace Mission has received the endorsement and support of partners led by the African Union. AFLPM has also signed a memorandum of understanding with the African Union to cooperate on peace

building, Buhari said.

The African Development Bank has partnered with the African Union to develop security-indexed investment bonds to help mobilise funding to address the root causes of political instability, protect businesses and livelihoods, and rebuild infrastructure in conflict-affected areas.

The bank is also providing support to vulnerable and

internally displaced women living in refugee camps in the Sahel region.

"Nothing works without peace and security," Adesina said, adding his voice to the African Union's call to 'silence the guns.' "Many parts of Africa face major security challenges from conflict and war. Today, 85% of Africans live in or near a country in conflict."

Women and children are

disproportionately affected by wars, he said, adding that sexual violence, abductions, forced conscription and trafficking in women must end.

"Women's voices must never be silenced," Adesina added. The Bank chief described African first ladies as critical to the efforts of African leaders and the African Union to ensure a peaceful and secure Africa by 2063.



Farmers in a village in Lushoto District, Tanga Region, pictured at the weekend being issued with free coffee seedlings from the Tanzania Coffee Board's Jeggatali Information and Training Centre for Farmers. Photo: Correspondent Boniface Gideon

BRT II project reaches 93pc of implementation

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania National Roads Agency (Tanroads) said implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) II project has reached 93 per cent and that it would be completed between September and October, this year.

The BRT II project involves the construction of 20.3 kilometres of infrastructure of exclusive BRT lanes and Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) facilities along the Kilwa Road corridor and part of Kawawa Road.

The project corridor traverses from Mbagala Area in Temeke District to the central business district where it connects with BRT Phase I system at the Kariakoo hub.

Provision of BRT system is expected to directly enhance and improve the traffic circulation and eliminate bottlenecks to traffic flow to various economic activity centres such as the industrial zones, and the vast populous residential areas in Temeke Municipality.

The proposed project would therefore impact positively on the informal and formal businesses by providing them with improved accessibility and enhanced roadside air quality.

Speaking to the Guardian yesterday, Tanroads BRT II project manager, Barakael Mmari said the contractor-Sinohydro Corporation Limited was supposed

to complete the project in March this year. "However, the contractor has submitted an application letter asking for time extension which is currently being analysed to establish the legality of the requested time," he said over the phone.

According to him, over 200 billion has been approved for the project and that there would be a slight increment in payment reaching the end of the project. Sinohydro Corporation Limited business and project manager, Tom Xu asked drivers passing through the Gerzani Bridge to be careful and prevent accidents as the incidents could cause further delay of the project implementation.

"Prevailing rains and businesses conducted by petty traders along the Kilwa Road were the major challenges facing the project implantation," he said.

"While downpour lead to suspension of activities, workers implementing the project are forced to start daily routines by cleaning the environment to remove debris left by traders carrying their business along the project area," he said.

Temeke District Executive Director (DED) Elihuruma Mabeya said they are carefully handling the issue of petty traders. "We want realisation of a win-win situation. Traders should continue with income generating activities, the project should not suffer too."

JKCI specialists conduct medical camp in Malawi

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendopole

FIVE specialists from Jakaya Kikwele Cardiac Institute (JKCI) conducted a five-day medical camp in Malawi where they provided specialised treatment to more than 724 heart patients.

The treatments were made successful with the support of the Tanzania Medical Tourism Committee chaired by the Director of Muhimbili National Hospital (MNH) Dr Mohamed Janabi and his Vice, Abdulmalik Mollé, who is the Director of Global Education Link (GEL).

Speaking to journalists yesterday at the Julius Nyerere International Airport in Dar es Salaam, shortly after the landed, leader of the doctors' delegation who is a cardiologist at JKCI, Dr Angela Muhyoza, said the camp was held at Queen Elizabeth Hospital whereas they were also assisted by two paediatricians and other specialists.

She said that among the patients they treated, 524 were found with heart complications while 200 others needed major open heart surgery. She said that 60 patients required urgent

treatment due to the problems they had. "The people of Malawi have enjoyed our services and they wanted us to continue staying, but we have patients to attend here at home," she said.

Meanwhile, the government of Malawi has commended the government of Tanzania for sending cardiologists to diagnose and treat heart patients.

Malawi Health Minister, Khumbize Chiponda said the two nations have agreed to cooperate in building capacity of its specialist doctors because Malawi is yet to establish a heart hospital

like JKCI.

"Our fellow Tanzanians are already ahead of us in diagnosing and providing cardiac treatment. They have a good number of specialized professionals and equipment. Camps like this help our doctors to acquire the skills," said Khumbize.

A Cardiologist from JKCI, Parvina Kazaura said that during the camp they conducted heart examinations and treatments to both adults and children where every day more than 80 children were undergoing heart examinations.

"Unfortunately, many children with congenital heart diseases have come at an older stage where they should have been operated on early stages after birth. These children were not operated due to lack of specialized cardiac services in Malawi," she said.

Head of the Internal Medicine Department from Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Malawi, Dr Chimota Phiri said the heart treatment camp conducted by colleagues from JKCI has given them the light to recognize various heart diseases that Malawians have.

"Our country needs to invest in

producing heart specialists to allow treatment to be done in Malawi," said Chimota. Lay Kachoka, a Malawian citizen who received treatment at the camp, commended Tanzanian doctors from JKCI for conducting such a medical camp. He said the treatment he received is of good quality and has been advised to attend clinics every six months.

"We Malawians really need these services in our country, camps like this should be conducted at different parts of our country for many people to benefit," he said.



NOTICE OF THE 28TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chairman and Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the TWENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of CRDB BANK PLC will be held on Saturday, 20th May, 2023 at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), Simba Hall, commencing at 9.00 a.m. and the following Agenda will be transacted:

1. Opening of the Meeting.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the Twenty seventh Annual General Meeting.
4. To discuss the Matters Arising.
5. Adoption of the Directors' Report and Audited Financial Statements for year 2022.
 - 5.1. Directors' Report.
 - 5.2. Audited Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2022.
 - 5.3. Declaration of Year 2022 Dividend.
6. Directors Remuneration.
7. Appointment of the External Auditors.
8. Election of two Independent Directors
9. To deliberate on Proposals received from Shareholders.
10. Any other business with leave of the Chair.
11. To set the place, date and venue of the next meeting.
12. Closing of the meeting.

NOTE:

1. The Shareholders Register will be closed from 11/05/2023 and will be opened on 12/05/2023.
2. All proposals to be discussed under Agenda no. 9 must be received by the Secretary not later than 4.00 p.m. on Thursday, 27/04/2023.
3. Papers for the meeting may be collected from CRDB Bank Branches from 10/05/2023 and will also be available in Arusha from 19th to 20th May, 2023 and Bank's website www.crdbbank.co.tz on 10/05/2023
4. Costs for transportation and accommodation will be borne by shareholders themselves.

NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS SEMINAR

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Shareholders Seminar on Youth and Women Economic Empowerment Introduction of Electronic Certificates by DSE, How to Vote Using the Digital Voting System and CRDB's Participation in Tanzania's Economic Transformation on 19th May 2023, starting at 9.00 a.m. at the Arusha International Conference Centre (AICC), Simba Hall.

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Norwegian envoy in support of Z'bar women to hold leadership positions

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

NORWEGIAN Ambassador to Tanzania, Elisabeth Jacobsen says it is important to support Zanzibar women for them to hold leadership positions.

The envoy made the remarks at the weekend as she addressed various stakeholders on women's rights at a meeting held at TAMWA-Zanzibar Hall at Tunguu, here.

She said Norway has been cooperating with Tanzania since 1960s in various economic and social sectors including supporting women to hold leadership positions.

She further said they will continue opening more doors in welcoming civil society organisations, media people and the society believing that these have a great contribution in the society, hence they ought to be supported.

Ambassador Jacobsen said they also believe that the issue for women to hold leadership positions can take a long time to realise, but if they are empowered, they will have the nerve in that pursuit starting at lower levels.

Meanwhile, the envoy expressed her disappointment by acts of gender based violence saying there was the

need to make more efforts in fighting the vice in making sure women are safe.

Earlier, TAMWA-Zanzibar director, Mzuri Issa, said they have been working to empower various women in the Isles and to some extent there have been big achievements, as there are many Zanzibar women holding leadership positions.

For her part, Asha Aboud, a TAMWA-Zanzibar member said it is essential to closely continue with the implementation of the project in order to reach many more women.

The Director of Zanzibar female Lawyers Association (ZAFELA) Jamila Mahmoud said they have put in place robust strategies in the implementation of the project, including empowering more community mobilisers.

The visit to Zanzibar of the Norwegian envoy came following the implementation of the project to mobilise Zanzibar women to participate in the Strengthen Women-in Leadership (SWIKL) project, being implemented by TAMWA-Zanzibar, ZAFELA and Pemba Environment, Gender and Advocacy Organisation (PEGAO) in collaboration with the Norwegian Embassy.



Tanzania Media Women's Association (Zanzibar chapter) director, Dr Mzuri Issa (R), pictured in Zanzibar at the weekend gifting Norway's Ambassador to Tanzania, Elisabeth Jacobsen (L), a souvenir basket at the conclusion of a meeting of women's rights advocacy stakeholders. Photo: Rahma Suleiman

Producers told to adhere to all quality production regulations

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

PRODUCERS in the country are required to make sure all industrial products adhere to better production regulations that do not mar the true quality of the products.

The call was made by Arusha Regional Commissioner, John Mongella last week at an event of issuing 113 certificates and licences on their products' quality that had been so certified for the period April 2022

The certificates and licences were issued by Tanzania Bureau

of Standards (TBS) in the northern zone incorporating Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Tanga and Manyara regions.

On behalf of fellow RCs, Mongella said in order to implement that goal, the government has continued to educate to sectoral stakeholders aimed at protecting the health of consumers as well as the environment in the northern zone and other areas.

He said the government in Arusha Region, on behalf of other Regional Commissioners in the Zone join the Ministry of Investment,

Trade and Industry through TBS to commend President Samia Suluhu Hassan for meeting certification costs of goods produced by small entrepreneurs.

Mongella said in the period April 2022 to March 2023 a total of 183.5m/- was spent to serve 54 small entrepreneurs in the Northern Zone.

He said the aim of this step is to boost industries and economy of individuals and the nation in general as well protecting the lives of consumers and the environment.

For his part, TBS Director for

quality Control, Lazaro Msasalaga said for many years since the establishment of the quality control systems up to 2022, the events to issue certificates and licences used to be held in Dar es Salaam TBS headquarters alone.

He said many producers had to travel long distances to Dar es Salaam for the event, thereby discouraging many of them to attend.

He said the new arrangement follows the establishment of seven TBS zonal offices that include Dar es Salaam Zone incorporates Coast and Morogoro; Central Zone

Dodoma, Singida and Tabora); Southern Zone (Mtwara, Lindi and Ruvuma) and Southern Highlands Zone (Mbeya, Songwe, Iringa and Njombe).

Others are Western Zone (Kigoma, Katavi and Rukwa); Lake Zone (Mwanza, Shinyanga, Geita, Mara, Simiyu and Kagera) and Northern Zone (Arusha, Manyara, Kilimanjaro, Tanga regions).

He said in addition to the establishment of these zonal offices, the TBS strategic plan is directed to the building of a laboratory in each Zone in order to make sure all ser-

vices regarding receipt, and processing of applications for inspection and issuing of licences and certificates are close to producers.



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A CONSULTANT OPPORTUNITY- Community Engagement and Outreach – Dar Es Salaam

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The meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC), is a five-year global project (2019-2024) funded by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), dedicated to achieving and maintaining HIV epidemic control by providing strategic technical assistance and direct service delivery to achieve HIV epidemic control and promote self-reliant management of national HIV programs by improving HIV case finding, prevention, treatment programming and viral load suppression.

Overview on the consultancy: Under the supervision of the Regional Manager, Coordinate and support the CSOs to plan, timely implementation and monitoring of Community Engagement activities targeting KVP; provide technical assistance to CSOs to identify and receive comprehensive HIV prevention care and treatment services while linking eligible AGYW to other implementing partners supporting young people in the region; Follow up with CSOs on Community ART audit and provide technical support on enrollment of KVP; supervise and monitor structural interventions such Violence Prevention and Response (VPR) activities and compile reports; Ensure all CSOs submit weekly community engagement report; participate in monthly Community Engagement meetings; Report writing and documentation. Review CSO's monthly reports and develop regional quarterly reports. Development of the three months report on the consultancy services

Preferred Qualifications/Requirements: University degree in social sciences, public health, international development, or related field; 3-4 years' progressive experience working with key population groups, and familiarity with internationally recommended policies: 3-4 years' experience of supporting Gender Transformative community engagement interventions for HIV and GBV prevention programming; Familiarity and experience with USAID/PEPFAR-funded programs. Experience in technical capacity building of Tanzanian non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs), especially those working with vulnerable populations: Ability to manage tight deadlines and deliver high volumes of work with minimal supervision: High degree of proficiency in written and spoken English communication. Well-developed computer skills

Please submit your application Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Resume tz_recruitment@fhi360.org
Deadline **19 May 2023**

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY WINDUP OF STARTIMES

SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY (TANZANIA) COMPANY LIMITED

We give notice to the public that the shareholders of Startimes Software Technology (Tanzania) Company Limited with Incorporation no 116944, P.O. BOX 33622 are voluntarily winding up the company from a Board meeting held on 30/6/2022. For any correspondence should be addressed to Auditax International Garden Avenue tower, 7th floor Email: straton@auditaxinternational.co.tz khalfani@auditaxinternational.co.tz

TFS, members in Mvomero District plant 100,000 trees

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

TANZANIA Forest Services Agency (TFS) in Mvomero District, Morogoro Region, in collaboration with other stakeholders have planted more than 100,000 trees in various water sources areas in a period of one week for environmental conservation and restoration of the natural vegetation.

Michael Kimata, Mvomero District TFS Manager made the remarks in the Agency's report at a tree planting exercise during the 2023 Uhuru Torch Race at Tangeni Village, Mzumbe

ward, Mlali Division, Morogoro region.

Kimata said TFS, in collaboration with stakeholders, including Mvomero District Council has joined with the resident of the district in racing the Torch in tandem with the tree planting exercise.


He explained that the trees, including fruit trees have been planted in various government institutions areas including schools and prisons.

For his part, the Chairman of Mvomero District Council, Yusuf Makunja said the Council has begun the tree planting exercise and is at the point of exceeding the government target for each local council to plant 1.5 million trees following the directives of the Vice President.

Addressing Kipera villagers during the tree planting exercise, the 2023 National Uhuru Torch Race leader Abdallah Shaib Kaib lauded TFS for the huge effort in environmental conservation.

He said the government recognized the big contribution from TFS and called upon up to continue with the good work, especially in planting trees at water sources areas.

He said the loss of the natural vegetation is a result of conducting human activities in reserve forest areas in contravention of laws and laid down guidelines, and called on Tanzanians to stop the habit.



INVITATION FOR BIDS

The World Health Organization, Country Office for Tanzania is pleased to invite qualified service providers of the below-listed services to participate in the request for bid.

Bid No.	Service Required	Location	Duration of the Long-Term Agreement
1	Supply of Daily Newspapers	Dar es Salaam	2-year, renewable
2	Vehicles Maintenance and Repair Services	Dodoma	2-year, renewable
3	Vehicles Maintenance and Repair Services	Mwanza	2-year, renewable
4	Vehicles Maintenance and Repair Services	Kigoma	2-year, renewable
5	Vehicles Maintenance and Repair Services	Iringa	2-year, renewable
6	Vehicles Maintenance and Repair Services	Unguja	2-year, renewable
7	Vehicles Maintenance and Repair Services	Dar es Salaam	2-year, renewable

Interested providers of the above services are required to request detailed ToR documents from the following email addresses afwcotzremit@who.int and johnsonem@who.int

The period to request the detailed ToR documents will be between the 16th - 23rd of May 2023.

'Nyamirembe-Chato port now operational'

By Guardian Correspondent, Chato

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has invited business people from the East African Community (EAC) region to utilise the port of Nyamirembe-Chato in Geita Region that was now operational for fast transport of their cargo at affordable cost.

The appeal was given at the weekend by Geita Regional Commissioner, Martine Shigela when addressing residents at the port area, saying the government, through Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) has announced relief regarding cargo storage at the port from the earlier seven day to 30 aiming to attract many business people to use marine transport instead of road.

RC Shigela said the launching of the port was directed by president Samia who, he said, likes to see trade cooperation among EAC partner states increases through the use of the Nyamirembe-Chato port, and called traders to grab the opportunity.

"I have been sanctioned by the President to announce that this port is officially open after completing construction work and its berth capable to handle seven vessels at a time," said RC Shigela.

He further said even larger vessels plying Lake Victoria will use the port in their voyages in order to boost the economy of Geita Region. He also called for the residents of Geita Region to continue produce crops in large quantities for them to earn income from the envisaged trade within the EAC member states.

For his part, Chato district Commissioner, Deusdedit Katwale, said the restoration of the Nyamirembe-Chato port services will assist to boost the economy of Chato, Biharamulo, Ngara, Muleba areas as well as the neighbouring countries of Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi.

Earlier, Head of TPA Implementation Department for Lake Victoria, Francisco Mwanga said the port area was surveyed as early as 1954 and had 126 acres and that during 1880s and 90s, the port served MV Serengeti, MV Ukerewe and MV Klarias in the transport of goods and passengers within the lake zone.

He said the port suspended operations beginning 2002, and that in 2017/18 the government, through TPA allocated 4.1bn/- for the major refurbishment, the work that started in 2018 and completed 2019, but since then it had not been operational.



TCB Bank Plc Director of Technology and Operations Jema Msuya (R), Letshego Bank Tanzania CEO Omar Msangi (L) and Letshego Bank Tanzania board chairman Simon Jengo pictured in Dar es Salaam at the weekend shortly after signing an agreement to serve a common goal in serving customers. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

5000 people living with HIV/Aids set to benefit from funded project

By Correspondent Mary Kadoke

OVER 5000 people living with HIV/Aids and those at risk of being infected in Coast Region are set to benefit from a three years funded project worth 26m/- aimed to capacitate them financially.

The initiative comes after a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between pastoral activities and services for people

with AIDS Dar es Salaam Archdiocese (PASADA) and Mkuranga District—a project that will be funded by Canada's Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Speaking during the signing event in Mkuranga District recently, Lucy Ngonyani, PASADA project coordinator said the project will also help people living with the disease in Kibaha and Chalinze districts.

She said they are mostly targeting to financially empower girls and young women living with HIV/Aids for them to be in a position to generate income by engaging in entrepreneurship activities. We are aiming to support girls and young women aged between 13 and 35 years," she said.

Ngonyani said that beneficiaries will be assisted to establish saving cantered groups where they will

also be provided with financial education to enable them to do savings.

She added: "We will also provide Psychological Service Support (PSS), a therapy to help them have good adherence to taking drugs. We will raise effective HIV prevention measures to those at risk of contracting the disease."

Mkuranga Social Welfare Officer, Foibe Peter commended PASADA

noting through the project, women and girls will have their welfare improved as they will be able to generate income on a daily basis.

Esther Mbwana, a Project Coordinator from PASADA said the project will be impactful to women as it will capacitate them financially. She said the project will provide a room towards achieving the millennium development goals.

The project is expected to ben-

efit 300 women and girls by 2025.

PASADA is a social service agency operating under the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam that was established in 1992 when a small group of people with HIV/Aids gathered to seek mutual aid and support.

The organization strives to reach the poor living with HIV and provide them with holistic care and support services.



Tanzania Insurance Brokers Association

NOTICE OF 14TH TIBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO: ALL TIBA MEMBERS.

In terms of section 24.3 of the TIBA Constitution (as amended by the General Meeting on 23rd March 2023), An Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of May each year.

The Governing Council hereby serves upon TIBA Members a notice for the Annual General Meeting as follows;

DATE : Thursday 25th May 2023
TIME : From 8.30 AM
VENUE : AURA SUITES HOTEL Located at Aura mall building (Morogoro Road at Lumumba Road Junction).

AGENDA

- 1) Opening of the Meeting
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda
- 3) Confirmation of the Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting
- 4) Matters arising from Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting
- 5) Approval of the Audited Accounts for 2022
- 6) Governing Council Report / Report on operations of the association
- 7) Any other business

All members are kindly requested to attend this meeting as the forum will offer opportunities to discuss a number of issues impacting on our fraternity and members' attendance and contribution is highly welcomed.

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TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LTD (TIPER)



INVITATION TO TENDER

ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR REPLACEMENT OF 18" AGO SUBSEA PIPELINE

15 May, 2023

1. Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Co Ltd (TIPER) is a bulk storage facility for Petroleum Products with its shares divided equally between the Government of Tanzania and Oryx Energies SA of Switzerland. The Company office is located at Kigamboni Industrial Area, Depot site-plot 1, Dar es Salaam-Tanzania.
2. TIPER hereby invites via International Competitive Bidding (ICB) experienced **Class One Mechanical contractors** to bid for the **Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Works for Replacement of 18" AGO Subsea Pipeline**.
3. Interested and eligible bidders may request for an electronic copy of tender document by sending their request letters and copy of CRB Certificate or equivalent certification through the following email: tiper.procurement@tiper.co.tz from 15th May, 2023 to 15th June 2023 from Monday to Friday, between 8:00A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
4. **Bidders MUST visit the site before bidding.** Site visit will be conducted on **22 May, 2023 between 10:30am to 11:30 am** East African local time.
5. During the site visit all bidders will be required to come to the Client Premises located at Kigamboni with their own PPE's (Personal Protective Equipment) which meets TIPER standards. This includes **Steel Toe Safety Boots, Cotton Overcoat/Overall and Workers Helmet**. Bidders without PPE's will not be allowed onto the site.
6. Bids MUST be submitted in hardcopies only. Soft copies of bids MUST be submitted in USB Flash Disk/Drives embedded in the copy envelope. No bids shall be received via email.
7. All bids submitted in plain sealed envelopes in one original plus one copy, properly filled and marked **TENDER NO: TP/05/2023/ICB/W/007 FOR ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS FOR REPLACEMENT OF 18" AGO SUBSEA PIPELINE**. Soft copies of bids MUST be submitted in USB Flash Disk Drives embedded in the copy envelope. All bids must be delivered physically to: **The Secretary, Tender Committee, Tanzania International Petroleum Reserves Limited (TIPER), P.O. Box 2608, Kigamboni, Dar es Salaam.**
8. The deadline for submission of Tender documents will be **4.00 P.M. local time on 16th June, 2023**
9. There shall be NO public opening of bids.
10. Late bids, portion of bids, electronic bids will not be considered for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.
11. TIPER is not bound to accept the lowest or any bid.

THE SECRETARY, TENDER COMMITTEE,
 TANZANIA INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVES LIMITED (TIPER),
 P.O. BOX 2608, KIGAMBONI, DAR ES SALAAM.

DAWASA urged to enhance water supply by developing more wells

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

DAR ES SALAAM regional commissioner Amos Makalla has challenged the Dar es Salaam Water and Sanitation Authority (DAWASA) to increase water production by constructing deep wells in Kigamboni and other parts in the outskirts of the city.

He said by constructing deep wells, they will increase water availability, thus meeting the needs of people especially during dry seasons.

RC made the remarks over the weekend in Dar es Salaam during a visit to inspect progress implementation of water projects in Kigamboni where deep wells are being excavated and cleaned to enhance water services provision.

He said there is a need for DAWASA to ensure construction of the wells is completed quickly to ensure city residents get water even after the rainy season.

"I have come to see the progress of the

project; make sure all the 20 wells are completed on time as per directives of Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa when he visited Kigamboni," he explained, adding that water from the wells will serve people in the peripheral, especially during the summer.

He said the seven wells that provide water at the moment are not enough to serve all the people, hence the need to fast-track construction of the remaining wells. He urged the management to prepare a work plan for construction of water distribution infrastructures.

Kigamboni District Commissioner, Halima Bulembo promised to work on all the directives by the Regional Commissioner. She said completion of the wells will enable Kigamboni residents to enjoy reliable water services because they have been facing water woes for many years.

DAWASA Acting Chief Executive Officer, Eng Shabani Mkwanywe said the authority has received all the instructions and that implementation will start immediately.



Children with disabilities who are taken care of at St. Justin Centre in Musoma come together with their guardians and the centre's staff in witnessing the presentation of a cheque for US\$10,000 by Barrick Gold's North Mara Mine general manager Apolinary Lyambiko in the municipality at the weekend. The money is meant for use by the centre and is part of financing extended by Nos Vies en Partage (NVEP), a charity sponsored by Barrick Gold Corporation president and CEO Mark Bristow. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



JOB OPPORTUNITY

The IMF Regional Technical Assistance Center for East Africa (AFRITAC East/Center) is a collaborative venture between the International Monetary Fund (IMF), its member countries, and bilateral and multilateral development partners. AFRITAC East provides capacity development support (technical assistance and training) to Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania (including Zanzibar), and Uganda, in areas of IMF expertise.

The Economist works closely with the Center Director, playing an important role in managing the Center's work plan, supporting the implementation of the IMF results-based management framework, supporting outreach activities, and contributing to the main publications and analyses. S/he also supports resident advisors (RAs, the Center's experts) in their activities of capacity development (CD).

The Economist has the following duties and responsibilities:

- Assists the Center Director in preparing and monitoring the implementation of the annual work plan and budget, as well as in preparing periodic reports to the Steering Committee.
- Contributes to the preparation of the annual and mid-year reports.
- Contributes to outreach publications, playing a key role in the preparation of the quarterly newsletter and the management of the Center's website and Facebook page.
- Supports the implementation of the results-based management (RBM) framework (see below).
- Provides supporting research and presentations for the RAs' regional workshops and assists them with outreach activities.
- Analyzes economic time series data and defines data needs and requirements for use by the Center Director and RAs.
- Independently researches, collects, and compiles information on member countries; maintains and updates quantitative and qualitative economic, financial, or statistical databases.
- Keeps abreast of developments with respect to IMF CD policies and IMF work in member countries.
- Performs other related duties as required.

On RBM, the main duties of the Economist are:

- Training of staff on RBM methodology and systems, particularly IMF Capacity Development Management and Administration Program (CDMAP).
- Supporting the development of logframes.
- Analysis of RBM data and reporting.
- Providing feedback to the Center Director and IMF headquarters on issues affecting RBM implementation at the Center.

Competencies required:

Professional Competence – (a) knowledge of econometric and statistical analysis techniques, database management, and related principles underlying IMF economic work; (b) ability to interpret and present statistical information; (c) strong analytical skills; and (d) monitoring and evaluation principles.

Program/Task Management – (a) strong organization skills and (b) ability to anticipate, adjust to and prioritize a variety of complex, evolving tasks, mastering unfamiliar work quickly in a committed fashion.

Communication – Strong communication skills (listening effectively, speaking persuasively, writing clearly and concisely).

Teamwork – (a) Proven ability to develop effective relations within/outside the office, and to promote collaboration and guide junior staff within the team to meet unit objectives; and (b) ability to work with a range of senior professionals from various backgrounds.

Qualifications and Experience:

MA/MS (Economics/Finance) in economics, finance, or statistics.

Two or more years of relevant work experience (e.g., econometrics, statistics, finance) or equivalent experience.

Proficiency in software applications is required, particularly Excel, Teams, and database management tools. Knowledge of econometrics packages such as EViews, MATLAB, STATA, and R, together with a knowledge of statistical and econometrics techniques and macroeconomic relationships is an asset.

Demonstrated proficiency in English with excellent writing skills.

The position is based at AFRITAC East's headquarters in Dar es Salaam. The initial appointment is for 6 months, with the potential of being extended to a multi-year contract. The starting day is expected to be in mid-August.

How to Apply and Deadline

The interested participants will be required to submit their applications (cover letter and curriculum vitae) to the Center Director, IMF AFRITAC East, Dar es Salaam through email address: afeweb@imf.org not later than 29th May 2023. Short listed candidates will be the only ones to be contacted for interview to be organized by the Center Director, IMF AFRITAC East.

NVEP, Barrick donate 23 m/- to assist children with disabilities at St. Justin centre in Musoma

By Guardian Correspondent, Musoma

NOS Vies en Partage Foundation (NVEP) in collaboration with Barrick Gold Corporation have partnered to donate US\$10,000 (23m/-) to support children with disabilities at St. Justin centre in Musoma Municipality, Mara Region.

The money is set to improve care services and building the children's self-independence in the society.

The NVEP was established by Barrick President and CEO, Mark Bristow, to support special groups like women, children and others which are benefitting less from Africa's economic growth.

Handing over the donation at the centre's premises over the weekend, Barrick North Mara general manager, Apolinary Lyambiko, said that every quarter of the year NVEP directs direct aid in matters aimed at bringing productivity and

direct benefits to communities who are in need, and that so far it has helped 12 organizations in Tanzania.

Lyambiko said that NVEP focuses on finding funds to help special groups in society such as women, children and others who are in need for economic growth.

"Today we are handing over US\$10,000 in aid to the St. Justin Centre for Children with Disabilities, which cares children with special needs through NVEP. This center is an important part of our society, it has shown to appreciate these children for who they are without discriminating against them by race, religion or ethnicity," said Lyambiko.

Center's manager, Sr. Juliana thanked the Barrick Company saying that the support will reduce the challenges including the kitchen unit in the center, in order to strengthen the care services and

build the children's independence in the community.

Sr. Juliana said that the St. Justin center nurtures children with physical disabilities, mental retardation and the deaf by providing them with special and important services, including food, accommodation, medical treatment, education and training in carpentry and tailoring.

One of the centre's children, Ernest Mwita thanked Barrick for offering to help them so that they can be in a better environment to live and gain knowledge.

St. Justin Centre for Children with Disabilities was established in 2006 and is run by the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa at the Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Musoma. So far, this centre has 25 employees and serves 110 children, of which 75 live at the centre and 35 live with their parents and guardians outside the centre.

Importers urged to abide by good regulatory practices in regulation of medical products

By Correspondent Devota Mwachang'a

IMPORTERS of pharmaceutical products have been challenged to comply with regulations, procedures and legal requirements in applying for permits to import medicines, including antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) to ensure the access of safe, good and effective medicine for users.

Dr Yonah Mwalwisi, director of human and veterinary medicines at the Medicines and Medical Devices Authority (TMDA), made the call in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when speaking at the stakeholders' workshop for process improvement for registration and importation of pharmaceutical products including ARVs for the public and private sectors.

The workshop was made possible by TMDA and Management Science for Health (MSH-MTaPS).

So far, TMDA has registered 360 companies for medical products importation in the country which are recognized through Tanzania Association of Pharmaceutical Importers (TAPI).

Dr Mwalwisi said: "There have been complaints that we are delaying the issuance of permits and registration, but the truth is that in order for us to achieve the goal and provide services within the stipulated time, our customers must fulfill obligation and meet the legal requirements in submission of an application."

He added that TMDA has the duty of providing education to stakeholders on various requirements and sensitizing on their implementation as a way of reducing time required to obtain services offered by TMDA and facilitate doing business while meeting those requirements.

Mwalwisi said: "One of the objectives of the meeting was to create awareness on the requirements of application for import and export permits and the requirements of Good Storage and Distribution Practice, Regulations 2021."

TMDA's Medicine and complementary products Inspection and enforcement Manager Emmanuel Alphonse insisted that all drugs imported into the country must be licensed. Last year the authority received an average of between 3000 and 4000 applications

for importation permits.

"For the public interest the law allows the Minister to be consulted by the Director General of TMDA to allow the importation of unregistered medicine in the public interest, especially those in great demand by people, since some of them are very expensive, for instance that for cancer treatment," he said.

According to him, the citizens with cancer urgently need those medicines, so the government cannot deny them. For unregistered drugs, the processing time has been set to be within five days because despite being not registered there are things to be observed before giving a go ahead.

Geoffrey Yambayamba who is a Pharmacist from Laborex Tanzania Ltd congratulated TMDA for improving the online systems that enable them to apply and get permits while in their offices.

"The improvement of the system is an important and meaningful thing for the public because it has made it easier and faster in registration and efficiency, so medicines will be available in the hospital and reach the patients on time," stressed Yambayamba.



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RC orders arrest of five people for cutting trees

By Guardian Correspondent, Songea

RESIDENTS of Songea Municipality in Ruvuma region have commended the government through TARURA in the region for installing road traffic lights at Matarawe area that had experienced many road accidents in the past.

Speaking at different times to this paper here, they said it was the first time to see the lights operating at the area that is in proximity to five primary schools, a secondary school and a college.

They said the lights are a big saviour on the lives of students and other people as there were many accidents in the past that cost lives.

They said Songea is Ruvuma Region's headquarters hence for TARURA to install traffic lights is a great government achievement.

They also appealed to the government through road

safety authorities to take up the responsibility in educating the public on how the traffic lights function as intended as many people are ignorant of them.

Matarawe Ward Councillor, Judith Mbogoro expressed gratitude to the government for recognizing the importance in installing traffic lights in the area. She said the road is important as it is used to transport the sick from Mjimwema Health Centre to Songea Regional Hospital as well as being near several schools.

Echoing similar remarks, Christopher Banda, Headmaster of Matarawe Secondary Scholl said the traffic lights will eradicate frequent accidents along the road, and called for the traffic police to educate the students on how they operate.

Ruvuma Regional Police Commander, Marco Chillya said he has already directed the Region's Traffic Head to make sure education is provided to all road users on the lights.



Singida regional commissioner Peter Serukamba (R) pictured at the weekend addressing residents of Mkola and Msikii villages in Singida District during a tour of the Mkola Forest Reserve, parts of which have been developed into farmland and human settlements. Photo: Correspondent Thobias Mwanakatwe

TCB, Letshego to partner in business cooperation

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA Commercial Bank (TCB) and Letshego Tanzania have agreed to start working closely so that their commercial cooperation is of great benefit and productivity in providing banking services to customers in the country.

In order to achieve this, the two banks entered into an agreement enabling Letshego customers to deposit money into their accounts through TCB branches.

Speaking before the signing of

the agreement in Dar es Salaam, TCB Acting chief executive officer (CEO) Jema Msuya, said: "This is a unique opportunity will also exist through their more than 5,000 agents spread across the country."

Msuya noted that now the customers have the opportunity to make deposits through 90 branches of which 82 are owned by TCB and the rest belong to its new business partner.

"This new service that we are launching today is the result of major technological changes that

have enabled our systems to allow relevant transactions to be carried out again with great security," Msuya said.

"It is these changes and digital development that are now making it not necessary to have a branch everywhere but to give the opportunity to use those who are ready with the infrastructure in the relevant part to expand the scope of access to services as our colleagues at Letshego Bank did," he explained.

He also stated that they have

enough experience and expertise in such processes and their plans for the future in cooperation with Letshego is to ensure that the bank's customers can withdraw money through TCB.

"We are ready to collaborate with various stakeholders to ensure that access to banking services in the country improves and becomes easier and we have already had a similar procedure with our colleagues at Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania," Msuya emphasized.

"It is a great thing for us to coop-

erate with Letshego Bank Tanzania to give their customers the opportunity and convenience to use our branches and our agents to deposit money in their accounts," he added and emphasized that the cooperation is going to strengthen TCB's mission to provide the best banking services to customers.

Letshego Bank's Chief Executive Secretary, Omar Msangi, said: "From now on, our customers can deposit their money into the account through any TCB branch or their agents.

"With high security, the transaction that will take place will be read on their accounts with us. What a pleasure it is for us to be given the opportunity by TCB to provide an easy way for our customers to deposit money into their accounts."

TCB operation manager, Komba Tawa, assured Letshego customers of the best and modern services saying TCB has enough experience in that due to being the oldest bank in the country which within the next two years will be 100 years old



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.



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NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNUAL PROGRAM STATEMENT (APS) NO 72062123APS00001 - Round 2

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced the Tanzania Strengthening Inclusive, Democratic, Participatory, and Accountable Governance (SIDPAG) Annual Program Statement (APS) on January 5, 2023. The purpose of the APS is to build partnerships with Tanzanians, government institutions, civil society, and the private sector to promote transformational change in key governance systems and processes.

Round 2 for concept papers opened on May 8, 2023; concept papers will be due August 7, 2023, as announced in amendment 005. The focus of concept papers in round 2 will be on Result Area 2: Increased transparency and accountability, including over public resources in health, education, agriculture, natural resources, and other areas. See section A: Program Description of the APS. Funding levels range from \$250,000 million to \$3,000,000 million and concept papers can be submitted for projects up to 5 years duration.

Interested parties should download the full APS and all addendums to review all guidance applicable to submission of concept papers, including on how to apply. Visit the following link:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html> and search for keyword: 72062123APS00001.

USAID will hold a virtual pre-application conference on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 10:00. Any interested party is welcome to join the conference by going to <https://meet.google.com/vuy-rewd-eci>.

Eligibility for this APS is restricted to local Tanzanian entities.

If you have a problem accessing the full APS on the provided website, please write to Cecilia Mambo (cmambo@usaid.gov) and Terry Malekia (tmalekia@usaid.gov), with 72062123APS00001 SIDPAG APS Addendum 02 in the email subject line.

PPP essential in changing public sector rules, habits

NEW times are beckoning in financing public outlays, in areas where private investments are more applicable, as projects lined up under the public-private partnership (PPP) arrangement are now billed at \$9bn (21.2trn/-). No outright framework of when the flow of capital investments is expected to take place but it is definitely within this phase of government, up to 2025. The Treasury now has a department or specialised division for the purpose, and President Samia Suluhu Hassan has high expectations for this arrangement, unlike bureaucracy.

A top Treasury official showed fulsome expectations on the PPP arrangement, whose thrust is in road construction plus power generation and transmission. This may as well be a start, as numerous other spheres now taking large chunks of budgetary funds or for which we seek not-so concessional loans from the World Bank and other lenders are likely to be lined up for the PPP format as well. Acute bureaucratic resistance is likely at it is a sea change in the rules.

The Treasury official was vibrant on the way PPP initiatives diminish the burden for the government by bringing the private sector into joint projects with public agencies. Investors execute projects for public use where the private sector raises the funds for the works involved, and by current accounts it is a massive amount of money, relieving us the burden of allocating sufficient funds for all the needed projects. In addition, such capital attracts more capital flows. So far the proper input of the new arrangement is being identified at the level of rapid take up of projects, but in reality it sets in a new route for rather massive capitalisation, boost-

ing the country's foreign direct investment (FDI) portfolio. Definitely such projects change a lot of things as first, people are compensated to vacate land for projects, thus adding to cash flow in view of those vacating seeking to set up homes, farms and other activities elsewhere. There is also that aspect of job openings, occasioning skills transfer, supplying project sites, etc. While the government will be able to divert money otherwise required for such projects to other needs, especially social services as this sphere of need can't attract large private investments, there is another side to it. It implies a different form of accounting in public sector projects, such that anticipated costing and profitability margins are not obviated. Habits like making projects late for gain will be more eagle-spotted: contracts won't be revised as in paying contractors.

With some of the projects already in advanced stages of implementation take up, a rethink is likely for some money guzzling projects. Top executives were of late asking the government to allocate upwards of one trillion shillings per year to undertake them. With PPP the sky is the limit, but checks must be exercised as lining up pockets can occur there as well.

Altogether about 29 projects have been lined up under the PPP format, with feasibility studies for 14 projects already conducted. The Treasury official said the government has to work with reputable audit firms in the preliminary phases of project appraisal. This stamp of approval is likely to apply for most of the projects, and also cover other stages of implementation and loan repayment. A lesson in financial governance and business standards for vital public outlays/

Urgent action needed to save migratory birds

MANY species of birds are economically important as food for human consumption and raw material in manufacturing, with domesticated and undomesticated birds being important sources of eggs, meat, and feathers. Songbirds, parrots, and other species are popular as pets.

The World Migratory Bird Day, observed in May, highlights the ecological threats that migratory birds face, as well as the need for global conservation action. Many social species pass on knowledge across generations, which is considered a form of culture.

Birds are social, communicating with visual signals, calls, and songs, and participating in such behaviours as cooperative breeding and hunting, flocking, and mobbing of predators.

Habitat loss in the sprawling Kilombero valley in Tanzania has affected a sanctuary for the world's migratory birds, posing an increasing peril to the long-distance fliers, local researchers have warned.

The wetland, which provides important habitats to many bird species, is under threat from human-caused degradation.

According to Sokoine University of Agriculture in Morogoro the recurring drought spells, unsustainable farming practices, and overgrazing in wetlands have pushed numerous bird species toward extinction.

Because of the ongoing degradation, many bird species native to Kilombero may be unable to cope with the dire situation and will become extinct within a decade.

The annual migration of birds is one of the world's greatest natural wonders, yet the critical staging areas birds need to complete their journeys are degrading or disappearing completely, researchers warned.

Birds fly all across the world in search of the ideal ecological conditions and habitat for breeding,

feeding, and raising their offspring, and when these conditions become harsher for them to survive, they migrate to regions where conditions are better.

The Kilombero Valley, a Ramsar site that serves as an important habitat for birds to rest, feed, and breed during their annual migration circle, is becoming increasingly vulnerable to human population pressure, poor farming practices, and the recurring drought spells, experts said.

A Ramsar site is a wetland classified as having international significance under the Ramsar Convention established by UNESCO in 1971 that entered into force in 1975. It calls for national and international action to conserve wetlands and make intelligent, sustainable use of their resources.

Many migratory birds, such as storks, cranes, eagles, and shorebirds, fly thousands of kilometers across countries and continents.

The Kilombero Valley, as an important wetland, is home to a variety of animal and bird species. Its surrounding swamps act as habitats for fish, birds, hippos, and crocodiles.

According to experts flocks of migratory birds traveling between Europe and Australia used to stop in the Kilombero Valley to eat fish and other delicacies, but such food is no longer available. While the Kilombero wetland provides important habitats for many bird species, it has lately come under increasing threat from human-induced degradation.

Environmental officials have acknowledged that the destruction in the valley has also caused major disruption to migratory birds native to Kilombero that have until recently proven more resilient to changing situations. World Migratory Bird Day is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

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Flipping narrative: We need to talk about international aid and refugee self-reliance

By Joyeux Mugisho

'INTERNATIONAL organisations and NGOs often treat refugees as burdens that need to be taken care of rather than as human beings capable of taking care of ourselves.'

I've seen advertisements from UN agencies on social media asking, "What would you take with you if you had to flee your home?". The question is supposed to generate empathy for refugees, but I think it's the wrong question to ask. A better one would be: "How would you like to be treated if you had to flee your home and become a refugee?"

In my experience, international organisations and NGOs often treat refugees as burdens that need to be taken care of rather than as human beings capable of taking care of ourselves. Is that what you would want if you were in our shoes?

Becoming a refugee means losing almost everything. But refugees do not lose our brains, life experiences, or accomplishments. If someone was a doctor before they became a refugee, for example, they are still a doctor after becoming a refugee.

One of the most challenging parts of being a refugee, however, is realising that your past experiences and potential don't matter to the international NGOs (INGOs) and UN agencies you have to turn to for help. Instead, you find yourself depending on their services while your sense of dignity and value are reduced.

I did not believe I would get the support I needed.

When I first arrived in Kampala, Uganda in 2011, I was 20 years old and deeply traumatised by the events I faced back home in the South Kivu region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) - not only by what forced me to escape but also by what I experienced when trying to reach a safe place. I needed help, but the process of getting it was deeply dehumanising.

I had to wake up very early in the morning to stand in line outside an aid organisation's office in Kampala, hoping to get in. If I left the line to get food or rest, I'd lose my spot. At the end of the day, an employee would emerge to tell us they were closing and to come back the next day to stand in line again. When I finally managed to enter, I was given an appointment to see a counsellor a month later.

I did not end up going back for the appointment because, after going through that experience, I did not believe I would get the support I needed. The lesson I took away was that I couldn't rely on INGOs for support and care when in need of ur-



Many migrants cross deserts to reach their destination (file photo).

gent intervention or help.

Fortunately, I had some skills with computers and quickly learned English. With the help of Congolese community members, I was able to stay in Kampala and find work to support myself.

My relatives, who came to Uganda a couple of years later, were sent to a refugee camp where they were given a small plot of land, blankets, some basic household items, and a tent to build themselves a shelter. The food rations they were given would not sustain a normal human being for anywhere close to a month. But this is what they were expected to survive on.

'Many INGOs are okay with keeping refugees dependent on their aid'

Many refugees are grateful for being welcomed and given something to start with. In that sense, humanitarian organisations play a positive role in supporting refugees. But, at the same time, the way UN agencies and many INGOs work has forced refugees to live as beggars.

Organisations give refugees just enough to survive, and refugees always find themselves having to ask for more. The help they are provided with is not aimed at transforming their lives or helping them become self-sufficient. Organisations don't provide enough scholarships or educational opportunities, and they often don't know the real needs refugees have because there's a disconnect between them and the communities they are meant to be supporting.

There are INGOs that take a different, more human approach, but it's often difficult for refugees to find out that they exist and get connected with them. And, unfortunately, many INGOs are okay with keeping

refugees dependent on their aid: Projects for refugees need to keep running because organisations rely on them to spend their budgets, get more donations, and keep their jobs.

This cycle prevents refugees from living full lives or having much hope for the future. Instead of continuing with the status quo, we need to talk seriously about how refugees can become self-reliant.

'Let us sit at the same table and co-design policies and projects together' For many years, despite facing a lot of barriers, refugees have been starting businesses, community groups, and organisations that play a major role in taking care of their basic needs and transforming their lives. These initiatives have been on the ground empowering fellow refugees by building skills such as financial literacy, language ability, and the ability to perform handicrafts that people can use to earn a living.

During the COVID-19 lockdown in Kampala in 2020, these refugee-led organisations (RLOs) proved how essential they are. Meanwhile, the lockdown was hard on refugees, many of whom earn money to live off day-to-day by working in restaurants, construction sites, shops, or by selling goods on the streets - all activities that were no longer possible.

Refugees soon found themselves lacking food and other basic necessities. Many INGOs had paused their operations or began working remotely. And public transportation was also shut down, so many refugees couldn't move around the city, even to access medical care. People for Peace and Defence of Rights (PPDR), the organisation I'm the executive director of, and other RLOs stepped up to do all they could to fill the gap. We launched fundraising

campaigns, used our own cars to distribute supplies, transported people to the hospital, and paid for medical bills and back rent.

The response showed how effective refugee-led initiatives are, how much better they understand refugees' needs, and how much more capable and nimble they are at responding to those needs.

But there are limits to how much RLOs can do because we do not have access to the funding INGOs have. There is a lot of talk in the international aid community about localisation and supporting refugee-led initiatives. But donors from the Global North continue to fund INGOs from the Global North.

There is also a glass ceiling for refugees when it comes to working at INGOs. Many INGOs will hire refugees as interpreters, community mobilisers, or data collectors, but only as 'incentive workers' who are given a monthly stipend that is substantially lower than an INGO salary, not as full-time employees. The jobs provide very little long-term stability and no opportunity for advancement. And INGOs will not hire refugees for more senior positions where they would have decision-making power, regardless of their qualifications.

There is also a lot of talk by INGOs of partnering with refugee-led organisations, but how does that help if all decisions are made without refugees' opinion or consent? How can INGOs design programmes for people they don't listen to and therefore don't understand?

If INGOs want to partner with RLOs, let it be an equal partnership that adds value to the people they serve. Since refugees have shown that we are capable of so much more than being looked at as vulnerable people, let us sit at the same table and co-design policies and projects together. The treatment of humanitarian aid workers and refugees should be equal. This will give refugees a better chance to live a dignified life. Nothing about refugees should be discussed without refugees.

When it comes to localisation and the support INGOs provide to refugees, it seems like people in the aid community are claiming they want me to be independent and empowered even while continuing to make me depend on them for my daily meal.

Joyeux Mugisho, Congolese refugee based in Kampala, Uganda and Executive Director of People for Peace and Defence of Rights (PPDR)

Kenya cult deaths should serve as a wakeup call for Tanzania

By Mark Mapambano

ON November 18, 1978, American preacher Jim Jones shocked the world when he led over 900 members of his doomsday cult, the Peoples' Temple, to a mass murder-suicide in a remote jungle commune in Guyana which he founded and conspicuously named after himself, Jonestown.

Unlike many self-appointed bishops, apostles and prophets we see every now and then, Jones was formally ordained as a Christian minister in the American Independent Assemblies of God and attracted his first group of followers while participating in the country's thriving Pentecostal movements in the 1950s.

It is recorded that Jones' initial popularity arose from his joint campaign appearances with the movements' prominent leaders William Branham and Joseph Mattsson-Boze, the duo who later endorsed his ministry.

With the limelight and backing of prominent figures, Jones founded the organization that would become the Peoples' Temple in Indianapolis in 1955. By the late 1960s, reports of abuse began to surface as Jones became increasingly vocal in his rejection of traditional Christianity and began promoting a form of communism he called 'Apostolic Socialism' and making claims of his own divinity.

Reports have it that by this time, Jones became progressively more controlling of his followers in Peoples' Temple, which at its peak had over 3,000 members and his followers engaged in a communal lifestyle in which many turned over all their income and property to Jones. Temple members were regularly humiliated, beaten, and blackmailed, and many were coerced or brainwashed into signing over their possessions—including their homes—to the church.

After sustained negative media publicity and reports of abuse at the Peoples' Temple, Jones ordered the construction of Jonestown commune in Guyana in 1974 and convinced or compelled many of his followers to emigrate there and live with him.

By 1978, reports surfaced of human rights abuses and accusations that members were being held in Jonestown against their will. It was at this time that concerned US Representative Leo Ryan led a delegation to the commune in November of that year to investigate the reports. He was investigating rumours that some members of the cult were being held against their will and that some were being subjected to physical and psychological abuse.

The doomsday that Jones preached came but in a way that shocked America and the world. While boarding a return flight with some cult members who chose to leave, Ryan and four others were murdered by gunmen at Jonestown airstrip.

In the wake of the shooting, Jones released radio orders for Temple members outside the compound to commit suicide. He enacted his "revolutionary suicide" plan at the compound, which members had practiced in the past, in which a fruit drink was laced with poison namely cyanide, tranquilizers and sedatives. It was first squirted into the mouths of babies and children via syringe and then consumed by adult members. Jones himself died of a gunshot wound.

This mass murder-suicide claimed lives of 909 commune members, 304 of them children.

I started this piece with what happened to American citizens intentionally to preempt any possible bias that it is Africans who are gullible enough to be conned and lured to death. Yes, this was an American preacher who killed fellow Americans who believed he was leading them to heaven.

Now fast forward to March 17, 2000, dateline is Kanungu in the Republic of Uganda. Joseph Kibweteere, leader of the doomsday cult named Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God set his church ablaze, killing 778 people. Sadly, the victims of the inferno included children too young to make independent decisions.

The whole cult revolved around a belief that some people were talking directly with God through visions and they had received warnings about the end of the world by the year 2000. The followers were told that they would not go to hell if they strictly followed the cult.

Authorities in Uganda later discovered that many more people belonging to the same cult had died and were secretly buried in other camps outside Kanungu, including Bushenyi and Buziga near Kampala, bringing the total number of deaths to 1,000.

Although Kibweteere and his close associates were assumed to have died in the incident, the Ugandan police shortly afterwards issued a warrant for arrest of four other leaders of the group namely Credonia Mwerinde, Angelina Mugisha, Fr Joseph Kasapurari and



Pastors Paul Mackenzie of the Good News International Church (L) and Ezekiel Odera of New Life Prayer Centre and Church face criminal charges related to cult deaths in Kilifi County, Kenya.

Fr Dominic Kataribabo. It should be remembered that this cult splintered from the Catholic Church in Uganda.

Things got more interesting in 2014 when Uganda National Police announced that there were credible reports that Kibweteere had actually dodged the trip to heaven through that fire and was hiding somewhere in Malawi and he is still a wanted man.

Note: Kibweteere did not start as self-appointed preacher. Before declaring himself 'bishop' of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God in 1991, he served in other key positions in credible organizations. He was a primary school teacher by profession and at one time an Assistant Supervisor of Schools in Mbarara Catholic Diocese.

And last month, Kenyan authorities were humiliated after it emerged that followers of a cult were being starved to death by fast-

ing in a forest hidden in plain sight. Since a whistleblower made this known to authorities last month, search and exhumation has since found 200 dead bodies and the search continues to date.

Two self-proclaimed pastors Ezekiel Odera of New Life Prayer Centre and Church, and Paul Mackenzie of the Good News International Church have been arraigned in court for the Shakahola tragedy in Kilifi County.

The duo and 16 alleged accomplices face charges of murder, aiding suicide, abduction, radicalisation, genocide, crimes against humanity, child cruelty, fraud and money laundering among others.

They were arrested following the discovery of several mass graves and the subsequent exhumation of more than 140 bodies on part of 800 acres said to belong to Mackenzie.

Apparently, Mackenzie preached 'End Time' messages for nine con-

secutive years on his Times TV channel, informing followers that school activities as well as going to hospital are sinful. This is where I see problem.

Well, in secular states, governments follow a hands-off policy because religion can be polarizing as it deals with important matters that are deeply personal.

A secular state itself is an idea pertaining to secularity, whereby a state is officially neutral in matters of religion, supporting neither religion nor irreligion. However, governments can interfere with personal faith and religious practices when there is a violation of basic human rights.

The Jonestown, Kanungu and Shakahola are just few examples of cult activities around the world. But most of these tragedies have one thing in common: cult leaders scare the hell out of their followers, they take full control of them (including isolating them from family

and friends who are not members) then take their possessions before getting rid of them.

Considering what has happened in Kenya and other places, can we claim as a nation that our people are completely safe? Don't we have cults in this country? Given the mushrooming of the so-called churches led by self-appointed bishops, apostles and prophets in our country, it is hard not to believe that what has happened in Kenya should serve as a wakeup call to our government before it is too late.

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Tanzanian painter whose work decorated King Charles III's coronation

By Special Correspondent, London

CORONATION of King Charles III on May 6, 2023 brought together dignitaries from around the world. Little known is the fact that the preparation, decoration works and celebrations also involved people from different parts of the world.

Shafina Jaffer is an abstract spiritual artist from Tanzania who holds post graduate diploma and master's degree in painting from the Royal College of Art, London. She was invited along with other students from the college to create a special artwork for the coronation concert for the King and Queen consort Camilla.

Shafina made her country proud when her painting was selected from several hundred submissions by the Palace and the BBC, to be included in the coronation ceremony. The concert was held on May 7 as part of the Coronation weekend celebrations at the grounds of Windsor Castle.

Shafina's painting was projected onto a curved 52.5m LED screen above the performers' stage and in the background the massive and entire Eastern Façade of Windsor castle was projected the same.

Based around themes of



An aerial view of a painting by Tanzanian artist Shafina Jaffer as seen at the coronation concert stage set up in London late a fortnight ago for King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla. Photo: Special Correspondent

love and togetherness, the painting formed a backdrop to the performance of Romeo & Juliet; which combined music, dance, art and theatre.

It was viewed by millions of people whilst providing a scenic backdrop of a starry night sky during the live play of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Performed to 20,000 guests and broadcast live to a hundred countries around the world on the BBC, the visuals formed a colourful backdrop to accompany the track 'Somewhere' from West Side Story in a performance featuring Ncuti Gatwa and Mei Mac. The Royal College of Art worked with The Royal College of Music, The Royal Ballet, The Royal Opera and the

Royal Shakespeare Company for the first of its time of its kind in order to produce this unique creative collaboration combining art, music, dance, and theatre in honouring the British Monarchy and people. Founded in 1837, the RCA is the world's leading postgraduate university of Art and Design and it is host to students from across the globe. Fittingly, King Charles III is the RCA's Royal Visitor; his late father, The Duke of Edinburgh served as the College's Royal visitor for some 50 years.

Shafina said here that her artistic creative output comes from her core questions about the human condition, mortality and ontology. Celebration, joy and dancing through

cosmos are the feelings present in her work that was selected for the Coronation.

She added that her training at the Royal College of Art and the Princess School of Traditional Arts inspires a synthesis that expresses traditional methodologies of her African Heritage & the abstract. In the Coronation painting the vast infiniteness of the stars are also found to be symbolic of our Human place in the universe, our past and our ancestry.

More than 2,200 people from 203 countries were in Westminster Abbey, with processions there before the King arrived including faith leaders and representatives

from some Commonwealth countries.

They were accompanied by the governors general and prime ministers, including UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak who also gave a reading in the service.

The King arrived at the abbey wearing a red velvet robe of state. Underneath he was wearing trousers rather than the more traditional breeches and silk stockings worn by kings before him.

The ceremony was punctuated with music selected by the King, with 12 newly commissioned pieces, including one by Andrew Lloyd Webber, and Greek Orthodox music in memory of the King's father, Prince Philip.

The King's grandson, Prince George, was among the pages, alongside Camilla's grandchildren, Lola, Eliza, Gus, Louis and Freddy.

The UK is, according to the Royal Family website, the only European country that still uses regalia - the symbols of royalty like the crown, orb and sceptres - in coronations. The individual objects symbolise different aspects of the service and responsibilities of the monarch.

Charles was presented with the Sovereign's Orb, the Sovereign's Sceptre with Cross and the Sovereign's Sceptre with Dove and other items during the ceremony.

Race to zero in Asia and Pacific: Our hopes in the climate fight

By Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana

THE latest synthesis report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change makes for grim reading: Every fraction of a degree of warming comes with escalated threats, from deadly heatwaves to severe hurricanes and droughts, affecting all economies and communities.

It is a reality that the people of Asia and the Pacific know only too well. "The worst April heatwaves in Asian history" last month was just a taste of the worsening climate impacts we will continue to face in the years to come.

Our latest report highlights that the sea level is creeping up in parts of the region at a slightly higher rate than the global mean, leaving low-lying atolls at existential threat. Annual socioeconomic loss due to climate change is mounting and likely to double in the worst-case climate scenario.

Inequity is yet another threat as climate change sweeps across the region. Asia and the Pacific already accounts for more than half of global greenhouse gas emissions and the share is growing.

But there is another picture of hope in our region: 39 countries have committed to carbon neutrality and net zero between 2050 and 2060. The cost of renewable energy is falling almost everywhere, with installed capacity growing more than three-fold in the past decade.

Electric vehicles are entering the market en masse as countries such as China, In-

dia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand have made electric mobility a priority.

This momentum needs to accelerate like a bullet train. Because nothing short of a breakthrough in hard-to-abate sectors will give us a good chance of stopping catastrophic global warming.

Accelerating a just and inclusive energy transition

The recent energy crisis has kicked renewable energy into a new phase of even faster growth thanks to its energy security benefits. There is opportunity now to leverage this momentum and turn it into a revolutionary moment.

Cross-border electricity grids can be the game changer. ESCAP has simulated different scenarios for grid connectivity and scaling up renewables. It shows that a green power corridor, cross-border power grid integration utilizing renewables, can help to remove the last hurdles of the transition. We are working with countries to chart a path to improved regional power grid connectivity through cooperation.

Achieving low-carbon mobility and logistics

The exceptional growth of electric vehicles has proved that electric mobility is a smart investment. And it is one that will help stave off carbon dioxide emissions from transport, which has stubbornly increased almost by 2 per cent annually the past two decades.

Through the Regional Cooperation Mechanism on Low Carbon Transport, we are working with the public and private sector to lock in the changeover to low-car-



Carbon emission is one of the major causes for climate change. Countries should accelerate their effort to achieve carbon neutrality. Credit: Pixabay / Peggychoucair

bon mobility, clean energy technologies and logistics.

This is complemented by peer learning and experience sharing under the Asia-Pacific Initiative on Electric Mobility to accelerate the penetration of electric vehicles and upgrading public transport fleets.

Building low-carbon industries through climate-smart trade and investment

The net zero transition is not complete without decarbonizing the industrial sector. The region accounts for nearly three quarters of global greenhouse gas emis-

sions in manufacturing and construction.

Binding climate considerations in regional trade agreements can be a powerful tool. While climate-related provisions have entered regional trade agreements involving Asian and Pacific economies, they offer few concrete and binding commitments. To unlock further benefits, they will need to be broader in scope, deeper in stringency and more precise in obligations.

As foreign investment goes green, it should also go where it is needed the most. It has not been the case for any of

the least developed countries and small island developing States in the region.

Financing the transition

The transition can be only possible by investing in low- and zero-emission technologies and industries. Current domestic and international financial flows fall well short of the needed amount.

The issuance of green, social and sustainability bonds is rapidly growing, reaching \$210 billion in 2021 but were dominated by developed and a few developing countries. Both public and private financial insti-

tutions need to be incentivized to invest in new green technologies and make the uptake of such technologies less risky.

Linking actions and elevating ambitions

The code red to go green is ever so clear. Every government needs to raise their stake in this crisis. Every business needs to transform. Every individual needs to act. A journey to net zero should accelerate with a fresh look at our shared purpose.

At ESCAP, we are working to bring together the pieces

and build the missing links at the regional level to support the net-zero transition work at the national level. The upcoming Commission session will bring countries together for the first time in an intergovernmental setting - to identify common accelerators for climate action and to chart a more ambitious pathway.

This is the start of an arduous journey that requires cooperation, understanding and determination. And I believe we have what it takes to get there together.

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Heads of State, ministers, senior government officials and other key stakeholders convene in Bangkok, Thailand, from today to 19 May at the 79th session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to explore policy options and foster ambitious climate action towards net-zero pathways. Ahead of the 79th session, ESCAP will also launch its theme study The Race to Net Zero: Accelerating Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific. The study sets out the transformations that are needed for the region to transition to a net-zero carbon future in support of sustainable development. It provides an outline of the regional context of climate change and identifies policies and actions that could be taken in various sectors of the economy to support the global climate agenda.

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Three imprisoned Iranian women journalists awarded 2023 World Press Freedom Prize

NILOOFAR Hamed, Elaheh Mohammadi and Narges Mohammadi have been named as the laureates of the 2023 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize, following the recommendation of an International Jury of media professionals. The awards ceremony took place on the evening of May 2 in New York, in the presence of Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO.

Now more than ever, it is important to pay tribute to all women journalists who are prevented from doing their jobs and who face threats and attacks on their personal safety. Today we are honouring their commitment to truth and accountability.

Audrey Azoulay UNESCO's Director-General

We are committed to honoring the brave work of Iranian female journalists whose reporting led to a historical women-led revolution. They paid a hefty price for their commitment to report on and con-

vey the truth. And for that, we are committed to honoring them and ensuring their voices will continue to echo worldwide until they are safe and free.

Zainab Salbi Chair of the International Jury of media professionals

The three laureates

Niloofar Hamed writes for the leading reformist daily newspaper Shargh. She broke the news of the death of Masha Amini following her detention in police custody on 16 September 2022. She has been detained in solitary confinement in Iran's Evin Prison since September 2022.

Elaheh Mohammadi writes for the reformist newspaper, Ham-Mihan, covering social issues and gender equality. She reported on Masha Amini's funeral, and has also been detained in Evin Prison since September 2022. She had previously been barred from reporting for a year in 2020 due to her work.

Niloofar Hamed and Elaheh

Mohammadi are joint winners of both the 2023 International Press Freedom Award by Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE), and Harvard's 2023 Louis M. Lyons Award for Conscience and Integrity in Journalism. They were named as two of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2023.

Narges Mohammadi has worked for many years as a journalist for a range of newspapers and is also an author and Vice-Director of the Tehran-based civil society organization Defenders of Human Rights Center (DHRC). She is currently serving a 16-year prison sentence in Evin Prison. She has continued to report in print from prison, and has also interviewed other women prisoners. These interviews were included in her book "White Torture". In 2022, she won the Reporters Without Borders' (RSF) Courage Prize.

Women journalists under threat

Globally, women journalists and

media workers face increasing offline and online attacks and are subject to disproportionate and specific threats. The gender-based violence they are exposed to includes stigmatization, sexist hate speech, trolling, physical assault, rape and even murder. UNESCO advocates for the safety of women journalists and collaborates with partners to identify and implement good practices and share recommendations with all parties involved in countering attacks against women journalists, as recognized by numerous UN resolutions.

In 2021, UNESCO published The Chilling, a study on global trends in online violence against women journalists, which demonstrated the extent of attacks against women journalists and the impact on their well-being, their work and press freedom at large. UNESCO works with partners to develop practical tools for journalists, media managers and newsrooms to respond to online and offline abuse. UNESCO

also partners with specialized organizations to train women media workers on the ground and through online training courses, and works with security forces to sensitize them on freedom of expression with a gender focus.

About the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

Created in 1997, the annual UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize honours a person, organization or institution which has made an outstanding contribution to the defence and/or promotion of press freedom anywhere in the world, especially when this has been achieved in the face of danger. It is the only such prize awarded to journalists within the UN System.

It is named for Guillermo Cano Isaza, the Colombian journalist who was assassinated in front of the offices of his newspaper El Espectador in Bogotá, Colombia, on 17 December 1986, and funded by the Guillermo Cano Isaza Foundation (Colombia), the Helsinki

Sanomat Foundation (Finland), the Namibia Media Trust, Democracy & Media Foundation Stichting Democratie & Media (The Netherlands), and the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

About UNESCO's action to protect journalists

UNESCO is the United Nations agency with a mandate to ensure freedom of expression and the safety of journalists around the world. It coordinates the UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity, which marked its 10th anniversary with a global conference in Vienna, Austria this year.

The Organization condemns and monitors judicial follow up to every journalist killing. It also trains journalists and judicial actors, works with governments to develop supportive policies and laws, and raises global awareness through events such as World Press Freedom Day (3 May) and the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists (2 November) held annually.

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Tanzania out to leverage AGRF-2023 summit to drive investment pipelines across the food systems value chain

By Guardian Reporter

TANZANIA is positioning itself as a champion of food security and agricultural advancement on the global stage as it fervently prepares for the Africa's Food Systems Forum 2023 summit (AGRF-2023) in Dar es Salaam.

With its sights on becoming a global food security hub, the leading food powerhouse in East Africa seeks to attract substantial investments in the agricultural sector by showcasing its success stories, highlighting its immense potential, and captivating the attention of local and global investors seeking promising agricultural ventures.

Under the visionary leadership of President Samia Suluhu Hassan, Tanzania is positioning itself as a premier investment destination in Africa, setting the stage for a successful and transformative gathering that aims to shape the future of food systems on the continent.

The Ministry of Agriculture and that of Livestock and Fisheries have underscored that food security is a top priority for the country's Sixth Phase Government, emphasizing its commitment to ensuring a sustainable and secure food supply and trade.

Actively engaged in event preparations, the two ministries aim to unlock the agricultural sector's vast potential and full capacity, driving sustainable economic growth to unprecedented heights, with a particular emphasis on agriculture and livestock investments.

Minister for Agriculture, Hussein Bashe, inaugurated the registration process for AGRF-2023 in Dodoma, inviting agricultural stakeholders worldwide to register and participate in this momentous event.

The Summit will take place in Dar es Salaam from September 4th to 8th, 2023, and will spotlight Africa's crucial role in implementing innovative global food security and safety strategies. Projected data indicates a deteriorating food situation worldwide, with an estimated 50 percent increase in food demand.

Minister Bashe highlighted the significant role of innovation, sound policies, and increased investments in the agricultural sector.

He said the AGRF conference is a prime opportunity to explore innovative approaches that strengthen agriculture, attract more investment, and foster the development of sound policies.

He said Tanzania is fully geared up to leverage its potential as a thriving food hub for Africa and the world, seizing the opportunity to make a substantial impact in ensuring global food security.



A farmer attends to a rice farm in Tanzania. File Photo

Bashe stressed the importance of engaging youth and women in pursuing food security, recognising their pivotal role as catalysts for innovation and development, calling upon agricultural stakeholders and global experts in food systems to contribute their expertise, ideas, and commitment to AGRF-2023. "In our endeavours to establish Africa as the global epicentre of food security, we must prioritise the active engagement of youth and women, harnessing their innovative potential and valuable contributions to foster the sustainable production and accessibility of safe and dependable food," he Bashe.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, Abdallah Ulega, met with Amath Pathé Sene,

AGRF Managing Director to discuss how the agricultural forum can promote investment opportunities in Tanzania's livestock and fisheries sectors. "At the AGRF conference, attendees will have the valuable opportunity to witness the impressive achievements and activities of Tanzanian farmers, gaining valuable insights into successful practices within the agricultural sector," noted Sene.

Prof Riziki Shemdoe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries inaugurated the Tanzania Agribusiness Deal Room in Dar es Salaam that gears to contribute to the AGRF's food systems agenda by nurturing agricultural entrepreneurship and providing a conducive environment for young farmers and agri-

preneurs to access resources, training, and networking opportunities.

"The Agribusiness Deal room provides a highly interactive space for various actors to engage and extend discussions in bilateral and multilateral partnerships. This, in turn, facilitates pipelines of investments along the food systems value chain," Prof Shemdoe stated.

"Our President is fully committed to opening up the country to the global economy through improved investment climate and major infrastructure development. We are undertaking significant legal and regulatory reforms to make Tanzania one of the best investment destinations in the continent," he added.

On May 12th, Prof Shemdoe launched the Value4Her Women in Agribusiness Convention, a significant milestone on the journey towards the AGRF-2023 and aims to empower women entrepreneurs in the agricultural sector.

The Value4Her Women in Agribusiness in Tanzania has over 152 agribusinesses on board, attracting both women-led companies and ecosystem players.

"As we officially launch the Value for Her initiative, I urge women to participate in the deal room actively, showcasing our potential and creating opportunities for transformative investments," stated Prof. Shemdoe.

Tanzania has set its sights on becoming a global food security hub, and the Value4Her initiative is one of the vital tools that can make this ambition a reality, Prof Shemdoe stated.

He emphasised that active participation in the deal room for Value4Her women will attract investments in women-led businesses, paving the way for transformative change in the agricultural landscape of Tanzania.

Sabdiyo Dido Bashuna, Head of Gender and Inclusiveness at AGRA, urged The Value4Her initiative in Tanzania to harness the immense opportunities provided by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

"The AfCFTA opens up immense opportunities for women entrepreneurs in Africa. With the right product certifications and origin certificates, women can trade seamlessly across the continent, unlocking new markets and driving economic growth. Let Value4Her women be the first to harness the power of AfCFTA in trade and build a prosperous future," expressed Bashuna.

These prelude events lay the foundation for Africa's Food Systems Forum 2023 Summit, a dynamic and engaging platform that aims to catalyse transformative changes in agriculture, drive sustainable practices, and ensure food security across the African continent.

Save the Children, partners launch crusade to tame climate change impact on children

By Correspondent Daniel Semberya

SAVE the Children Tanzania in collaboration with CRDB Bank, and Sharon Ringo have launched the 'Generation Hope Campaign' to address the nexus between climate change and children's rights.

Speaking during the launch at Mbezi Juu primary school, in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam, Save the Children Tanzania executive director, Angela Kauleni said the campaign will raise awareness about the urgent need to address the nexus between climate crisis and inequality and inspire action to protect the planet for future generations.

It also highlights the urgent need to address environmental challenges such as climate change, pollution, deforestation, and loss of biodiversity which triggers droughts, floods, and wildfires.

According to her, the five-year global campaign that aims at creating a world that cares for children and their planet, focuses on advocating for the changes needed to protect children and the environment, while empowering children with these issues and amplifying their messages.

"The campaign provides a platform for children to voice their concerns and advocate for their rights to a safe and healthy planet."

Kauleni said the evaluation that was carried out by their organisation between May and August in 2022 in 41 countries that involved around 54,600 children, said that climate change was impacting their livelihoods and was increasing effects on poverty and inequalities.

83 percent of the children confessed that climate change and inequalities on the economic part were affecting the world, society and themselves. 35 percent of the children said they have already started to campaign or are ready to campaign by expressing their



Save the Children Tanzania's executive director, Angela Kauleni, speaks during the launch. Photo: Correspondent Daniel Semberya

views while 73 percent believed that adults must take more and strong measures to arrest the situation.

She said research reveals that around 250 people globally are being impacted by climate change as compared to 100 million people in the 1970. To date the campaign is being implemented in 21 countries globally including Tanzania.

"Save the Children intends to establish safe shelters for leisure and study for the children. "We will do this by planting around 10,000 trees across the country for the entire year. This programme will be implemented by following a special tact known as 'adopt a school,'" she said.

This plan will involve the private sector, like companies and businesses that will collaborate with schools in planting trees, thus making safe shelters for children.

National Environment Management Council (NEMC) Director

General, Dr Samuel Gwamaka commended Save the Children for their efforts to ensure children have safe places to live and the world also becomes a good place to live.

"It is fascinating and hopeful to see Save the Children coming up with this campaign to inspire Tanzanians and give an opportunity to children to amplify their voices against the impacts of climate change," he said.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) report of October 2022, indicates that a total of 559 of children globally are currently disturbed or affected by acute hot weather, and the number is expected to increase to two billion children by 2050.

Dr Gwamaka said the campaign is a special contribution to the government and the nation as it motivates the spirit of putting in place plans and strategies.

"I call upon all stakeholders to make joint efforts, including both governments, the private sector, and civil organisations to work collectively to find ways and means that will help them arrest climate change's impacts," he added.

Head of Operation at CRDB Bank Foundation, Joycelean Makule said that the campaign is crucial because it will reforest natural vegetation.

She noted that in two years they have used 200m/- on environmental protection and preservation.

"Planting trees in open areas is one of our major responsibilities. Adding: It is also our responsibility to make safe spaces for our children, and the nation as a whole," said Makule.

Representing children, Trade and Tourism Ambassador from the East African Community (EAC), Sharon Ringo called for concerted efforts in protecting the environment, saying blaming one another would help in mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Appointment of
Mr. Wilson Mnzava

**Managing Director
of CRDB Insurance
Company Subsidiary**



The Board of Directors and Management of CRDB Bank Plc is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Wilson Mnzava as the Managing Director cum Principal Officer of the Bank's wholly owned new subsidiary CRDB Insurance Company Subsidiary, effective from 1st June 2023.

Mr. Mnzava is a seasoned insurance professional with over 19 years of experience in business development, insurance, sales, financial distributions, strategy, risk management, and Bancassurance. He is a competent leader who has worked for various companies in Tanzania and Uganda in different capacities, where he gained valuable local and international experience.

Before this appointment, Mr. Mnzava was the Acting General Manager and Principal Officer for CRDB Insurance Broker Ltd, which is now transformed into a full-fledged insurance company "CRDB Insurance Company" providing general insurance services. He played a crucial role in transforming the company during his tenure and contributed commendably to the CRDB Bank Group's profit.

He has also served in various other leadership positions, including Head of Business Development for CRDB Insurance Brokers, General Manager and Head of Distribution for Sanlam Life Insurance, and Project Manager for the First Micro Insurance Agency, an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network.

Mr. Mnzava holds a Master of Science in Insurance and Actuarial Science from the Institute of Finance Management (IFM), a Postgraduate Diploma in Savings and Credit Cooperative Management from Sokoini University of Agriculture (SUA), and an Advanced Diploma in Accountancy from the Institute of Finance Management (IFM). He is an alumnus of the University of Stellenbosch Business School in South Africa, where he completed the Senior Management Development Program; he also holds a Certificate in Enterprise promotion from the Negev Institute of Strategies in Israel.

We are confident that Mr. Mnzava's extensive experience and leadership skills will be an asset to the company. We look forward to working with him as we grow and drive the subsidiary to tremendous success.

Please join us in congratulating Mr. Mnzava on his new role and wishing him all the best in his future endeavours.



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Sudan conflict: Why violence really knows no borders

By Richard Probst and Anna Reuss

EVENTS in Sudan have been a constant topic of conversation in Cairo's coffee houses since the violence erupted there five weeks ago. The images of almost 30 Egyptian soldiers briefly detained in Sudan by Rapid Support Forces (RSF) militias and the death of an Egyptian diplomat in Khartoum caused a stir in Egypt.

The detained soldiers were at the Merowe air base in northern Khartoum, run by Sudanese armed forces - officially for no more than an agreed training mission. However, the RSF and international observers assessed their presence as long-term support for the Sudanese army led by General Burhan.

For many Egyptians, these humiliating images produced a rally 'round the flag effect. In a tragic way, they pointed to not only the geographical proximity but also the bond between the two neighbours.

In addition to the over 1,200-kilometre-long border in southern Egypt, the two countries have a multi-layered relationship visible not only in a common colonial past but also in the political developments of the past decade.

The outbreak of conflict between the RSF militias and the Sudanese army put an abrupt end to political developments led by the Sudanese military - a scenario with which the Egyptian leadership was comfortable.

In any case, Egypt has no interest in a destabilisation of Sudan and is calling on all sides for a permanent ceasefire. Political uncertainties on the country's southern border and Sudan sinking into civil war are a worst-case scenario for Egypt. Sudan, which borders the Nile, is not only an important ally for Egypt on the issue of the Grand Ethiopian

Renaissance Dam (GERD) project.

The Egyptian leadership is betting on the Sudanese military, seen by them as the best guarantor of their own interests.

The geopolitical jigsaw puzzle of different supporters for the two sides in the Sudanese conflict has placed Cairo in a diplomatic quandary. The United Arab Emirates (UAE), an important Egyptian ally, also supports the RSF, as does Libyan General Haftar, a close ally of Cairo in the conflict in Libya.

Egypt, which is right now in a severe economic and financial crisis, is dependent on investment from the Gulf region and in particular from the UAE. The conflict in Sudan has therefore a domestic political dimension as well. All this makes the conflict difficult for Egypt's diplomacy to navigate.

Egypt can play an important and constructive role in the short term, in particular in persuading General Haftar not to deliver weapons from Libya to the crisis region. In the long term, it will be crucial for the region's stability for civil actors to be involved in resolving the conflict in Sudan.

This should also be in Egypt's long-term interest as it could avoid the scenario of an ongoing civil war. The situation on the Sudanese-Egyptian border is very tense at the moment. Thousands of refugees are making the long and costly journey from Khartoum to Cairo.

The few border crossings between Egypt and Sudan are the bottlenecks through which thousands of Sudanese refugees squeeze their way. The unresolved border conflict between the two countries in the Halai Triangle further reduces the number of possible crossing points.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimated some 50,000 people to have crossed the border into Egypt



A UNHCR emergency transit centre in Renk, South Sudan receives displaced people from Sudan. According to the UN, Sudan has a population of 48 million and is the third largest on the African continent. Credit: UNHCR/Charlotte Hallqvist

in recent weeks. Even before the conflict broke out, around five million Sudanese were living in Egypt, most of them already for tens of years. Of these, just some 60,000 are registered with the UNHCR as refugees.

The Sudanese community - especially in Cairo - is therefore an important contact point and is playing a central role in taking in the refugees. In the long term, however, this will not be feasible. The longer the conflict lasts, the more important it will be to stand by Egypt and the UN organisations working in Egypt to support the refugees.

With all attention focused on the successful evacuation of international personnel from Sudan, the protection and support of the Sudanese refugees in Egypt and the other neighbouring countries must not be forgotten.

South Sudan

More than 30,000 people have fled Khartoum and the western Darfur region across the South Sudanese border since fighting broke out. The vast majority of them are South Sudanese, who, in the past, sought refuge in the north from

violence and conflict south of the border. The small border town of Renk, where most of those fleeing Khartoum arrive, is overwhelmed by the sheer amount of people. Humanitarian organisations are trying to get those arriving at the small airport in Paloch to continue their journey to Juba as quickly as possible.

But there are not enough flights, so, to prevent a humanitarian crisis in the border area, the government is now considering using barges on the Nile to take the refugees to other parts of South Sudan.

The arrival of tens of thousands of refugees is the most visible impact of the war between the two Sudanese generals on the country's southern neighbour. The two Sudans remain deeply interlinked even after South Sudan gained independence in 2011.

But what worries the government in Juba most is the risk that Sudan's oil export infrastructure will be deliberately destroyed in the course of the fighting. More than 90 per cent of South Sudan's government revenue is generated from oil production. The 'black gold' reaches the international markets via Sudan. There is no al-

ternative pipeline.

Currently, the Sudanese National Army is reportedly controlling the revenues from the pipeline user fees, no doubt to the chagrin of the RSF militia. An attack on the pipeline would have devastating economic consequences for Juba.

The responsible ministry is already complaining that the market price for South Sudanese oil has fallen owing to the situation in Sudan, with buyers taking advantage of the instability to drive down prices.

The joint interest of the South Sudanese government and the Sudanese army under General Burhan in maintaining oil exports is in turn likely to impact South Sudanese President Salva Kiir's peace efforts. He has invited both parties to the conflict to mediation talks in Juba, so far without success.

South Sudanese activist Edmund Yakani warns that the crisis in Sudan is also endangering the peace process in South Sudan. Sudan is one of the two regional guarantors of the peace agreement that formally ended the civil war in 2018 and the actor with the most powerful leverage over the

peace parties in Juba.

There is now a danger that the parties will continue to delay the peace process - also with the attention of the international community and other regional players now focused on Sudan. In addition, the instability in Sudan threatens to flush even more small arms across the border, while the brisk trade in everyday goods between North and South is suffering, further worsening the precarious supply situation.

All parties to the South Sudanese peace treaty, as well as armed groups fighting the transitional government, have links with various civilian and armed players in Sudan. How the conflict ends and who ultimately gains the upper hand will directly impact power dynamics in the political mêlée in Juba and the conflict landscape in the wider country.

Should the conflict continue and widen, both sides could also recruit keen-to-fight forces from South Sudan's fragmented conflict landscape, who could later return with more weapons, combat experience and new external political backing.

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Police testimony reveals how body ended up in Thabo Bester cell

By Becker Semela and Daniel Steyn

BAIL hearings for five of the eight accused in the Thabo Bester saga continued for a second day on Friday. Police officer Tiego Jobo Flyman testified how a dead body was smuggled into the Mangaung prison and how money changed hands before and after the escape.

In the dock were former Mangaung prison employees Senohe Matsoara, Monteyani Masukela, Tiego Makhotsa, Nastassja Jansen, along with Teboho Lipholo, a former employee of CCTV service provider Integrirton Security Solutions.

Flyman said that on 27 April 2022, the father of Bester's partner Nandipha Magudumana, Zolile Sekeleni, hired a car from OR Tambo airport.

This same vehicle was used to carry a corpse from National Hospital in Bloemfontein to the prison on 29 April.

Flyman said the corpse had been claimed by Magudumana, who had said the body was the child of an acquaintance's brother. She claimed she was assisting him to arrange the funeral. Flyman said a fake funeral was held, and when the police later exhumed the coffin, they found three 10kg sacks of maize meal.

He said the corpse was smuggled into the prison inside a TV cabinet. The car it was brought in should have been searched by the staff at the gate, but it was not. The corpse was then left in the TV cabinet, which had been placed in the prison workshop. The next day, Lipholo placed it in a wheelie bin and took it to the prison yard.

Lipholo was able to tamper with the system to get the body into Bester's cell, Flyman said.

Friends of Katlego Bereng, the man police claim was the person used as a decoy body in Bester's faked death scene in which it was claimed he died in a fire in his cell, picketed outside the court. They said they oppose bail for all the accused.

Read more in Daily Maverick: Thabo Bester saga - Escape decoy body of Katlego Bereng buried in Bloemfontein

Flyman said that Senohe Matsoara, the supervisor on duty on the night of the fire, did nothing to extinguish the fire when he got to the cell at around 3am on the morning of 3 May 2022. Officials from other blocks arrived at the cell, responding to the

fire alarm. The fire was extinguished and a corpse was discovered in the cell. It was assumed that the body was Bester's and that he had committed suicide.

CCTV technician Teboho Lipholo, whose charges include accepting a bribe and aiding an escape, provided key information to the police. Flyman said Lipholo met with Matsoara in the early hours of 2 May, which is when the decoy body was placed in Bester's cell.

Flyman also confirmed that Bester escaped dressed in a prison warden uniform.

Flyman testified that Nastassja Jansen and Tiego Makhotsa were working in the Central Control Room, from which CCTV cameras are monitored. Both were on duty the night of the fire. Flyman said that Lipholo dis-

connected the cameras for Bester's cell block. Jansen and Makhotsa allegedly opened the doors for Lipholo to do so.

According to Flyman, Matsoara had promised Lipholo a bribe of R2.5-million. But Matsoara's bank statements reveal that only R40,000 was actually paid. R30,000 was paid to Lipholo's wife's bank account before the escape, and R10,000 to his own bank account after the escape.

Matsoara had received the money in his bank account from someone called TK ("TK Nkwana" was the alias used by Thabo Bester before and after the escape). Payments to Matsoara's bank account started in April 2022 and continued after the escape. A total of R150,000 was paid by TK into Matsoara's account, Flyman said. After the escape, Makhotsa also received

R14,000 in two tranches - one of R10,000 and the other R4,000.

Matsoara was paid to facilitate the escape, Lipholo was paid to disconnect the cameras, and Makhotsa was paid to open the doors, Flyman said.

Flyman did not testify that Jansen was paid.

A man was found at a taxi rank in Bloemfontein after having collapsed, Flyman said, and paramedics took him to the hospital in an ambulance. According to the doctors, the man died during resuscitation. His blood sugar levels were low. Police have since claimed that the man was Katlego Bereng.

The police received formal DNA results on 21 April 2023 tracing Bereng to his family. At this point of the testimony, Flyman became emotional and requested a five-minute

break. After the break, Flyman testified that Matsoara and Bereng knew each other and they sometimes drank together at a local nightclub.

Flyman said that the accused should stay in custody. He said there was a risk that the local community, which has expressed anger about Bereng's death, would take the law into their own hands and there would be community unrest. He also said witnesses who had contributed to the police investigations could be in danger if the accused are released.

Flyman is the police officer who wrote an affidavit last year in response to a court application brought by Nandipha Magudumana to obtain the body that had been in the cell.

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AfCFTA rules of origin to promote 'made in Africa'

By Guardian Reporter, Arusha

THE East African Business Council (EABC) has announced that the successful completion of the webinar on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Rules of Origin, which took place over the weekend.

The webinar, organized by the EABC in collaboration with the World Customs Organization (WCO) through the European Union-WCO African Rules of Origin Programme, convened over 200 businesses from East Africa and the continent.

In his opening remarks, John Kalisa, EABC executive director/chief executive officer (CEO) said, "AfCFTA Rules of Origin will promote the 'Made in Africa' campaign." He stated that Rules of Origin should be flexible, predictable, and simple for SMEs to trade in the 1.2 billion AfCFTA market.

"Rules of Origin should integrate continental value chains of agro-processing, automotive, textiles, pharmaceuticals, and transport and logistics to boost intra-Africa trade," said Kalisa.

Sagoh Djete, Project Manager, Regional Cooperation-Infrastructure, EU Delegation to Tanzania and EAC retaliated that European Union's commitment to promote free movement of goods in EAC and Continent.

The webinar equipped 200 businesses from the East African Community (EAC) with the necessary skills and knowledge on the technical and administrative aspects of the AfCFTA Rules of Origin to seize opportunities provided by the preferential trade regime under

AfCFTA.

In her presentation, Unami Tlhole, Origin Expert, EU-WCO RoO Africa Programme, said that as of February 2023, 46 countries have deposited their instruments of ratification of the AfCFTA Agreement. She explained that 36 Tariff Offers, including three (3) Customs Unions (EAC, ECOWAS, and CEMAC), have been technically verified, and Rules of Origin (RoO) covering 88.3% of tariff lines have been agreed upon.

Rules of Origin are rules and regulations that determine the "economic nationality" of a product. AfCFTA Rules of Origin are found in the Protocol on Trade in Goods' Annex 2 on Rules of Origin and Appendix IV to Annex 2. Experts in the field shared valuable insights during the webinar, covering essential topics and addressing common challenges faced by businesses in complying with the AfCFTA Rules of Origin.

RoO will attract more Foreign Direct Investments, offer opportunities for SMEs to engage in regional value chains, provide preferential market access (No Quotas; waived duties; competitive prices), reduce the cost of doing business through self-certification by MSMEs (< USD5,000), and approved exporters. This will foster economic transformation of the continent through industrialization.

To qualify for AfCFTA's RoO, businesses should know the criteria for tariff liberalization, types of proof of origin, the country's designated competent authority, registration procedures, and procedures for the issuance of proof of origin.

Tigo leverages digital tech to offer customers firm's mastercard virtual card number service globally

By Guardian Reporter

THE digital technological space is drastically evolving and with it comes new innovations that have disrupted the hitherto legacy business models in various sectors.

The telecommunications industry has not been left behind in these dynamic paradigms and in fact, it's in the telecoms' space that technology has led the pack, registering radical innovations in modern day businesses.

Since what is commonly known as the digital revolution started in the 80's (starting with mobile devices, internet, social networking, big data and computing clouds)—hence revolutionizing work practices—telecoms across the board have cashed in on these technological advancements in order to better offer their customers modern and customized digital products and services.

In Tanzania, for example, Tigo with more than 16 million subscribers has been at the forefront in adopting and implementing the three globally-acclaimed pillars of the digital revolution—data, talent and innovation.

In this regard, Tigo Tanzania has invested heavily in advanced digital infrastructure to meet existing and future customer demands. As a customer-centric brand, Tigo, according to company sources, has built a vibrant and resilient innovation ecosystem that revolves around customer-orientation and satisfaction.

That is why, Tigo's recent launch of the Tigo Pesa Mastercard Virtual Card Number Service has entrenched the telecom's position as a leader in digital payment technology and also as a pace-setter in digital technological innovation.

By partnering with Selcom, a local payment facilitator player that prides itself as 'a payment service provider, whose vision is to enhance financial inclusion

across Africa through strategic partnerships and alliances to facilitate the seamless movement of funds electronically at all levels; and Mastercard Inc. whose 'mission is to connect and power an inclusive, digital economy that benefits everyone, everywhere by making transactions safe, simple, smart, and accessible', Tigo has strummed the right chords by clinching a most ideal partnership with fellow industry titans to offer customers a revolutionary service that will drastically change the way they transact their businesses.

The Tigo Pesa Mastercard Virtual Card Number Services, says Tigo Pesa's Chief Officer, Angelica Pasha, will empower Tigo Pesa customers to transact on global payments platforms and benefit from Mastercard's technology which will enable new digital commerce opportunities for consumers and merchants, through simple and secure payment experiences.

"As the leading digital lifestyle company in Tanzania we are always on the lookout for such partnerships; our customers will now be able to complete online transactions that require Mastercard credentials, while using funds from their Tigo Pesa wallets. It also means that this service will allow customers to quickly and conveniently pay for goods and services in the international market; we hope this partnership will improve user experience and accessibility to a vast array of mobile financial services," Pasha says.

What this means, according to Pasha, is that the Tigo Pesa Mastercard Virtual Card Number Service, being a global digital payment solution will, one; expand Tigo customers' geographical reach as far as their businesses are concerned, hence exposure to new markets, and second, create an ideal ecosystem where both the sellers and buyers' intent are achieved through easy, simple, safe and convenient digital payment solution.

CPB to allocate 100bn/- for purchasing of crops

By Guardian Correspondent, Mwanza

THE Board of Directors of Cereals and Other Produce Board (CPB) says it will bring about great revolution in the crops and cereals sector by setting aside 100bn/- for the purchase of crops from farmers in the country.

In addition, the Board has announced opportunities for farmers countrywide to cultivate more crops this season as the Board will buy the crops at market prices.

Kapenjama Ndile, CPB Board Member made the remarks here on behalf of the Board Chairman during his visit their projects in the Lake Zone recently.

"We are going to bring about a great revolution in the Crops and Cereals sector, we are going to buy 100bn/- worth of crops from the country's farmers," he said.

Ndile also called on farmers to produce more crops as CPB will buy them all, and added that they will process the crops through their factories to add their value.

Ndile said the three first priority was food and food security, and stressed that to be the main reason for the government to establish the Board.

He said CPB continues to establish factories, including two for processing cassava to be built in



Members of Cereals and Other Produce Board (CPB) board of directors inspect rice expected to be processed at Mkuyuni in Mwanza Region. Photo: Guardian Correspondent.

the cities of Mwanza and Tanga.

"We already also have other factories for processing crops, including wheat, maize and sunflower," he added.

For his part, another CPB Board member, Fadhili Ngajilo said the Board vows to bring about great changes to Tanzanians by opening trade doors through CPB.

He said as for now, CPB has created procedures for recognizing

crops middlemen as official traders to simplify business between farmers and CPB.

"The Board is in competition in regard to trade with foreign countries and we will make sure to enhance international standards," Ngajilo pledged.

David Shambwe, another CPB Board member said that farmers should feel free to cultivate more crops as the board is for them.

"Agreements struck with farmers have many benefits as they can access to loans from financial institutions as they will have recognized agreements," he said.

He said the agreements are in regard to various crops, including wheat, maize, rice and sunflower and stressed that primary cooperatives should mobilise farmers to grow great quantities of crops as CPB is for them.



Tembo Nickel resident manager Benedict Busunzu (2nd-R) and Commissioner of Police, Operations and Training Awadhi Juma, sign the agreement. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Tembo Nickel, Police seal pact worth 1bn/- to bolster security

By Guardian Correspondent, Ngara

TEMBO Nickel has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) worth more than 1bn/- with the Tanzania Police force to strengthen security in communities surrounding the Kabanga Nickel project in Ngara district, Kagera region.

Among other commitments a police post grade A will be constructed in Bugarama ward, as well as police residential houses. In that agreements police also will be given a vehicle for patrol purposes.

Speaking at the recent signing ceremony the Commissioner of Police, Operations and Training Awadhi Juma, said the force is carrying out responsibility of ensuring security, law and order for communities and investors alike.

"This in turn ensures the nation continues to sustain its peace," he said, adding that they have a procedure to provide

special security for institutions, so the signing of the MoU with Tembo Nickel was part of the implementation of their responsibilities.

"When we say that are building a grade A police station, it means that this grade A station will have the same status as a regional station, but this one will now be built in this ward and serve this Rulenge division, I believe that in cooperation with the community, security in our area and project will be highly strengthened," said Commissioner Awadhi.

Benedict Busunzu, Tembo Nickel Country Manager, said the partnership between Tembo Nickel and the government and Tanzanian people is designed to ensure value addition based on equality and trust.

"To achieve this Tembo Nickel is guided by the environmental, social and governance principles (ESG)," he said, noting: "The signing of this MoU is an agreement to improve security and safety in the villages surrounding the Kabanga

Nickel Project and the entire Ngara District."

"Our company Tembo Nickel recognises that there is a possibility of an influx of people into the project area, seeking opportunities. We will develop a special plan to educate communities on the opportunities the project will have to offer and how to access them, in order to mitigate any adverse effects."

Apart from these efforts, he said Tembo Nickel recognises that security in these villages may be a challenge due to this influx. Therefore through this MoU, Tembo Nickel assures the Ngara Community and Tanzanians, that it is well prepared for this collaboration with the Tanzanian Police Force, being one of Tembo Nickel's key stakeholder.

"Additionally through these services, Tembo Nickel will benefit from the protection and security services of the Tanzania Police Force just like any other member of the community," stressed Busunzu.

Kagera Regional Commissioner Albert Chalamila, congratulated Tembo Nickel for this initiative and appealed to the communities surrounding the project to take up the opportunities in order to boost their livelihoods and improve the economy of the region as a whole.

"Tembo Nickel has the task of improving people's lives in this area, and I can only stress to the community that Tembo Nickel is not coming to line your pockets with money, what they do is improve community services."

"For example, if the issue was that you were unable to carry out activities due to security, now security is being strengthened, I know they are doing a great job to improve the infrastructure of health and education. More than 1500 jobs will be created when the project starts. I believe our region of Kagera Region, will really grow, currently in terms of GDP, it is the poorest region, with the building of the mine all this is set to change," elaborated Chalamila.



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

Assignment Title: Design Review and Technical Supervision of the Construction of Karume Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) and (Zanzibar Technology Business Incubation) ZTBI Facilities.

Project ID No: P-TZ-100-003P-TZ-100-003
Pro. Ref. No. TZ-MoEVT/AfDB/C/ICB/03
Name of Project: Support for Skills Development and Youth Employment in Blue Economy Project (SEBEP)
Country: United Republic of Tanzania

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 fund to payments under the contract for **consultancy services for Design Review and Technical Supervision of the Construction of Karume Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) and (Zanzibar Technology Business Incubation) ZTBI Facilities.**

The services include Detailed Design Review and Construction Supervision for above mentioned project which will be implemented through construction of 5 vocational training contracts with an estimated construction duration of 24 months for each Lot with 12 months for Defect Liability Period (DLP). It is assumed that the total involvement of the consultant/duration of the contract will be 37 months. The consultant must calculate and propose the necessary personnel and the period of their involvement for the DLP.

The consultant shall review the designs and all relevant documents required for accomplishment of the project. The consultant shall provide approved construction detailed drawings Architectural, Structural, and Services (Electrical, Plumbing, Firefighting Infrastructure, ICT and Security System) in order to acquaint with the design and advice of any enhancement in terms of construction methodologies, green building and project implementation. Furthermore, the consultant will review tender documents with other related project documents for the purpose of identifying any omissions/additions, which compromise or supplement the completeness or consistency of the design together with the review of Bills of Quantities, and Specifications.

The Consultant shall be fully responsible for supervision of the construction works from beginning (site handover) to the successful completion (practical completion) including the defect liability period (final completion) as specified in the contract.

The Ministry of Education and Vocational Training Zanzibar now invites eligible 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.). Consultants may constitute joint ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

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Eligibility criteria to be used for establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy Framework dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Borrowers are under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

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CARE is a leading humanitarian organization dedicated to fighting poverty and social injustice and places a particular emphasis on women and girls, their dignity and empowerment to lead their communities out of poverty. CARE began working in Tanzania in April 1994, in response to the crisis in Rwanda and the subsequent influx of refugees into the Kagera Region of North-western Tanzania. Over the subsequent years, CARE Tanzania developed innovative education, health, microfinance, and environmental programs across most regions of the country. In Tanzania CARE works with the Government both in mainland and Zanzibar and other stakeholders to transform communities and ensure financial inclusion and independence, health and nutrition, climate-smart development resilience, especially for women and girls.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Restoring Landscapes & Livelihoods in East and Southern Africa with Climate Asset Management (RESA) in Tanzania aims to improve livelihoods, food security and resilience to climate change in Tanzania through restoring ecosystem services and improved management of agricultural, pastoral and forest areas contributing to emissions reductions. This Program will enable and build substantial carbon sinks and sequestration opportunities, allowing viable returns to both farmers and investors.

CARE will be leading implementing Organisation in this 5 years' climate change initiative in a consortium approach with other four international NGOs. The Program will enhance ecosystem services and carbon sinks, using locally appropriate Evergreening practices, to sequester carbon and generate certified carbon credits for the benefit of local communities and the investor. To improve the landscapes and livelihoods across Tanzania, the programme will take a multi-faceted, evidence-based approach to strengthen social, institutional, and economic infrastructure, and will develop equitable ever-green agriculture (EGA) value chain markets and ecosystem-based businesses (including the engagement with carbon markets) that underpin the sustainability of scaling-up positive impacts being realized through Evergreening practices.

CARE Tanzania seeks to recruit dynamic qualified Tanzanians to fill five (5) positions for a new project under Restoring Landscapes & Livelihoods in East and Southern Africa with Climate Asset Management (RESA) based in Ifakara, Morogoro.

POSITION TITLE: Evergreen Agriculture, Land Restoration and Value Chain Senior Officer

REPORTS TO: Project Manager

LOCATION: Ifakara, Morogoro

JOB SUMMARY: The position will be responsible to stimulate investments in agricultural value chains and restoration practices based on the existing government of the landscape restoration functions and improving sustainable livelihoods within the cluster. S/he will facilitate the marketing systems development and strengthening linkages amongst the various value chain actors including small holder producers, agro-input suppliers, processors, business development service providers and off-takers. The position will strengthen the marketing and business development skills of smallholder farmers to enhance product quality and increase their competitiveness for market negotiations to secure better prices.

He/she will be Working with a diverse team of consortium members and partners including direct link with World Vision Tanzania, ICRRAF, TLC, LGA and CSOs to develop market-oriented approaches and ensuring better performance of market functions. The Value Chain Officer plays a significant role in maintaining strong coordination among value chain actors, district authorities, private sector companies, traders, input dealers, local CSOs and farmer groups. S/he will contribute into project goal of improving livelihoods of small-scale farmers and/or pastoralist and restore ecosystem services, particularly through Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR), evergreen agriculture, and to enhance carbon sinks using locally appropriate evergreening practices.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS:

1. Implementation of Evergreen practices and Land Restoration Initiatives.

- Make use of Existing FFBS and/or mobilize new ones and recruit them as entry points for implementation of on-farm evergreen agriculture and land restoration practices as appropriate.
- Facilitate cluster level stakeholder integration of the functions of FFBS and VSLA and create a holistic approach ensuring that agrifund is accessible for collective or individual access to agriculture inputs.
- Provide TOT to Paraprofessionals (PPs) on Climate Smart Agriculture/ Agroforestry/Land restoration practices based on the existing government CSA manual and CARE's and advise from ICRRAF.
- Support PPs in cascading Climate Smart Agriculture/Agroforestry/Land restoration training to VSLAs/VSLAs and with close quality monitoring on your part.
- Enhance innovation and facilitate adoption and uptake of evergreen/ agroforestry/land restoration technologies that enhance productivity and value of products.
- Identify and assess climate change adaptation and resilience practices and align them with pro poor market development planning in the relevant CSA sector and build strong relationship with Tanzania Meteorological Authority.

2. Value Chain Selection and Development

- Take part in mobilization and execution of the value chain (and/or situational) analysis including the review of existing market tactics or business cases for prevailing sub-sector(s) in the area and provide recommendations for further improvement of the VC with guidance from the Consortium's VC Thematic Lead – World Vision Tanzania.
- Facilitate prioritization of cluster level specific ecologically sound and market led value chains development which will contribute to land restoration efforts by the community in accordance with the value chain analysis's report recommendation.
- Facilitate cluster level stakeholders' forums to address value chain constraints and maximize market development opportunities across the sub-sector nodes.
- With guidance from the Technical Lead, train, coach and mentor local market facilitators including Paraprofessionals (PPs) and Community Based Trainers (CBTs) to pursue effective market linkages between smallholder producers and private sector input suppliers in alignment with collective investment thinking and Chomoka marketplace development.
- With VC Technical Lead and F&WE Cluster Manager, develop and facilitate implementation of incentive mechanism that will sustain services of PPs and CBTs to VSLA/Production groups within the life of the project and beyond.
- Provide technical support to smallholder's farmers on value addition and organize them to reach market led value chain economies of scale.

3. Marketing skills development, and Market Linkages

- Strengthen marketing and business development skills of smallholder farmers to improve product quality and be able to better manage interactions with output market dealers.
- Support building capacity of other value chain actors through training, mentorship and networking based on the needs and demands of the project.
- Support, as appropriate, private partners to develop their business cases in alignment with the subsector market approaches to improve market systems efficiencies, equitable benefits, and sustainability with specific preference to engaging local small holder producers.
- Engage relevant key value chain actors within the project priority subsector (producers, input suppliers, transporters, processors, consumers etc.) to succeed on their respective value chain nodes.
- Work with Market actors including Private Sector, Marketing Associations, and producer groups to understand opportunities under agricultural value chain segments and determine most effective ways and commitment to engage.
- Facilitate establishment of quality relationships between the market value chain actors, LGAs and stakeholders and smallholder producers to ensure market linkages so established are profitable, equitable and sustainable.
- Unlock growth, increase productivity, employment, and income for the beneficiaries.

4. Maintain VC Sub-Sector Coordination and program quality.

- Contribute to designing a strategy to strengthen linkages between stakeholders - governments' representatives and the private sector.
- Innovatively collaborate with partners, allies, LGAs and like-minded stakeholders to influence policy and achieve multiplied impact in market and value chain development.
- Collaborate with Land tenure and Carbon Rights Officer and contribute to the development of carbon market interventions within the cluster.
- Strengthening relations with government decision makers, and with other relevant national agencies and stakeholders
- Maintain working relations with relevant government line ministries and private sector / research institutions to coordinate the adoption and uptake of evergreen innovations and/or approaches in agriculture development, Climate resilient agriculture and sustainable soil and land management.
- Facilitate linkages with financial services, manufacturers, technology suppliers and other service providers aiming to improve productivity and value addition.
- Contribute to the project's M&E functions and quarterly and annual reporting by highlighting successes, challenges, lessons learned and opportunities in Evergreen and Value chain programming within the respective project's area.
- Represent the project in various assigned learning and sharing meetings/workshops/conferences.
- Work with Others to support CARE's mission.
- Promote GED, and PSHEA
- Perform other duties as assigned by supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's degree in evergreening related fields such as Agriculture, Forestry, Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management.
- At least 4 years of demonstrated experience in value chain development and market access related, and/or analysis/research of agribusiness and/or socio-economic development projects.

- Should have experience with Carbon trading or similar projects.
- Experience in implementing resilient agriculture, economic development, food & nutrition security and community-based climate adaptation.
- Practical experience supporting the development of farmers' and farmers' enterprises.
- Demonstrated capacity to work with private sector players (financial institutions, exporters, buyers, traders, transporters, input suppliers or processors)
- An understanding of climate-smart agriculture principles is preferred.
- Demonstrated knowledge and expertise of implementation and analysis of research and evidence-generation, including strategies for building and managing strategic alliances and coalitions for common programming in women's economic empowerment and for policy engagement and advocacy.

POSITION TITLE: Women Empowerment & Financial Inclusion Project Manager (WE&FI)

REPORTS TO: Team Lead

LOCATION: Ifakara, Morogoro

JOB SUMMARY:

This position is responsible to lead and coordinate the implementation of project interventions on the site to include planning, execution, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting. The position will be responsible for strategic decision making around day-to-day activities, working with communities and partners – Civil society Organisations (CSOs), the local government actors, and interaction with the wider RESAF stakeholders. He/she will be a key member of the RESAF Management Unit (PMU) in Tanzania and will contribute to maintaining good working relationships with national, regional and district level government officials, CARE International Members (CIMs) and relevant civil society organisations, networks, and alliances as appropriate. The position reports to the Team Lead and works closely with the other Technical Managers at PMU, CARE CO Management Team, MEEL Lead and other senior program and program support staff within the CO to generate synergies, leverage resources and achieve greater program impact.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS:

1. Strategic and Technical Coordination

- Develop and implement a roadmap for implementation and scaling up, strengthening and ensuring quality in Women's Economic Empowerment and Financial Inclusion (WE&FI) work in alignment with Land Restoration initiatives, ensuring effective, and coordinated advancement of women empowerment including ensuring elements of gender transformation, and broader women's empowerment are well synchronized.
- Provide strategic, technical and thought leadership to ensure that WE&FI approaches and strategies are integrated and gender sensitive/transformational.
- Forge strategic partnerships necessary to operationalize WE&FI approaches and to ensure that REAP Tanzania's clusters staff, partners and other key stakeholders understand and implement the prescribed program technical approaches.
- Ensure consistency in approaches (such as in VSLAs/VSLAs expansion, layering and scaling) across the Clusters to generate synergies, leverage resources and achieve greater program quality and impact.
- Contribute to periodic review of the program's operating environment to ensure that the WE&FI programming approaches and models are innovative and adapted to the changing operating environment.
- Facilitate the rollout adoption of the Chomoka by VSLAs including building capacity and incentives of agents to present Chomoka as platform for collective decision.
- Advise and/or facilitate training to cluster implementing partners and peer PMU Technical Leads in WE&FI approaches, initiatives, and innovations.
- Provide necessary guidance to ensure that partner's training approaches towards GEWE are aligned with accelerating the implementation of WE&FI commitments in the REAP Initiatives.
- Pending improvements of Chomoka within CARE, maintain thorough understanding of the development of the technical aspects of the digital technology and provide appropriate linkage support to VSLAs (preferably starting with Chomoka) with the back-end IT maintenance team.
- Provide technical and thought leadership for integrating WE&FI approaches in programming, integration of learning and good practices and evaluation of its relevance, as strategies for improving program quality and achieving the goal of Land Restoration program
- Monitoring WE&FI program quality, meeting with stakeholders, managing and monitoring CARE W&FI budgets and creating progress reports accordingly.

2. Project Management

- Take lead in cluster level project planning, delivery and management including taking overall responsibility for the implementation of project activities and achievement of targets for each project initiative.
- Produce annual and quarterly work/implementation plans to outline steps and required activities to achieving project results.
- Prepare annual budgets in collaboration with finance staff and ensure compliance with donor policies and with many stakeholders from different horizons, including national & subnational government agencies, private sector organizations and non-state-related actors such as civil society and community groups (preferable)
- Management of project funds, including monitoring of monthly budget burn rates, budget re-alignments, production of financial reports and support with internal and external auditing
- Provide proper supervision for staff and lead the establishment and functioning of a coordinated and high performing team with complementary skills.
- Lead, manage and support direct reports (and staff under shared management arrangements), including setting objectives, conducting annual performance development reviews, providing coaching, and ensuring team members have individual development plans.
- Accountability & Learning and Innovation
- Internal and external representation
- Reporting
- Promote Gender, Equity and Diversity
- Work with Others to support CARE's mission.
- Perform other duties as assigned by supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- A bachelor's university degree in business management, economics, community development or relevant field.
- Master's degree will be an added advantage.
- At least 3 years of experience in Project Management with affinity to VSLAs and women's economic empowerment as well as demonstrated experience in facilitating and managing WE&FI programs funded by a variety of donor agencies.
- Experience as trainer, facilitator, coach, or mentor involved in the transfer of knowledge, skills, and tools to individuals and/or organizations.
- Understanding and first-hand experience of women's social and economic empowerment and gender sensitive/transformational work, priorities, trends, and best practices.
- Demonstrated experience in providing technical knowledge and expertise in women's economic empowerment and FI approaches in program planning and management.
- Commitment to issues and programs in gender equality and women's empowerment, and experience with new business development and implementation.
- Demonstrated experience leading the strategic integration of WE&FI in development programs and history of producing WEE analysis, leading WEE measurement initiatives, developing cutting edge WE&FI programming.
- Strong relationships and networks with WE&FI actors; experience in advocacy and partnership management with WEE actors.

POSITION TITLE: Women Empowerment & Financial Inclusion Project Officer (WE&FI)

REPORTS TO: Women Empowerment & Financial Inclusion Program Manager

LOCATION: Ifakara, Morogoro

JOB SUMMARY:

He/she will be responsible in social empowerment and collective investment, financial inclusion, savings groups, entrepreneurs, social enterprises, market systems, micro to macroeconomics, MFP and digital technology. The WE & FI Officer will ensure effective integration and driving of WE approach within CARE's Kilombero Cluster in Morogoro, and as part of division gender transformational programming and broader women's empowerment across the program. The position is passionate about promoting gender equality, and innovative and transformative approaches to women's and Youth empowerment.

This position is a key member of the Cluster level program management Unit based in Kilombero. The position is responsible for maintaining good working relationships with regional and district level officials, private sector partners, CARE International Members (CIMs) and relevant civil society organisations, networks, and alliances within the operational area. The position reports to the Project Manager, MEEL Lead and other officers and program support staff within the CO to generate synergies, leverage resources and achieve greater program impact.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS:

1. Strategic and Technical Coordination

- Plan and conduct demand creation meetings that will involve small-scale farmer/producer groups, VSLA, FFBS group members, VEO, potential people and community at large in the operating area to let them understand on what consortium members are doing under program to mobilize group formation.
- Work with identified consortium members and partner to empower women through land restoration and VSLA, FFBS to be able to understand their rights and participate in decision making both at household and communal settings.
- Mobilize Community Members into Saving and Credit groups or similar groups into investment groups, build their financial skills and capacities and facilitate transformation of the Saving and Credit into business and link the matured groups with Financial Institutions.
- Provide Training of Trainers (TOT) to Community Base Trainers (CBTs) and assist them to cascade similar training to VSLA and other savings groups as relevant.
- Through CBTs, train VSLA or similar groups on Inclusive financial and business models that promote sustainable economic development and incomes of the SSPs particularly women. Ensure consistency in approaches (such as in VSLA/VSLAs expansion, layering and scaling) across the Clusters to generate synergies, leverage resources and achieve greater program quality and impact.
- Contribute to periodic review of the RESAF Tanzania operating environment to ensure that the WE&FI programming approaches and models are innovative and adapted to the changing operating environment.
- Facilitate the rollout adoption of Intra and Inter collective investment model by VSLA or similar saving groups.

Pending improvements of Chomoka within CARE, maintain thorough understanding of the development of the technical aspects of the digital technology and provide appropriate linkage support to VSLAs (preferably starting with Chomoka) with the back-end IT maintenance team.

Assist the WE&FI Manager to provide technical expertise to build and develop WE & FI awareness and capacity within the consortium team to provide effective management of Women's Empowerment and Financial Inclusion program in line with RESAF Tanzania program goal.

2. Program Implementation and Quality

- Ensure that WE&FI programming remains dynamic and highly relevant, with opportunities for innovation and personal growth by promoting a culture of, and mechanisms for, reflective learning and practice at within and beyond the cluster.
- Conduct regular monitoring visits to observe group performance and provide necessary guidance to CBTs.
- Work closely with the Cluster Manager and relevant program colleagues to establish mechanisms for generating and sharing knowledge, both within CARE and between WE&FI technical staff across clusters.
- Work closely with Cluster Manager to ensure that lessons learned are consolidated and used to inform ongoing and future programming practices.
- Work closely with others as relevant, to develop impact measurement systems and to promote forward accountability to the impact group and ensure their participation in program quality and impact evaluations.
- Ensure that RESAF program is at the transformative end of gender and resilience programming as per CARE marker guidelines.
- Ensure that the program adopt and/or integrate latest innovations and technology in the sector that support impact, learning M&E, etc.
- Ensure Gender Equality and Diversity (GED) and Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) are adequately considered and addressed as per CARE policy at the workplace and across program operational areas.

3. Promoting accountability of private sector partners, consortium members and LGAs

- Advocating for gender-responsive budgeting at different sectoral levels within the district as requisite for accelerated implementation and adoption of VSLA model by the government.
- Assist WE&FI Manager in providing support for promoting CARE's relationship with external coalitions, networks, and social movements and/or partners to advance WE&FI programming and approaches, as well as to contribute to national, regional and international dialogue on poverty reduction through WE&FI programming approaches.
- Maintain good working relationships and visibility with partners in the Clusters, relevant government counterparts, donors, CIMs, national and international NGOs and other key stakeholders.
- Promote institutionalization of social accountability monitoring by community groups (including small holder farmer and VSLAs) within the cluster, private sector partners and LGAs.
- Monitor the performance of On-boarded saving groups on the ground and share feedback back to the Program management as and of when requested.

Work with LGAs in enhancing the delivery of their services to small scale farmers and VSLAs as well as gauging their support in ensuring that private sector partners and consortium members provide required services to farmers as agreed.

Promote Gender, Equality and Diversity

Work with others to support CARE's mission.

Perform other duties as assigned by supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's Degree in economics, gender & social studies, rural development, education, or other relevant field.
- Minimum three (3) years of experience related to the development and implementation of strategies and field activities aiming the empowerment of small entrepreneurs, and more specifically women entrepreneurs living in rural areas.
- At least 3 years of experience in VSLAs and women's economic empowerment, with demonstrated experience in implementing WE & FI programs funded by a variety of donor agencies.
- Experience working in the field of gender equality advocacy, particularly with the women clientele of small financial institutions.
- Experience in the design and dissemination of online tools to inform and capacitate small entrepreneurs/VSLAs groups.
- Experience in working in a banking and financial inclusion sector, multicultural environment and with many stakeholders from different horizons, including national & subnational government agencies, private sector organizations and non-state-related actors such as civil society and community groups (preferable)
- Demonstrated commitment to issues and programs in gender equality and women's empowerment, and experience with new business development and implementation.
- Field program experience with gendered approaches to agriculture and climate issues.

POSITION TITLE: Carbon Benefit & Land Tenure Officer

REPORTS TO: Women Empowerment & Financial Inclusion Program Manager

LOCATION: Ifakara, Morogoro

JOB SUMMARY:

The Carbon Benefits and Land Tenure Officer is responsible for facilitating the process for acquiring land and tenure rights from small scale farmers to give way for the development of Carbon Programming within the Cluster. Whereas the Entire RESAF Tanzania will follow one standard procedure, this position will work quite closely and with guidance from the Consortium's Technical/Thematic/Technical lead on the Land Tenure and Rights – Total LandCare (TLC). The position involves a strong element of safeguarding the interest of the target communities we work with, as guided by the organizational vision and mission. The position will take lead in facilitating cluster level development of individual (as appropriate) and community land use plans, community land rights and carbon rights awareness; and deployment of strategies for securing consent from the farmers, leading them to enter carbon contractual engagements. With guidance from Thematic lead, it also involves participation in the establishment of carbon credit standards and guidelines (appropriate) structuring and steering of carbon benefit sharing mechanisms of the project.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS:

- Land rights**
 - In collaboration with Consortium's Land tenure rights technical lead, participate in the development, review and/or adoption of land rights and carbon benefit sharing mechanisms manuals for the Restore Africa program in Tanzania.
 - With guidance from the Land tenure rights technical lead and in collaboration with other implementing partners within the district, facilitate the development of individual (as appropriate) and community land use plans for creating space for carbon activities.
 - Facilitating development of community land rights and carbon rights awareness campaigns, dialogues, and clinics/workshops to increase project acceptance in the communities.
 - Facilitating deployment of strategies for carbon contract engagements with the farmers within the implementation cluster.
 - Prior execution of the contract, ensure that the process for securing consent from the farmers follows the standard procedures and is agreeable to the local and district government.
 - Participating in monthly and/or quarterly Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings organized by partners / the Consortium's Land tenure rights technical lead for purposes of technical backstopping and resolving land rights and carbon rights challenges/conflicts.
 - Facilitate and provide support on the land-based conflict resolution in the project area assigned to you.
- Carbon Credit Mechanism**
 - Participate in feasibility assessments and other evaluations of projects in the perspective of future investments and generation of carbon credits.
 - Through guidance from Consortium's Land tenure rights technical lead and in collaboration with consortium members, Global Evergreening Alliance and sector partners participate in the establishment of carbon credit standard and guidelines.
 - Participate, as appropriate, in the structuring and steering of carbon benefit sharing mechanisms of the project: planning and implementation of project carbon related activities.
 - With guidance from Global Evergreening Alliance and in collaboration with implementing partners, create and manage carbon sequestration models and carbon benefits calculations and sharing mechanisms in the program area.
 - Engage in the implementation of MRV activities and to prepare data and documents necessary for carbon certification.
 - Ensure that there is active dialogue and engagement on the carbon enterprise with participating communities and that decisions made by the communities in relation to their involvement in investment groups or the cooperatives are made with free, prior, and informed consent.
 - Contribute and advise any contract related carbon offsetting and Credit to safeguard interest of target programme beneficiaries.
 - Ensure that the Carbon Development Process adopted by CARE-REAP Tanzania complies with the new national Environment Management (Control and Management of Carbon Trading) Regulations, 2022.
 - Following the above, inform the Team Lead and/or CARE CO management of any challenges or discrepancies that may potentially impair non-compliance with the above regulation and devise the ways to address it.
- Program Management and Quality Assurance**
 - The officer shall keep neat and well-organized records and administer carbon credits inventories within the cluster.
 - S/he shall provide oversight to the Carbon Monitoring process such as maintenance of accurate and detailed records in relation to monitoring carbon emissions reductions and carbon sequestration with guidance from GEA and lead technical partner.
 - Provide technical support to stakeholders and collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to monitor and evaluate project impacts on carbon reduction, livelihoods, and ecosystem services.
 - Participate in quarterly and annual planning and budgeting meetings and ensure there is value added with respect to the money spent.
 - Assist Cluster Manager in project budget management, especially monitoring deliverables, and burn rates for resources allocated for your work.
 - Contribute to writing quarterly, and annual quality program progress reports by highlighting successes, challenges, lessons learned, and opportunities emerging during the implementation of the Programme

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- Facilitate in preparing human interest stories, documentation and dissemination of achievements, lessons learned, and promising practices.
- Promote Gender, Equality and Diversity
- Work with Others to support CARE's mission.
- Perform Other Duties as Assigned

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Bachelor's degree majoring in Land Management and Valuation, Urban and Regional Planning, Land Laws, Forest Resources Management, or other related fields
- 3 years of professional experience in Land and/or Carbon sector, and strong interest / curiosity toward technical topics.
- Successful work experience related to land rights, land use planning and community awareness and/or carbon projects is seen as a strong asset.
- Demonstrated knowledge and expertise of implementation and analysis of research and evidence-generation, including strategies for building and managing strategic alliances and coalitions for common programming in women's economic empowerment and for policy engagement and advocacy.

POSITION TITLE: Program Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEAL) Coordinator

REPORTS TO: Program Team Leader

LOCATION: Ifakara, Morogoro

JOB SUMMARY:

The Monitoring Evaluation Evidence and Learning (MEAL) Coordinator will be the authority in ensuring high and consistent standard and quality of MEAL, is delivered throughout the programming and that the program team within the coverage area gets the required support in MEAL. In addition, the MEAL Coordinator, working closely with Policy, Governance & Communications Coordinator in CARE Tanzania will be supported by Cluster-based Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Officers from the consortium organisations, mandated to perform MEAL tasks in their respective sites/clusters. The MEAL Coordinator will work closely with the Program Team Lead, Program Coordinators, and officers to ensure that the team is effectively and efficiently utilized in either a direct or shared and supportive Program role. The MEAL Coordinator will work closely with the CARE Senior MEAL Manager based in Dar es Salaam Office for data sharing and storage and to leverage evidence and impact across the programme. S/he will also be responsible for leading the programs' initiative efforts to build staff and partner's capacities in designing, monitoring, evaluation, impact measurement, evidence generation, reporting and learning. S/he is also responsible to harmonise monitoring tools with consortium partners to ensure all the necessary data and information is gathered and analysed appropriately based on the project monitoring framework.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS:

1. Leading the Development and Implementation of the RESAF Tanzania programs monitoring evaluation, impact measurement, and reporting system

- Guide the development, reviewing and implementation of Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) framework, in collaboration with consortium M&E staff.
- In line with the above, work with M&E cluster teams and other relevant personnel within the consortium to develop/review appropriate M&E tools and ensure that tools to be used have received consent from all partners and are effectively harmonized across clusters.
- Testing and adapting, in collaboration with other program teams and partners, the program theory of change.
- Facilitate development of annual plans as per donor and CARE guidelines and support the revision of work plans in case of changes in programming or response to delays.
- Prepare monitoring reports as well as assisting Team Lead in preparing Program's monthly, and consolidated quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reports.
- Lead in program initiative's monitoring and evaluation events such as Baseline, mid-term reviews, final evaluation, and specific studies for the Program.
- Organize and/or facilitate preparedness and execution of internal and external program reviews and development of quality evaluation reports.
- Assist Team lead in organizing periodic Program Reflection and Programme Advisory Committee Meetings
- Take lead in the engagement of program initiative reviewers and evaluators, including writing universal Terms of Reference (ToR) for all program sites and ensure that logistical support they need to carry out their contracted duties is provided accordingly.
- Facilitate learning sessions with staff or partners for the purpose of exploring information and answers around Program learning agenda.
- Formulate and Implement key performance indicators (KPI) and deliverables for the Program and engage TL in monitoring them throughout the duration of the Program.

2. Coordinating programme's information and knowledge management system.

- Develop or review, in collaboration with PMU technical team, Team leader and consortium members, the program learning plan.
- Develop, update, and maintain the program database and facilitate its synchronization with CARE Tanzania's MEEL system.
- Lead program efforts to analyze and reflect on the data and information to determine the impacts it is making to the lives of targeted participants and for improved program performance.
- Lead the program efforts to document challenges/obstacles and lessons and best practices, including their application for improved program and organizational performance.
- Take lead to organize national level learning events in collaboration with PMU technical team and ACSAA Tanzania Chapter.

3. Promote Data utilization, reflective practices, and adaptive management.

- Support CO MEAL Manager to conduct, on an annual basis, internal Data Quality Assessment as per standards to identify the major strength and weakness of Programme MEEL system for improvement.
- Collect and analyze data that informs RESAF program development and allows it to make programming decisions and support a process of adaptive management and continual improvement.
- Advise program initiative's monitoring and evaluation events and ensure that their utility suffices the needs for both: the RESAF programs evidence generation and reporting and contributing to individual organization's impact measurement, policy influence and scale.
- File and store completed data collection forms, reports and any other supporting documents in designated locations both hardcopies and electronic copies in CARE Program database.
- Assist in documentation of lessons learned and writing of learning briefs, success stories and other communication materials.
- Work with the Program team in all the clusters to organize quarterly reflection and planning meetings to ensure implementing feedback and grievance mechanisms are in place, functioning and communicated in an integrated way to beneficiaries to support CARE's accountability to communities.
- Participate in ACSAA consortium's related program designs and major reviews, making sure that new designs mainstream best practices and learning and are aligned with sustainable and inclusive evergreen practices.
- Develop a MEAL culture and strengthen accountability to application of best practices/learnings.
- Support strengthening and continue use of the CARE Centralized data management system (MEAL system)
- Facilitate the gathering and submission of annual PIRs data for the program as required by the Country Office
- Staff and Partner capacity development
- Data quality assurance
- Reporting
- Work with Others to support CARE's mission.
- Perform Other Duties as Assigned

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Master's degree in social sciences / Rural Development/Development Studies / Information Systems/ Program Management.
- Professional certificate on MEAL course is an added advantage.
- At least 4 years' experience of MEAL including impact measurement, knowledge management, research, evidence generation for policy, data analysis, cost benefit analysis, programme design, programme quality and learning preferably in development organisations, and at a range of levels for local (micro) to national (macro).
- Solid experience and understanding of monitoring and evaluation principles.
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience in strategic planning and contextual analysis of relevant program areas.
- Experience in conducting research and analysing data for advocacy and policy related initiatives, as well as formulating policy recommendations.
- Demonstrated experience designing and using Program/program monitoring and evaluation frameworks.

MODE OF APPLICATIONS

Only a letter of application and updated CV including names of at least 3 reputable referees from previous jobs (preferable line Managers) with reliable contacts should be sent by email to Human Resources Department TZ@HumanResourcesDepartment@care.org not later than 27th May, 2023.

The applicants should clearly state the Job title applied for in the subject line of the email.

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

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WORLD

Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Israel reach ceasefire deal

GAZA/JERUSALEM

A truce between Israel and the militant Islamic Jihad group officially came into effect late on Saturday night, with an Egyptian-mediated ceasefire agreement meant to end the worst episode of cross-border fire since a 10-day war in 2021.

As fighting tapered off, streets in Gaza that had largely been deserted filled with Palestinians. Some people cheered and honked car horns while others headed to the homes of people killed in the fighting to show their respect.

"In light of the agreement of the Palestinian and the Israeli side, Egypt announces a ceasefire between the Palestinian and the Israeli sides has been reached," a text of the agreement seen by Reuters read.

"The two sides will abide by the cease-

fire which will include an end to targeting civilians, house demolition, an end to targeting individuals immediately when the ceasefire goes into effect," it said.

Israel's national security adviser thanked Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi for Cairo's efforts, a statement from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said.

"Quiet will be met with quiet and if Israel will be attacked or threatened, it shall continue to do what it must in order to defend itself," the statement said.

Islamic Jihad also confirmed the agreement. "We declare our acceptance of the Egyptian announcement and we will abide by it as long as the occupation (Israel) abides by it," the group's spokesman, Dawoud Shehab, said.

Even as the truce was being finalized, the two sides kept up firing, with air raid



Palestinians and supporters of the Islamic Jihad militant group celebrate in the street after Palestinian factions and Israel reached a ceasefire agreement in Gaza City on May 13, 2023. (PHOTO / AFP)

sirens sounding as far as Tel Aviv's suburbs and Israel's military announcing it had hit Islamic Jihad targets in response to rocket fire.

Though happy about news of the truce, some Gaza residents, weary of repeated flare-ups, feared that another round of fighting would erupt before long. "We want the truce to be based on principles, not like in the past when after a calm (truce) people died," said resident Munir Marouf, 43.

Israel launched the latest round of airstrikes in the early hours of Tuesday, announcing that it was targeting Islamic Jihad commanders who had planned attacks in Israel.

In response, the Iranian-backed group fired more than 1,000 rockets, sending Israelis flee-

ing into bomb shelters.

During the five days of the campaign, Israel killed six senior Islamic Jihad commanders and destroyed a number of military installations.

At least 10 civilians, including women and children, were also killed in Gaza during the fighting, and two people - an Israeli woman and a Palestinian labourer - were killed by Palestinian rocket fire in Israel.

Islamic Jihad spurns coexistence with Israel and preaches its destruction. Top ministers of Israel's religious nationalist government rule out any state sought by Palestinians in territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

Kremlin absolutely rejects accusations by Turkish opposition of meddling into election

MOSCOW



RUSSIA absolutely rejects accusations by Turkey's opposition of interfering in the presidential election in that country, Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov told TASS on Saturday.

Commenting on claims by Republican People's Party Chairman Kemal Kilicdaroglu of Russia's alleged interference in the Turkish presidential election, the Kremlin official said: "Overall, we are highly disappointed by this claim by Turkey's opposition."

"The opposition leader was saying that he has proof [of Russia interfering in Turkey's presidential election]. He still has not presented it. We are confident that he wouldn't be able to do so because actually it does not exist," Peskov stated.

Putin's press secretary assured that it treasured "the level of relations reached over the past years" which involves cooperation in such spheres as tourism, agriculture, trade, energy, transport, humanitarian ties and other fields. He stressed that this interaction was indeed mutually beneficial for both nations. "And, of course, we will respect the choice of the Turkish people," he concluded.

On Thursday, Kilicdaroglu published a post in Russian on Twitter, calling on Moscow not to interfere in the presidential and parliamentary elections in the republic.

The presidential election in Turkey will be held on May 14 with incumbent Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Kilicdaroglu in the running. In order to win, a candidate must secure over 50% of the vote. Otherwise, a runoff election will follow on May 28. **Agencies**

China can play active role in bringing back peace, prosperity in Afghanistan - experts

ISLAMABAD

AS a strong defender of world peace and close neighbor of Afghanistan, China can play an active role in bringing back stability, peace and prosperity in the war-torn country, experts said.

Unlike the United States, China supports sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries around the globe including Afghanistan.

It supports peace and reconstruction of Afghanistan with the intention of helping Afghan people in fighting terrorism, which posed a major threat to regional stability and beyond, said the experts and academics during a webinar with the theme of China Position Paper on Afghanistan on Friday.

Experts from various countries including Pakistan, China and Afghanistan attended the event organized by the Asian Institute of Eco-Civilization Research and Development, an Islamabad-based think tank.

Speaking on the occasion, Saleem Khan Safi, a senior Pakistani journalist and expert on Afghan affairs, said that a peaceful Afghanistan is crucial for regional socio-economic development and connectivity as well as for the welfare of the Afghan people, underlining that all the stakeholders should work together for the prosperity and unity of Afghanistan.

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project of China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, is ready to be promoted to extend into Afghanistan under trilateral cooperation which would promote economic development and prosperity in the region, he said.

Criticizing the United States and its allies for leaving Afghanistan hastily and in a chaotic condition, Safi said that without consolidating Afghanistan or making arrangements for intra-Afghan reconciliation, the U.S.-led forces pulled out from Afghanistan, creating a severe security and humanitarian crisis.

Not only that, the United States even abandoned Afghan citizens who worked and assisted them and put their lives at risk, said the Pakistani expert, adding that the United States also seized overseas assets of Afghanistan while imposing sanctions, leaving the lives of Afghan people in shambles.

Deputy Minister of Economy of Afghan interim government Abdul Latif Nazari said that Afghanistan has been facing economic problems as the United States has blocked Afghanistan's money and imposed unilateral sanctions and pushed the country into poverty.

"We want to engage with our neighbors, regional and global economies constructively because we believe that the economic growth and sustainable development in Afghanistan are impossible without interacting and cooperating with the neighboring regional countries," he said.

Appreciating China's position on the Afghan issue and its support for a safe and peaceful Afghanistan, Nazari said that the interaction between Afghanistan and the world will be continued.

Xinhua

Sudan talks to resume in Saudi Arabia amid heavy fighting

RIYADH

KHARTOUM residents described fierce battles on Saturday with fighters roving the streets and little sign Sudan's warring sides were respecting an agreement to protect civilians ahead of ceasefire talks was set to resume in Saudi Arabia yesterday.

Fighting has rocked Khartoum and adjoining areas as well as Geneina in the Darfur region since the warring army and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) paramilitary force agreed a "declaration of principles" on Thursday.

"It was much worse this morning compared to the past two days. You could clearly hear the tanks and the RSF were patrolling the streets more than usual," said Hani Ahmed, 28.

The conflict that broke out a month ago has killed hundreds of people, sent more than 200,000 into neighbouring states, displaced another 700,000 inside the country, and risks drawing in outside powers and destabilizing the region.

Medical charity Medicins Sans Frontieres said displaced people living in a large camp in north Darfur were cutting down to a single meal a day because food aid programs had been halted by fighting. It said the condition of already malnourished children

would likely deteriorate.

Airspace will stay closed except for aid flights until May 31, authorities said on Saturday.

The two sides have battled through previous truces and have shown no sign of being willing to compromise. Although the RSF promised to uphold Thursday's agreement, the army has not yet commented on it.

Neither side seems able to secure a quick victory, with the army able to call on air power but the RSF dug into residential districts throughout the capital.

"We only see the army in the sky but in terms of face-to-face contact we only see the RSF. They're the ones on the ground," Ahmed said.

For civilians the conflict has unleashed a nightmare of bombardment, random gunfire, home invasions and looting, amid flickering electricity supply, shortages of water and food, and little chance of medical help with injuries.

"Our neighbourhood is now completely under RSF control. They loot and harass people and wander around, always armed, taking shelter wherever they want," said Duaa Tariq, 30, an art curator in Khartoum.

Tariq said she hoped the talks in Jeddah could lead to a ceasefire, but was doubtful, adding:



Passengers fleeing war-torn Sudan arrive at Qastal Lan Port crossing between Egypt and Sudan on Saturday. (PHOTO / AFP)

"We can't really trust either side because they don't have control of their soldiers on the ground".

Arab League

Fighting is unabated since the two sides agreed the declaration of principles to protect civilians and allow humanitarian access.

Residents say RSF fighters continue to occupy properties, which the force has denied doing, and the army carries out air strikes that residents say hit civilian targets.

Hashim Mohamed, 35, said he had found bread in a local shop for the first time in a week. "It's not that bread isn't available, but

it's a longer walk which means more brushes with danger," he said.

Out shopping on Saturday, he had to duck down as gunfire rattled nearby and RSF fighters cruised the neighbourhood in civilian cars.

The resumed talks in Jeddah will start by discussing ways to implement the existing agreement, then move on to a lasting ceasefire that could pave the way for a civilian government, officials say.

Saudi Arabia has invited army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan to the Arab League summit in Jeddah, a senior Saudi diplomat said,

but he is not expected to leave Sudan for security reasons, two other diplomats in the Gulf said.

Burhan was invited because he is head of Sudan's Sovereign Council, in which his rival, RSF chief Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, known as Hemedti, is deputy.

Saudi Arabia has had close ties to both men since the army and the RSF sent troops to help the Saudi-led coalition in its war against Houthi forces in Yemen.

Some of the worst fighting has taken place in Darfur, where a war has simmered since 2003, killing 300,000 people and displacing 2.5 million.

The Darfur Bar Association, a local rights group, said at least 77 people were killed in Geneina, where fighting flared on Friday after a two-week lull.

"Armed groups on motorcycles and RSF vehicles attacked on Friday and are continuing to commit acts of killing, looting, arson and terror," the group said.

The RSF has denied moving from its positions in Darfur and blamed the strife there on the army and on loyalists of former president Omar al-Bashir, who was ousted in 2019, saying they had armed civilians.

Residents said on Friday the army did not intervene in the Geneina strife.

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Rwanda to conduct first kidney transplants - health minister

KIGALI

RWANDA is set to conduct its first-ever kidney transplant procedures at the country's main hospital in Kigali, the Rwandan capital, toward the end of this month, Health Minister Sabin Nsanzimana has announced.

About four kidney transplant procedures are expected to be performed on May 22 at King Faisal Hospital, Nsanzimana said Thursday while presenting the health ministry's budget for the 2023/2024 financial year to the National Budget and Property Commission of the Rwandan parliament. He said

that a specialized team of doctors from the United States will be arriving in Rwanda to perform the procedures in close collaboration with local medical doctors.

Early this year, the Rwandan parliament enacted a law regulating the use of the human body, organs, tissues, cells, and products for therapeutic, educational, or scientific purposes.

This law will enable the performance of lifesaving medical procedures for many patients affected by terminal organ failure, within the country, according to the Rwandan Ministry of Health.

By authorizing transplant surgery services through the establishment of a legal framework, Rwanda hopes to significantly reduce the number of patients referred abroad for organ transplants, thus lowering travel costs and reducing medical bills for families seeking treatment abroad, according to a statement from the ministry earlier this year.

Official data from the Ministry of Health indicates that over the past eight years, Rwanda referred nearly 70 patients abroad for kidney transplants at a cost of more than 800 million Rwandan francs

(about 718,044 U.S. dollars).

Efforts are underway to upgrade the infrastructure and equipment at King Faisal Hospital to enhance its capacity to perform kidney transplant procedures and other highly specialized medical services, with a view to expanding service delivery to other teaching hospitals and health facilities across the country, according to the ministry.

The ministry anticipates that the introduction of kidney transplant procedures will be the first of many organ transplants to be carried out in Rwanda in the near future.

OTTAWA

Canada's Alberta faces more wildfires amid hot, dry weather

CANADA'S main oil-producing province of Alberta faces an upsurge in wildfire activity as western Canada swelters in hot, dry weather and blazes keep thousands from their homes.

Authorities said Saturday they had already seen an increase in fire activity and were expecting more. Residents forced to evacuate early this month say they are frustrated with the indefinite displacement.

Special alerts have been declared across western Canada, and officials urged vigilance with temperatures in some areas forecast to hit 30° Celsius (86°F), 10 to 15 degrees above normal.

"The wildfire danger is extreme in most of the province and will continue to increase in the coming days," Alberta

Wildfire official Josee St-Onge told a briefing Saturday.

"We are expecting wildfire activity to pick up today. In fact, it already has."

As of Saturday afternoon there were 83 active wildfires in Alberta, 21 of them out of control, according to authorities. About 16,500 people were displaced as of Saturday, down from about 30,000 earlier this month.

Oil and gas producers had shut in at least 319,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day, or 3.7 percent of national production.

Recent cooling and rain helped firefighters tackle some blazes and restored most of the energy production, but expectations of rising weekend

temperatures have fanned worries.

"We remain in an extremely volatile situation, and the risk of new wildfires remains significant in much of the province," said Bre Hutchinson, with the Alberta Emergency Management Agency.

"Hot and dry conditions are expected to continue over the weekend and into next week."

Officials urged anyone wanting to help fight fires to contact their local authorities first and work with them.

On Friday, the town of Drayton Valley told residents in a Facebook post that they should expect to be out of their homes "at least another week."

Authorities in Brazeau County, southwest of the provincial capital Edmon-

ton and which includes Drayton Valley, said on Facebook on Saturday morning it had seen an increase in fire activity and expected a further increase.

The Canadian army is helping with firefighting and recovery efforts in the province, where a state of emergency has been in place since May 6.

More than 200 soldiers were deployed after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government approved a request for federal assistance on Thursday, with about 100 more are expected to be deployed over the coming days.

More than 300 firefighters have come from across Canada and the United States and another 200 are expected from the U.S.

Environment Canada issued an air quality advisory for northern Alberta due to wildfire smoke, urging people to reduce their exposure.

In the west coast province of British Columbia residents were warned to be alert for fires and floods with temperatures set to soar over the weekend. The province's energy agency predicted record-breaking power use.

Transport Canada asked in a tweet Saturday for people to keep their drones out of the sky near wildfires. "Unauthorized drone use is impeding firefighting operations."

Marie Svejda, 74, has lost track of how many days she has been living in a tent on an empty lot with her mini dach-

shund, Peanut. She was awoken at midnight in early May at home in Drayton Valley and told to evacuate with thousands of others.

"It was craziness," said Svejda, who has been using a nearby gas station bathroom.

She said she does not understand why it is taking so long to get the fires under control.

"What the heck are they doing there? Are they having a party? ... They keep telling us, 'Be patient. Be patient.' Well, listen: Patience has its limits."

Now she is preparing to decamp to a hotel.

"If I stay here any longer I won't remember my own name ... It really, really sucks," she said.

"When I come back, I tell you, I will kiss the ground." **Agencies**

India's main opposition party wins Karnataka elections

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S main opposition party, the Indian National Congress (INC), on Saturday won the recently-held Assembly elections in the southern state of Karnataka, unseating the current ruling party, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The Election Commission of India has announced that the INC has won 123 out of 224 constituencies and is leading in another 13, with a total expected win of 136 Assembly constituencies.

The BJP is likely to win only 64 Assembly constituencies. A party needs to win in at least 113 Assembly constituencies to form the government in the state. The final results are expected to be announced later this evening.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the INC on its win. He tweeted, "Congratulations to the Congress Party for their victory in the Karnataka Assembly polls. My best wishes to them in fulfilling people's aspirations."

Hailing his party's victory, INC leader Mallikarjun Kharge tweeted, "This is truly the victory of the people of Karnataka. They have voted for their progressive future, their welfare and social justice. With folded hands, we thank them for putting their trust in us."

Xinhua



Congress supporters celebrate the party's victory in the Karnataka state legislative assembly election in front of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) office in Bengaluru on Saturday. (PHOTO / AFP)

Russia notes lack of progress in solving basic grain deal problems in Istanbul – ministry

MOSCOW

DEPUTY Foreign Minister of Russia Sergey Vershinin noted the lack of progress in resolving five basic problems under the grain deal that impede the supply of Russian agricultural products to world markets.

"Russian delegates confirmed that the exports of ammonia were supposed to begin simultaneously with the export of Ukrainian grain under both Istanbul agreements and without any preliminary conditions.

Emphasizing the interlinked character of the package agreements, the Russian participants noted the absence of progress in implementing the Russia-UN Memorandum on normalizing domestic agricultural exports.

They pointed to five systemic problems (bank payments, transport logistics and insurance, parts supplies, unblocking 'frozen' assets and the ammonia pipeline). These obstacles continue preventing Russian agricultural exports from reaching global markets," the statement said.

According to the ministry, "The parties focused on the implementation of the package of agreements signed in Istanbul on July 22, 2022. They laid emphasis on the Black Sea Initiative on the export of Ukrainian grain, which expires on May 18.

The parties conducted a detailed exchange of views on the current problems in the work of the Joint Coordination Centre (JCC) and the proposals by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on unblocking the Togliatti-Odesa Ammonia Pipeline."

"Russian delegates noted that commercial exports of Ukrainian grain (70% of which is fodder corn and feeder grain) mostly to the advanced countries are not of primary importance for ensuring global food security and reducing the threat of famine.

To reach these goals, it is more important to normalize exports of Russian fertilizers and grain (70% of which is wheat), which are being complicated by Western unilateral blocking sanctions," the statement said.

Vershinin participated in a high-level quadripartite meeting (Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, and the UN) on May 10-11 in Istanbul as part of the Russian interdepartmental delegation.

Agreements on the export of food and fertilizers from Ukraine to the international market were concluded on July 22, 2022, for 120 days and extended in November for the same period.

One of the agreements regulates the order of grain supplies from the Kiev-controlled ports of Odesa, Chernomorsk and Yuzhny. Moreover, a memorandum was inked by Russia and the UN on lifting export restrictions for Russian agricultural products and fertilizers to global markets. Moscow notes that the second part of the agreement is not being implemented.

On March 18, 2023, Russia announced that the deal was extended for 60 days, warning that this would be enough time to assess the efficacy of the memorandum signed with the UN.

The Russian side has repeatedly stressed that the future decision on extension of the deal depends on implementation of the Russian part of the agreement, adding that the lack of progress on that issue threatens the future of the initiative.

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Kenya cult: Children targeted to die first, pastor says

NAIROBI

CHILDREN were targeted as the first to be starved to death in the final days of a Christian doomsday cult in Kenya, according to fresh accounts emerging.

Police investigating an apparent mass suicide have so far exhumed 201 bodies in a forest in the nation's southeast.

A former deputy preacher of the cult told the New York Times that children were killed first, ordered "to fast in the sun so they would die faster."

Women and men were next to follow the suicide plan, Titus Katana said.

Katana - who is helping police with the investigation - also described to the Sunday Times the alleged brutal treatment of the children, saying they were shut in huts for five days without food or water.

"Then they wrapped them in blankets and buried them, even the ones still breathing," he was quoted as saying.

It is alleged that the cult followers were told they would reach heaven faster if they starved to death.

Official autopsies of some of the bodies in the expansive Shakahola farm, near the coastal town of Malindi, found signs of starvation, suffocation and beatings.

More than 600 people who are reported to be members of the doomsday cult allegedly led by Pastor Paul Mackenzie are still missing.

Pastor Mackenzie, who is currently in police custody, said he closed down his Good News International Church four years ago after nearly two decades of operation.

But the BBC had uncovered hundreds of his sermons still available online, some of which appeared to have been recorded after this date.

In an interview with Kenya's Daily Nation newspaper a few weeks ago, Pastor Mackenzie also denied he had forced his followers to starve themselves.



Family members of those who died in the cult have been mourning

But Pastor Mackenzie preached against education, saying that it was satanic, after receiving a "revelation from God", Mr Katana told the New York Times.

Explaining his reasoning for leaving the cult, Mr Katana, who is also assisting in a police investigation against the pastor, said his teachings had become too "strange".

Pastor Mackenzie also encouraged mothers to avoid seeking medical attention during childbirth and not to vaccinate their children.

Much of Pastor Mackenzie's preaching relates to the fulfilment of Biblical prophecies about Judgement Day.

The church's online content also features posts about the end of the world, impending doom and the supposed dangers of science.

And there are frequent warnings of an omnipotent satanic force that has supposedly infiltrated the highest echelons of power around the world.

BBC

Why 'de-risking' from China poses high risks for EU

FRANKFURT

WALKING a fine line between preserving its interests and reducing exposures to the so-called "risks," the EU has been touting a "de-risking from China strategy," which is likely to incur high risks and take a toll on its economic growth.

If certain countries or parties pursue de-sinicization in the name of de-risking, they would actually be breaking away from opportunities, cooperation, stability and development, China's State Councilor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang said during a press conference with his German counterpart after their talks in Berlin on Tuesday.

Globalization in peril

As an outward-oriented economy, the EU has benefited greatly from globalization over the past few decades.

Even after a setback in recent years, foreign trade makes up around 20 percent of the EU's GDP.

Globalization also contributes to employment in the EU. A report released by the bloc in 2021 revealed that exports supported 38 million jobs in the EU and that one in five jobs depended on exports, illustrating the strong relationship between trade and employment.

A report published in 2022 by the European Center for International Political Economy think tank noted that there were signs the EU had become more integrated into the global economy in recent years.

The number of importing firms in the EU grew steadily and reached a new record of over 1.2 million in 2020, said the report.

The economies of the EU and China have become deeply and increasingly intertwined. Two-way trade between the two sides has been steadily growing despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a recent statement, Josep Borrell, EU high representative for foreign affairs and security policy, highlighted the substantial economic ties between the EU and China.

China accounts for 20 percent of the EU's imports and receives 9



Flags of China and the European Union are seen in this photo. (PHOTO / VCG)

percent of the EU's exports. The volume of bilateral trade exceeds 2.3 billion euros (\$2.5 billion) per day, he said.

Europe cannot ignore China's role as a key trading partner and "we cannot just turn our back on China and try to ignore it," Reuters quoted Spain's Economy Minister Nadia Calvino as saying.

Bucking the trend

By "de-risking," the EU is mulling over a mechanism of more screening, trade instruments and new defensive tools, which may lead to interference with the market mechanism or even a deviation from market economy rules. It gives rise to concerns that globalization and the market economy could be further undermined.

While some policymakers in the EU peddle risks from China, European companies and investors are seeing the country in a different light. Bilateral trade has been growing vigorously. For some EU members like Germany and France, economic ties with China are simply too tight to cut.

In 2022, the volume of trade between Germany and China rose to a record high of 298.6 billion euros (\$326.6 billion), up by more than 20 percent year-on-year, making China the most important trading partner of Germany for seven consecutive years, according to the German statistics authority.

Martin Brudermueller, chief executive officer of the German chemical giant BASF, said it is advantageous to expand involvement in China.

Speaking of BASF's decision to invest around 10 billion euros (\$10.9 billion) in China, Brudermueller said that China is the biggest chemical market and a fast-growing one, and his company sees potential for good profitability there.

Defying the uproar in political circles, Chinese greenfield investment in Europe has been booming. It increased by 53 percent in 2022, according to a report released by the Rhodium Group and the Mercator Institute for China Studies.

The increase in greenfield investment was driven mainly by a few large-scale projects, almost exclusively concentrated in the automotive sector as Chinese battery giants, including CATL, Envision AESC and SVOLT, invested in the construction of battery plants in Germany, Hungary, Britain and France.

At a time when the EU is trying to steer its economy away from fossil fuels to green energy, the expertise of Chinese companies comes in handy.

Volker Treier, head of foreign trade at the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce, sees no real alternative to China. Neither the planned transition to renewable energies nor the transition away from combustion engines would progress if there was a de-coupling from China, he said.

Collaboration with China extends beyond the green transition and encompasses the realm of digital transformation, another key element in the EU's recovery plan.

Xinhua

Turks start voting in key presidential, parliamentary elections

ANKARA

TURKISH citizens headed to the polls yesterday for twin presidential and parliamentary elections that could shape the Turkish political landscape for the upcoming years.

The polls opened at 8 am (0500 GMT) and will close at 5 pm (1400 GMT) local time. Unofficial results are expected after 9 pm (1800 GMT) local time.

Some 61 million voters are registered to cast their ballots. Around 3.5 million voters living abroad have been called to cast their votes in advance. More than 1.76 million Turks abroad have cast their votes at diplomatic missions and customs gates between April 27 and May 9.

The polls could stretch incumbent President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's tenure into a third decade or could set Türkiye on a new course.

According to pollsters, Erdogan, 69, is facing his toughest test yet during his 20-year rule. Erdogan, founder and leader of the conservative Justice and Development Party (AKP), has been leading the country since he became prime minister in 2003.

There are three presidential candidates, however. Erdogan's chief opponent is Kemal Kilicdaroglu, 74, the leader of the center-left Republican People's Party (CHP), who might have a chance of winning for the first time as he is backed by a bloc of opposition parties, according to surveys. The third candidate Sinan Ogan is ap-

pealing for nationalist votes. A fourth presidential contender, Muharrem Ince, withdrew from the race on Thursday.

If no presidential candidate wins over 50 percent of the vote on Sunday, there will be a runoff vote on May 28.

The elevated cost of living, high inflation, and reconstruction following the devastating earthquakes in early February are high on voters' agenda, as the country's economy has fallen into a recession over the past two years.

"We are here to vote for the future of our nation, we want a prosperous and modern Türkiye," Metin Sermen, a private company worker told Xinhua in a polling station, located in a middle school as most of them are, in Ankara's Yildizevler neighborhood.

"Inflation and the loss of our purchasing power is one of the most important issues. I will vote accordingly," said Meysa Seckin, a mother of two.

Seckin said that it will be difficult for any candidate to dispel economic woes in a short time, adding that "nevertheless, the candidate who wins should first focus on the problems of cash-strapped households."

Meanwhile, a total of 24 political parties and 151 independent candidates are competing for seats in the 600-member Turkish parliament. Parties must obtain no less than 7 percent of the national vote, either on their own or in alliance with other parties, to enter parliament. Xinhua



Voters cast their ballots for presidential and parliamentary elections at a polling station in Istanbul, Türkiye yesterday. (PHOTO / AFP)

Iranian, Saudi ministers stress determination to improve ties

TEHRAN

THE Iranian and Saudi foreign ministers said the determination of the two countries to expand bilateral relations is evident in the measures and steps they have taken so far toward normalizing ties, the Iranian Foreign Ministry website reported on Saturday.

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and his Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud Friday evening held a phone call to discuss the latest progress toward the implementation of a Beijing-brokered agreement in March.

The Iranian foreign minister reviewed the



Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud (left) and Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian

progress achieved by the two sides toward normalizing ties, adding that Iran has implemented the necessary measures for the official opening of its embassy and consulate

general in the Saudi capital of Riyadh and the port city of Jeddah.

The Saudi foreign minister, for his part, said Riyadh is upbeat about the future of bilateral relations and has a positive attitude toward efforts aimed at developing and strengthening bilateral ties.

He expressed hope that the reinstatement of the two countries' ambassadors would help facilitate the expansion of bilateral cooperation.

In March, Saudi Arabia and Iran reached

in Beijing a groundbreaking agreement to resume diplomatic relations and reopen their embassies and missions within a two-month timeframe.

In early April, the two countries officially announced in China the resumption of diplomatic relations with immediate effect.

The Iranian foreign minister said earlier this week that Riyadh had informed the Iranian government about the appointment of the new envoy, noting that Iran would reciprocate by soon appointing its ambassador to Saudi Arabia and introducing him to the Saudi government.

Agencies



Feisal Salum

TFF closes Feisal case file, pundits nod knowledgeable

By Correspondent John Kimbute

DISCUSSION within the Tanzania Football Federation (TFF) on the dispute between Young Africans SC and estranged star midfielder Feisal Salum has been formally put to an end.

Lawyers for the midfielder led by 'aunt' Fatma Karume and in the presence of an advocate for the Jangwani Street outfit, alias Yanga, were told as much at midweek, that there is nothing more to be discussed or reviewed in the case.

TFF has adopted the club's position, bait, hook, and sinker, that if anyone wants Salum, he goes there.

As the season is itself closing, it implies that the club intends to re-register the player as theirs, on the premise that his contract runs up to mid-2024 based on earlier reports.

It implies that the player has to seek his freedom from the club by having an international panel hear the case, and it is unclear if it is FIFA as an organization or its judiciary wing, CAS (Court of Arbitration in Sport), but it would appear the latter is more suited for the issue.

The case is not one of the soccer organizations as with club elections or suspension of officials but the rights of players.

What is also a bit interesting is that there is no appellate instance at the continental level, any more than one could think of such a facility at the regional level, namely CECAFA.

That shows there is a national instance of soccer organization and above it, there is a world instance, not in the region or the continent, as in these spheres the domestic soccer authorities hold something like a veto.

In that case, it was in a sense pointless to have judicial instances at the regional level as it would not work.

To comprehend why these appellate instances would have been irrelevant at the regional level, the lesson is gained right at home, namely that TFF as an appellate instance has by and large been useless to arrive at a different position from the club.

And within that matrix no regional instance would be any better, for they would identify with the club position a priori, reading the contract between the two sides with prior intention to see it as the club wants.

It is a situation where no one can be different from the group, and if this happens the group risks dissipating.

That explains not just the stalemate in how TFF has examined the issue but even how local sentiments acquiesced to diktat on the issue, as

earlier at least a plurality of views was being heard on the player's rights.

Yanga diehards had a difficult moment balancing the two at the start but eventually inclined towards the club position, and subsequently, others have inclined as well.

The pro-Salum constituency has few takers as no interest groups behind it, so it is isolated.

If the situation was entirely left to TFF and club authorities, the player would stay out of football for the duration of another season as his contract expires at the end of the coming season.

And if one plays the devil's advocate, at that time the club would say the player has not fulfilled his part in the contract for two years or so, and therefore he can't be released as he needs to repay the time he stayed out.

It makes little sense but naturally, if the matter was taken to TFF, it would say 'yes', this issue is a lesson for those who wish to snort control of legal or other issues by pressure from outside, as left to ourselves it is difficult to differ with the one who holds the levers of power.

The only support voice is that of a hardline activist and fellow Zanzibari, advocate Fatma, FIFA refused interference earlier when the government moved to remove officials, but this method was later eclipsed.

The last time interference came up it was concerning pecuniary dealings at club level, etc.

The difference between the local appellate instance and FIFA is that player interest comes first rather than the exclusive privilege of the club to interpret the contract, or what it wants out of it.

There was a time the Jangwani Street outfit was doing circles at paying ex-head coach Luc Eymael and started staring at a FIFA ban, upon which they paid the required dues.

What is unclear in this case is whether the club will also have a penalty to pay for ruining the player's season by refusing to honor the contract, upon which he would have paid the club \$100,000 and left.

It is not clear if the Salum camp shall demand compensation for the ruined season or indeed for breach of contract by the club for failing to honour the terms of player departure enunciated in the contract.

What the club did, and obtained TFF right of way, is to change the terms in mid-air to crush the use of an exit clause, and impose a transfer modality. Discussing that has failed in Bongo, so wait for a CAS verdict.

Yanga, UNICEF step up fight against cholera outbreak

By Guardian Correspondent

YANGA has, in collaboration with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and the Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner's Office via the Regional Health Office, continued to educate people on the cholera outbreak.

The institutions are conducting a four-day campaign, dubbed 'Ishi Kijanja', targeting to spread awareness on diarrhoea and vomiting and encourage preventive measures to protect people.

The first day of the campaign started in the Ilala and Buguruni areas in the city, where Yanga leaders, UNICEF staff, and their counterparts from the Ministry of Health educated people about cholera.

Scores of people attended the occasion and had the opportunity to listen and learn about the dangerous disease.

Health experts issued detailed information on the symptoms of cholera, the ways of transmission, and preventive measures. They moreover emphasized the importance of environmental sanitation and the use of clean water.

Mwananyamala, Tandale, and Kigogo Luhanga were later the areas involved in the campaign. A lot of people attended the occasion, therefore, educating the people was quite important, they listened attentively and asked questions related to cholera.

Yanga officials, an important pillar of the community, ensured the campaign's message reached many people and increased awareness of how to prevent cholera.

On the third day, the 'Ishi Kijanja' campaign reached Mburahati, Mabibo, Manzese, and Simu 2000 areas, with scores of people taking part in it, thus efforts to educate people about cholera were well-received.

People were happy with the efforts done by Yanga to access the former and educate them about their health and the



Yanga players are pictured with a banner bearing a message on the fight against cholera outbreak a few minutes before the kick-off of the 2022/23 NBC Premier League game between the outfit and Dodoma Jiji FC that took place at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

health of society.

The fourth day had the campaign starting at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in the city in the morning when the Jangwani Street outfit was preparing for the first leg clash of the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup semi-final against South Africa's Marumo Gallants which took place at the venue in the afternoon.

Yanga's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Andre Mtine, said the education was imparted to all fans who turned up at the stadium and were asked to increase awareness about the prevention and control of all water-borne diseases caused by germs, including cholera.

Mtine mentioned the measures to be taken which include the availability and use of clean drinking water by boiling/treating the water with chlorine.

Getting rid of poor sanitation and valuing personal hygiene will as well be prioritized, as educating the community on proper toilet use, water, and industrial waste disposal.

Improving personal hygiene and proper food safety, washing hands with clean flowing water before eating/preparing the child's food before feeding as well as ensuring that drinking water is stored in a clean,

covered container at all times further entail measures to be taken against cholera.

Mtine said Yanga and the Regional Commissioner's Office are taking a proactive approach to addressing the situation by launching a campaign to bring about awareness and educate the public sustainably.

The program, the CEO noted, will include activities such as community outreach programs, public awareness campaigns, and spreading educational materials such as flyers and radio broadcasts.

The Yanga official stated: "The Ishi Kijanja campaign has been one of the most important efforts Yanga had opted for in participating in social development."

Mtine noted: "We have seen the importance of joining forces with organizations like UNICEF and the government in educating the community about cholera."

The leader added: "Through this campaign, we have reached thousands of people and offered important education that will enable them to take measures to protect themselves and prevent the disease via placing water buckets for washing hands, soaps, and sanitizers at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium."

"We aimed to set a good

example for our fans and the public on the importance of hand hygiene, we believe that we can build a healthy society and overcome health challenges like cholera," the leader revealed.

"We promise to help the government in dealing with all causes of diarrhoea and vomiting including the cholera outbreak here in Dar es Salaam."

"We are pleased to partner Regional Commissioner's Office and UNICEF in this important campaign to raise awareness about diarrhoeal diseases including the cholera outbreak."

"We are committed to promoting the health and well-being of our fans and community, as we demonstrated earlier when we started our campaign for the coronavirus vaccine."

Mtine pointed out: "As part of the plan, Yanga will cooperate with the local health authorities and other stakeholders to ensure a consistent approach in dealing with the outbreak and hygiene."

Dar es Salaam Chief Medical Officer, Rashid Mfaume, said: "Cooperating with Yanga is an example of how cooperation between stakeholders can be successful in dealing with public health challenges. We are pleased with this cooperation."

Mfaume added: "We are pleased with this partnership in increasing public awareness and education, we hope to reach as many people as possible and prevent further spread of this disease and save lives."

"The campaign is expected to reach a large group of people, including children and young people, who can protect the environment and ensure it is safe and clean," Mfaume noted.

Dar es Salaam Chief Medical Officer stressed: "I strongly request Yanga fans and society to voluntarily participate in upcoming social activities to end all problems of water-borne diseases, improve health and environmental sanitation, improve personal hygiene and the use of safe drinking water."

Diplomatic golf tourney organizers pour support for Songea school

By Guardian Correspondent

DIPLOMATIC golf tournament's organizers Somi Foundation have presented 15m/- to the needy students of Songea's Daora Secondary schools.

The donation came from last year's Diplomatic golf tournament proceedings.

The premier golf event takes place annually at Kili Club's golf course in Arusha, bringing together prominent golfers from several parts of the country and neighbouring countries.

The presentation ceremony took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club on Saturday and was graced by the chief guest, Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs Damas Ndumbaro.

Ndumbaro, who is also the founder of the Diplomatic golf tournament, said that they felt there is a need for supporting the needy community since the establishment of the golf event about four years ago.

"We came with the idea of supporting those who are in need, mostly students through golf



Diplomatic golf tournament's founder, Damas Ndumbaro (front row L), hands over a dummy cheque of 15m/- to Songea-based Daora Secondary School teacher, Rehema Moto to help the needy students. Ndumbaro, also Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, had graced the handing-over ceremony which took place at Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club and was preceded by a charity golf event. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

as we gave out scholarships," the minister noted. "We have therefore managed to support students taking different courses, one of them is currently in Namibia undertaking a medicine course and others are doing different courses including aircraft," he said.

"In all those years, Diplomatic golf, in collaboration with sponsors and well-wishers, has managed to raise funds and channel them where they supposed to go," Ndumbaro, also a prominent golf player, disclosed.

He said that the donated funds were collected

during last year's event.

"We used to hand over the previous proceedings quietly, but this time around, we have decided to do it publicly to motivate others to come forward to support the motive," he said.

He said this year's proceedings will be handed over in December after the completion of the event to be held in Arusha in August.

He also thanked all the stakeholders who stood hand in hand in supporting the initiative.

Speaking on behalf of other students, Form Four student Moreen Erasto thanked the move, adding that it will

enable them to realize their dreams through education.

The school's teacher Rehema Moto also thanked them for the support, saying it will motivate her students to study hard and win reach their goals.

The handing-over ceremony was preceded by a special golf charity tournament that attracted over 60 male and female golfers.

The 18-hole Stableford event saw Amandeep Dhani and Sammy Mhamed end as overall winners after notching 43 points. Hussein Dewji and Mohamed Rahim finished runners-

up after chalking up 42 points.

Other winners in different categories were presented with trophies on a colourful night of the ceremony.

Diplomatic golf tournament's sponsors are Trx Gold, Butcher Shop Dar es Salaam, Fig Tree Residency, Green Side Villa, Serengeti Breweries, and Suzy Kipara Juice.

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Analysis: Playoff outcomes suggest the NBA could see a summer of big moves

By TIM REYNOLDS

GOLDEN State has decisions to make now. Big decisions. Phoenix does, too. And Dallas. And Milwaukee. And Portland. And more.

It's the best time of year in the NBA – with the playoff field getting down to its final four on Sunday.

It'll be followed by the co-best time of year in the NBA – July, when free agency time means some teams are going to wildly change.

The Warriors' reign as NBA champions ended Friday night with a loss to the Los Angeles Lakers, and it served as a reminder that nobody – not even a team with four titles in nine years – can escape the need to make changes. And if the enormous-spending Warriors need changing, then a whole lot of other teams do as well.

"I still feel like this team has championship potential," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "We didn't get there this year but it's not like this is the end of the road. But the organization has some decisions to make and we'll eventually get to that point."

They're not alone.

Consider: Milwaukee had the best record in the NBA this season, the No. 1 overall seed and home-court advantage throughout the entirety of the playoffs. The Bucks won only one playoff game, wound up firing coach Mike Budenholzer and surely will consider how much deeper they want to get into the luxury tax – while also making sure they do enough to give Giannis Antetokounmpo more title chances.

"I believe we will have a very attractive position," Bucks general manager Jon Horst said. "We have the best player in the world. We have a championship culture and organization. We have great facilities. I think we have great respect around the league. So, I think we'll have a lot of options."

Expect a lot of comments like that in the coming days and weeks.

Phoenix, which trailed by 30 at halftime of home elimination games in each of the last two years – an NBA first, and a piece of history that the Suns absolutely did not want – has to decide what to do with Chris Paul, Deandre Ayton, coach Monty Williams and more. New owner Mat Ishbia made an immediate splash after taking over by trading for Kevin Durant; he didn't do that with a second-round exit in mind. Devin Booker is probably just beginning to enter his prime, Durant is obviously closer to the end than the beginning but still elite, and the Suns will have no choice but to remain in win-now mode.

"While we have a lot to be proud of this year, we did not reach the level of success all of us want, which is a championship," Ishbia wrote in a message to fans. "We won't win a championship every season, but it will always be the goal. The Suns will never stop working to be great both on and off the court, and we are just getting started."

Dallas – which somehow missed the playoffs – will need to make a decision on free-agent-in-waiting Kyrie Irving and what works best for Luka Doncic. Portland has to figure out what to do to make Damian Lillard happy, meaning it has to either lure more talent to the Northwest or send him to a contender. The Los Angeles Clippers might decide to make big changes after their season ended earlier than they wanted.

For the most part, the only teams that are truly happy with how their seasons have gone right now are probably Miami, the Lakers, Denver and the Boston-Philadelphia winner. They're going to be the last four standing.

"There's winning, and there's misery," Heat President Pat Riley famously says.

He's not wrong. Sure, some teams made big strides this season – Sacramento and New York come to mind – and the potential is clear for some young clubs like Oklahoma City and Orlando. But even some playoff teams know the current mix isn't good enough: Cleveland was exposed by the Knicks in Round 1, Atlanta took two games off Boston and beat Miami in a play-in game but still must consider upgrades, and Memphis was No. 2 in the West entering the playoffs and went nowhere.

"Next season starts now," Grizzlies coach Taylor Jenkins said after his team was ousted by the Lakers.

Some team's path will get a little easier on Tuesday at the draft lottery, when a lucky club wins the right to select Victor Wembanyama next month. But that won't be the Suns, the Warriors, the Bucks or any of the other teams that made the playoffs and fell short.

They might go spending. They might make trades. They'll all do something. Some players already pretty much know they're getting traded; Knicks guard Evan Fournier, who fell out of New York's rotation this season, told reporters that he expects to be moved.

"I'm already excited about next year," Knicks guard Jalen Brunson said after New York fell to Miami in six games in the Eastern Conference semifinals – by no fault of his, since he was phenomenal in that series. "It's going to be fun."

So will the summer. Changes are coming. Lots of changes are coming. And for some teams, they might have to be big, bold ones.

Nine-man Mamelodi Sundowns force draw at African champions Wydad

CASABLANCA

MAMELODI Sundowns of South

Africa forced a 0-0 CAF Champions League semi-final draw at title-holders Wydad Casablanca of Morocco on Saturday despite ending the first leg with nine men.

The visiting club were reduced to 10 men on 43 minutes following a pitch-side VAR review by the Ghanaian referee of an incident in which Neo Maema stamped on a fallen opponent.

Chilean Marco Alende, who came off the bench with 12 minutes left, was shown a red card for a studs-up tackle after another VAR check having initially receiving a yellow one.

VAR played a pivotal role in a cagey clash with a Peter Shalulile goal for Sundowns on 10 minutes awarded by the match officials, then disallowed after a review.

The outcome was not surprising given the closeness of previous matches between the clubs in Casablanca with Wydad winning four by one-goal margins while another was drawn.

Sundowns host the re-



Wydad Casablanca defender Ayoub el Amloud (L) and Mamelodi Sundowns midfielder Siphon Mbule clash during a CAF Champions League semi-final first leg in Morocco. (Agencies)

turn match in Pretoria next Saturday and will be slight favourites to reach a third final. They finished runners-up in 2001 and triumphed 15 years later.

The first half was dominated by the rival defences with each team managing only one shot on target from five attempts.

Sundowns showed no nerves despite having to

contend not only with vastly experienced opponents, but also an intimidating 45,000-plus crowd in the Stade Mohammed V.

The largely red-clad Moroccan supporters cheered and clapped every Wydad move while waving huge flags, and whistled and jeered virtually each time Sundowns gained possession.

Esperance coach quits -

It was the second match in charge of the Casablanca outfit for Belgian Sven Vandebroek, the fourth coach of the team this season after Spaniard Juan Carlos Garrido was sacked last week.

Star Wydad forward Bouly Sambou, the joint leading Champions League scorer this sea-

son with seven goals, was well policed by Sundowns.

The giant Senegalese blazed over from close range early in the second half before retiring injured after being fouled by Sundowns' Moroccan defender Abdelmounaim Boutouil.

Wydad substitute Zouhair el Moutaraji had a good chance to break the deadlock soon after,

but was foiled by the outstretched right leg of goalkeeper Rowen Williams.

Meanwhile, Esperance of Tunisia coach Nabil Maaloul has resigned after a 3-0 home loss to Al Ahly of Egypt on Friday in the first leg.

The 60-year-old former national team midfielder had won 20 matches, drawn eight and lost seven in his third spell as boss of the four-time African champions.

"I understand the sadness and disappointment of the fans after this difficult loss, and I apologise to them," said Maaloul in a social media post.

South African Percy Tau netted in each half before Mahmoud Kahraba completed the scoring in Rades, making Ahly firm favourites to reach the final after the return match on May 19.

Switzerland-born Ahly coach Marcel Koller insists, however, that the semi-final is far from decided.

"We cannot go into the return match at home believing we have qualified for the final. Nothing has been settled," he warned.

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A technician and a destroyer: Why Moises Caicedo is so in demand

By Sam Dean

HOW good is Moises Caicedo? Well, it is a measure of his quality and potential that Brighton received an offer of £70 million for his services in January – and that they rejected it in an instant. They had no interest in selling the player and, even if they were willing to send him to Arsenal, it would have taken a much higher fee than that to change their minds.

Brighton know the value of their assets and there is no player more valuable in their squad than Caicedo, the 21-year-old who has established himself as one of the Premier League's most dynamic and exciting midfielders. Quick across the ground, strong in the tackle, secure on the ball: Caicedo is fast becoming one of the division's finest all-rounders.

This weekend, when Brighton travel to the Emirates Stadium, the Ecuadorian will have a glimpse of what might have been. Caicedo wanted to make the move to Arsenal in January, and told Telegraph Sport recently that it was "tough" when that transfer did not materialise. He might yet join Mikel Arteta's revolution in the summer, although there is also expected to be competition from Chelsea, Liverpool and Manchester United.

It seems, then, that most of the country's wealthiest clubs are keen to throw some of their cash at Caicedo. For those who have watched him regularly this season, the reasons for that are obvious.

Under the guidance of Roberto De Zerbi, one of Europe's most exciting young coaches, Caicedo has shown himself to be both a technician and a destroyer.

When he joined Brighton in the winter of 2021, in a £4m deal from Ecuadorian side Independiente del Valle, Caicedo described N'Golo Kante and Paul Pogba as his idols. In itself, that was a reflection of his versatility and a sign that he viewed himself capable not only of stopping opposition attacks but also starting them for his own side.

This season, Caicedo is among the league's top five midfielders when it comes to his number of duels won, tackles made and passes completed. He also ranks in the top 10 of midfielders for chances created, which further underlines the complete nature of his game.

The only area in which he obviously falls short is goalscoring – he has scored only twice in 40 Premier League appearances – but he is primarily a deep-lying midfielder, so that is not his responsibility.

Away from the pitch, Caicedo is usually quiet and reserved, unless he is with his inner circle. He does not care for flashy cars or expensive watches, and much of his newfound financial strength is used to help his family back home in Ecuador. He is the youngest of 10 siblings but he is now, effectively, the leader of the family.

"A top player with and without the ball – He has no limit"

It did not take long for De Zerbi to form a strong opinion of Caicedo. The



Moises Caicedo has established himself as one of the Premier League's most dynamic and exciting midfielders. (Agencies)

Italian replaced Graham Potter in September, and then said in October: "Caicedo, for me, could become one of the best midfielders in the Premier League and in Europe. "Caicedo is a top player with and without the ball. There are many players who are very good with the ball but without it in defensive spaces are not so good.

Others in the defensive space are top but with the ball, there are some problems. With Caicedo, I don't see anything not at the top level. He has no limit."

The expectation within the industry is that Caicedo, having been told to stay in January, will leave Brighton in the summer, despite an agreement being

reached over a new contract in March. But Brighton will only sell if the right offer arrives, and it will take an enormous bid – perhaps as high as £90m, if not even more – to secure his services.

Could Arsenal be the destination? Evidently they were convinced by his talent earlier this year, and there is no

reason for that to have changed. Declan Rice is their top target, though, and it remains to be seen whether they would, or indeed could, sign both midfielders in one window.

In January, the dream scenario for Arsenal was to buy Caicedo and then add Rice in the summer. Instead, they ended up signing Jorginho from Chelsea. Is there room for two more midfielders this summer, with Granit Xhaka potentially leaving for Germany? Yes, probably. But is there enough financial firepower to make it work? At this stage, only Arsenal's most important executives can truly know the answer. In truth it feels unlikely, with other positions also in need of strengthening.

Caicedo's future remains uncertain but it does seem clear that he is heading for the top of the game. It is rare indeed for a player to boast such physical power along with such technical skill, and the biggest clubs in Europe know elite-level potential when they see it.

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DAR ES SALAAM

Dar City outfit thrashes Pazi in 2023 RBA League

By Guardian Correspondent

DAR ES SALAAM Regional Basketball Association (RBA) League's defending champion, Pazi, has opened its campaign in the showpiece on the wrong foot, conceding a 72-57 loss to newly promoted Dar City at Don Bosco Oysterbay courts last weekend.

Dar City, which secured promotion to the regional top-tier this year, started the showpiece convincingly after cruising to victory over Vijana Club, nicknamed 'City Bulls'.

Mohamed Mbwana, the Dar City outfit's coach, said his players played their hearts out and listened to his instructions throughout the game.

"My team played well and we outplayed our opponents in all areas, despite the latter having experienced basketball players," Mbwana disclosed.

Mbwana was adamant his club is eager to write history, emerging as an outfit that won promotion to the RBA League and thereafter clinch the top-tier's top honour.

One of the basketball stakeholders in the country, Ally Salim, noted that Pazi's technical bench led by coach Ian Odunga failed to have a better plan for going for substitutions.

"I was surprised to see competent players with what it takes to change the game, Ally Mwenda, Erick Lugora, and Haji Mbengu get little chance to play," Salim noted.

The tie witnessed Pazi enjoying an upper hand in the proceedings and led 20-12 in the opening quarter, the second period thereafter ended with Dar City winning 25-9. The remainder of the clash culminated in Dar City having the last laugh.

Center Mwalimu Heri ended with 18 points for Dar City, followed by teammate Victor Nazoka who scored 15 points- out of which two were three-point shots.

Pazi's Herve Mbaya slotted in 12 points, followed by Erick Lugora who scored 11 points- out of which two were three-point shots.

In another game played at the venue, the UDSM Queens team hammered the Kurasini Divas team 66-52.

The UDSM Queens team took control of the match in the opening two quarters, leading 14-4, 23-13, later trailed 15-21 and the last period ended 14-14.

Kurasini Divas' tactician Dominick Zacharia revealed his outfit conceded the defeat due to the absence of key ballers, disclosing the reliable performers were on professional duties.

"Some of the players who play for our outfit are also netball players, so it may take some time for them to adapt to this game," Zacharia noted.

Another men's duel witnessed Jogoo beat the Polisi team 63-57, whereas Pazi Queens beat DB Troncatt 80-15 in a one-sided women's game.

Nabi credits Yanga fans for 2022/23 NBC Premier League title



Yanga's attacker, Fiston Mayeye (L), dribbles past Dodoma Jiji FC's defender, Anderson Solomon, in a 2022/23 NBC Premier League tie that took place in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. Yanga walloped Dodoma Jiji FC 4-2. PHOTO: COURTESY OF YANGA

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YANGA's head coach Nasreddine Nabi credits the club's fans for guiding the outfit to the 2022/23 NBC Premier League title in what he called a tough campaign in which the supporters provided much-needed support.

The club won a record-extending 29th Premier League title on Saturday after commanding a 4-2 thrilling comeback victory over Dodoma Jiji FC at Azam Complex Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

Yanga came into the game needing three points to confirm the title but had to fight for the victory, retaking the lead thrice to win the game.

Zambian forward Kennedy Musonda opened the scoring in the 39th minute to give Yan-

ga the lead before Dodoma Jiji FC leveled after the half-time break through Ghanaian forward, Collins Opare, and also took the lead in the second half through goal-getter Seif Karihe.

Second-half substitute, midfielder Mudathir Yahya, leveled the game for the hosts before Farid Mussa and the former thereafter put the tie to bed for Yanga in added time.

Yanga won the trophy with two matches left to play in the current campaign having accumulated an unassailable 74 points from 28 games.

Tunisia-born Nabi told the press that fans were the driving force behind Yanga's successful season. Nabi said the voracious support has pushed his squad in crucial moments of the campaign.

The tactician stated: "I

am sincerely very happy because this season was very tough, not easy, too much sacrifice from all my players, members of the technical bench, and club executive committee. It is tough because playing in Africa is not easy, it is very tough."

Nabi noted: "We had difficult moments this season but also happy ones. Congratulations to all Wananchi. We send our

congratulations to all Wananchi because in difficult moments with Yanga this season, my first support was Wananchi, the fans."

"This game was difficult because we needed recovery for some players, the tempo was mixed and because we fly tonight the concentration was not a hundred percent," the Belgian national disclosed.

Yanga's ambitions of winning a treble are very much alive after clinching their maiden trophy in the current season.

They will now be looking to go all the way and clinch the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup title, while also retaining the Azam Sports Federation Cup to complete a historic treble.

No Tanzanian club has won a treble that includes a continental title and Premier League top honour.

Yanga has a 2-0 in the 2022/23 CAF Confederation Cup semi-final first-leg home advantage over South Africa's Marumo Gallants. The return leg is slated for Wednesday at Royal Bafokeng Stadium, Rustenburg.

Nabi's charges are also scheduled to face Singida Big Stars away in an Azam Sports Federation Cup semi-final clash later this month.

Kitayosce FC seals Premier League promotion



Kitayosce FC players listen to their coaches' instructions when they were shaping up for a past Championship League tie at Ali Hassan Mwinyi Stadium in Tabora. PHOTO: COURTESY OF KITAYOSCE FC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

KITAYOSCE FC has been promoted to the Mainland Tanzania Premier League for the first time in their history.

The Tabora-based side beat African Sports 3-0 at the former's backyard, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Stadium, on Saturday in a result that sealed their ascension to the top flight on the final day of this season's Championship League.

Second-half goals netted by Fabrice Ngoy wa Ngoy and Daniel Lukandamila complemented a first-half

goal by Moses Msukanywele to clinch victory and automatic promotion for Kitayosce FC who join champions JKT Tanzania in the top flight for 2023-24.

The Tabora club's 18th league win of the season took them one point clear of third-placed Pamba FC who won 2-1 against Fountain Gate FC at Nyamagana Stadium, Mwanza the same weekend.

The Mwanza outfit has spent the vast majority of this season sitting second behind champions JKT Tanzania.

Therefore, Pamba FC will

have to battle it out in the promotion/relegation playoffs in the hope of playing in the elite league next season.

They will be joined by Kigoma's Mashujaa FC who finished fourth after edging out Arusha's Mbuni FC 2-1 on Saturday.

Ken Gold FC's playoff hopes were not entirely in their own hands, so they always faced something of an uphill battle.

A thrilling 3-2 comeback win over Biashara United ultimately counted for nothing for Ken Gold FC, as they missed out on the

playoffs to Mashujaa FC, coming two points short.

Promotion to the NBC Premier League is a lucrative achievement for teams in the Championship League, the second tier of Tanzanian football.

The top-two finishers in the Championship League table earn automatic promotion to the Premier League, while the next two sides duke it out for the final spot in a playoff knockout bracket.

The promoted duo of JKT Tanzania and Kitayosce FC are now set to receive 20m/-

as part of their promotion package.

Unlike the Championship League, the Premier League has a decent broadcasting deal where all games are televised in addition to a title sponsor.

On the other half of the table, Copco FC, Green Warriors, Pan Africans, and African Sports will battle it out in the relegation playoffs.

The aggregate winners of the knockout survive relegation while the losers have another chance against First League sides.

Flexibles by David Chikoko

