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UNICEF laments lack of skills among youth

NEW YORK

NEARLY three-quarters of young people aged 15 to 24 in 92 countries where data is available are off-track to acquiring the skills needed for employment, a new global report has indicated.

Robert Jenkins (pictured), director of education at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) unveiled a new report published yesterday by the agency's education commission ahead of World Youth Skills Day.

In a section on recovering the learning of skills, the report raises the issue of whether children and youth are on track in skills development, focusing on skills development in early childhood and among children of primary school age and youth.

The data highlight low levels of skills among children and young people across all age groups, with young people in low-income countries the least likely to have the skills required to thrive, in formal employment or set themselves up for decent work, or entrepreneurship.

"An inspired, skilled generation of children and young people is critical for prosperity, progression, and the success of societies and economies. Yet, the majority of children and young people across the world have been failed by their education systems, leaving them uneducated, uninspired, and unskilled -- the perfect storm for unproductivity," the director underlined.

"Investment in cost-effective, proven solutions to fast-track learning and skills development for today's generation and future generations is urgently needed to address this crisis."

With high rates of out-of-school young people and low attainment of secondary-level skills, countries worldwide are facing a skills crisis, with the majority of youth unprepared to take part in today's workforce, the report

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Samia hails late Mkapa for trusting local private sector



President Samia Suluhu Hassan pictured in Zanzibar yesterday delivering an address at the Second Mkapa Legacy Symposium, organised by the Benjamin Mkapa Foundation. Photo: State House

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

PRESIDENT Samia Suluhu Hassan has hailed the third phase president, the late Benjamin Mkapa for his strong leadership which brought about a vibrant private sector in the country.

She made the remarks at a remembrance forum convened by the Mkapa Foundation here yesterday, underlining that the third phase leader was a believer in partnership between the private sector and the public sector in solving the country's economic challenges.

The late Mkapa had a wide vision since the country was still deeply trusting in the socialist ideology that did not believe in a strong private sector, while he had the audacity and inspiration to work together with the private sector even though at that time many people did not understand him.

President Samia reminded the audience of what the third phase leader said at a CCM National Executive Committee (CCM-NEC) on August 5 2014 about the strong leadership needed in the 21st century.

The retired president had declared that strong leadership does not fear changes if it is necessary to do so, stressing that "if we decide on a policy we need resolve in acting, not in words, and if there are arguments, it should be on the speed and quality and not on the policy already decided upon," she explicitly affirmed.

She underlined the need to quote at length the words President Mkapa used to demonstrate his vision of strong and resilient leadership, given that he did not fear saying the truth that the present world is a world of markets as anchor of economic activity, thus a public-private partnership was unavoidable.

"Now the government has recognized this and laid down national development strategies including the fifth strategic plan for the health sector," she elaborated, expressing the wish to collaborate with the private sector along with

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Tourist arrivals double in May, officials credit tour film impact

By Correspondent James Kandoya

TOURIST arrivals have gone up in the January to May period this year, with ley officials saying arrivals more than doubled after the launch of "Tanzania: The Royal Tour" travel documentary in April.

Daniel Masolwa, the acting director for economic statistics at the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said in a statement in Dar es Salaam yesterday that the number of tourists

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increased to 458,048 compared to 317,270 from January to May 2021, equivalent to 44.4 percent rise.

"The number of tourist arrivals for the month of May 2022 increased to 89,271 from 42,173 tourists recorded in May 2021, equivalent to an increase of 117.7 percent," he said, explaining that this shows that the country's tourist attractions are better appreciated now.

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Govt propels fertiliser making local capacity

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

LOCAL investors need to set up fertiliser manufacturing factories to end the heavy dependency on imports for the country to attain food security and ensure an export surplus.

Dr Ashatu Kijaji, the Investment, Industry and Trade minister issued this appeal in Dar es Salaam yesterday at a breakfast meeting with members of the Confederation of Tanzania Industries (CTI).

She said Tanzania produces just three percent of the market demand in fertilizer, sourcing the bulk of its needs from abroad, creating a shaky environment from the outbreak of Covid-19 to the Ukraine conflict.

"Our countries relied much on importing fertiliser and wheat abroad, and this is what

we're experiencing now. That's why we're encouraging investors to establish fertiliser manufacturing plants in the country that can feed our farmers and neighboring countries," she stated.

She further noted that the government has to put in place an enabling environment for investors to set up manufacturing plants in the country and we'll play a facilitating role.

If a country has the key resources and fertile land but still depends on imports it cannot achieve economic freedom.

She said many African countries are blessed with huge fertile lands and abundant resources which could have been used to produce quality products and export outside the country but it is sad to see that they are still lagging behind.

She said after being appointed, she received instructions from President Samia Suluhu Hassan to work on having the private sector in the country growing fast, as it has been dormant for a long time, giving her six months to come up with the right answers for the task

The outbreak of the war has provided a salutary lesson on why we must learn to produce by ourselves and leave this routine of heavily depending on imported goods, she asserted, pointing at our dependence on fertilisers and

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Vice President Dr Philip Mpango (R) presents a trophy to State Mining Corporation acting managing director Dr Venance Mwasse on Wednesday after the firm emerged overall winner in the Creativity category among pavilions at the just-ended 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



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wheat from Ukraine despite that we have enough resources to enable us to produce on our own.

Castigating the lack of drive on the part of the local private sector, the minister said if we ditch our laziness, we've everything we want to enable us to produce finished products and export to different markets in Africa and around the world. The government will play its part to protect investors and they should also play their part.

Intimating as to what answers she delivered after six months she said in assurance that the government was doing what it is possible to protect local industries, airing the need for

industries to provide employment to many more people.

Elaborating, she said that the government has endeavoured to fix tax hurdles and further open up EAC and SADC markets for Tanzanian products.

Reiterating an older position, CTI chairperson Paul Makanza asked the government to protect local industries against foreign products by charging proper tax on imported goods to ensure fair competition.

CTI is happy to see the readiness of the government to work with the private sector, he said, saluting efforts to invest in strategic infrastructures like the Standard Gauge Railways SGR and the Julius Nyerere Hydropower project (JNHPP).

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civil society organisations to arrive at the set development targets.

The president showered praise on the Zanzibar government for starting well by involving the private sector in health services provision. In order to go fast to realise goals in the health sector it is necessary to change the delivery concept by involving the private sector, she emphasised.

Expressing dismay at what was going on in the country, where the private sector approaches the government for cooperation and government agencies embark on dilly-dallying until they despair, she demanded how we can



The late Mkapa

say from our lips our intent to work together with the private sector.

"When shall we mobilise ourselves for that to happen? You will agree with me we are still at the time Mkapa was talking about: audacity in words and not in deeds, because some officials still don't believe in public-private sector partnership," the president declared.

President Mwinyi said that when he was approached to grace the foundation as its patron he hesitated "due to doubts that the shoes he was about to wear were too big for him considering that his predecessor was none but Mkapa himself," but he had no audacity to refuse.

He said he gathered the strength to lead the foundation after remembering the fruits of the work being done by the foundation in strengthening Tanzania. "The good work must be carried on," he stressed, noting that the good work of the foundation is the right way to remember the third phase president and founder of the institution.

From the weight of the responsibility to lead it he has tried his level best to make sure its aims are achieved, he stated. The Zanzibar government has given priority to strengthening the private sector including civil society organisations in implementing development plans, he added.

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asserts.

It further noted that deep disparities across countries and among those from the poorest communities are increasing inequalities. In at least one in three low-income countries where data is available, more than 85 percent of young people are off-track in the secondary-level, digital and job-specific skills attainment, the UN agency affirms.

Liesbet Steer, the commission's executive director, said in his remarks that to give young people the best chance to succeed and recover learning losses due to the pandemic, "we need to support them holistically. But we can't recover what we don't measure. We need to know where children and youth are in building the range of skills they need and monitor their progress."

"That's why the Education Commission, UNICEF and partners have been working to address critical data gaps, including the launch of the World Skills Clock to help track progress on and raise awareness around youth skills attainment around the world so we can target urgent action to prepare this generation to thrive in the future," he stated.

Data from 77 countries show that less than three-quarters of children aged between three and five years old are developmentally on track in at least three out of the four domains of literacy-numeracy, physical, social-emotional, and learning. At approximately 10 years old, the majority of children in low- and middle-income countries are unable to read and understand a simple text. These foundational skills are the building blocks for further

learning and skills development, the report underlines.

He set out the key capabilities as basic literacy and numeracy, transferable skills including life skills and socio-emotional skills, digital skills which allow individuals to use and understand technology, job-specific skills which support the transition into the workforce, and entrepreneurial skills essential for children to thrive, specifying that these skills are critical for the development of societies and economies.

The report highlights that in Tanzania, over three million children are out of school, including about 1.2m who never attended school, elaborating that many children who make it into a classroom do not receive a solid education and skills that can translate into good prospects for their future. "An estimated 62 percent of school children aged 10 years in Tanzania cannot read a simple sentence and 83 percent do not meet the benchmark for simple arithmetic."

UNICEF and its education commission urged governments to work on reaching every child with quality education, by breaking down the barriers that put them at risk of dropping out. They also need to assess children's learning levels and provide tailored catch-up classes to bring them up to speed, prioritising foundational skills to build a strong base for lifelong learning.

Governments also need to support psychosocial health and well-being by providing holistic support, which includes the need for more extensive data on the skills gap among children and young people across all age groups, the report intoned.



National Assembly Speaker Dr Tulia Ackson (L) exchanges views with her counterparts during recess at the 51st Southern African Development Community (SADC) Parliamentary Forum in Lilongwe, Malawi, yesterday. They are (from-R) Nelly Mutti of Zambia, Jacob Francis Mudenda of Zimbabwe and Catherine Gotani Hara of Malawi. Photo courtesy of National Assembly

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attractions in the world that are not widely known," he stated, highlighting that as of now, tourist arrivals have significantly increased as a result of "Tanzania: The film has to a great deal created awareness on the tourism sector in Tanzania as indicated by the sharp increase in tourist arrivals.

In the January to May period, France accounted for the largest share of tourist arrivals from beyond Africa with 28,115 tourists followed by Poland with 22,651 travellers to this country, while the United States put in 21,661 tourists, Germany chipping in 16,527 visitors, Britain with 14,136 tourists and

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India had 13,641 visitors to attractions in Tanzania.

For the month of May, the key source country distribution was 5,606 visitors from the United States, 4,456 from France, 4,211 from India, 3,294 from Britain and 3,160 visitors from Germany.

Visitors from within the region were listed as Kenya leading with 12,693

visitors, Uganda having 4,102 tourists, South Africa placing 3,700 visitors, Zambia bringing in 4,068 visitors, and Rwanda having 3,415 arrivals here, while Malawi had 4,796 travellers and Burundi had 8,258 people visiting Tanzania.

President Samia launched the documentary in the United States on April 18 to promote Tanzania as

a tourist destination, underlining its position among other African destinations.

"What I am doing is to promote our country Tanzania internationally. We are going to film attraction sites. Potential investors will get to see what Tanzania is really like, areas of investments and different attraction sites," the president had declared.



Tanzania Railways Corporation director general Masanja Kadogosa (R, standing) and Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency executive secretary Flory Okandju (L) exchange documents in Dar es Salaam yesterday shortly after signing an agreement involving the renovation of TRC wagons. Photo: Correspondent James Kandoya

TRI, Home Affairs ministry to collaborate against human trafficking

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

TANZANIA Relief Initiative (TRI), an NGO dealing in human rights has embarked on strategies of working together with the Home Affairs ministry in fight against illegal human trafficking.

TRI, through its Anti-Human Trafficking Project has begun empowering officials in the legal, defence and security organs including the Police Force, immigration department, magistrates, prosecutors and community development department.

Speaking here on Wednesday at a training seminar to the officials, TRI board chairman Laurean Rugambwa said the NGO has entered into special

agreement with the Anti-Human Trafficking division in the Home Affairs ministry. He said the project focuses in empowering law enforcers as well as receiving their views in order to prepare a special programme that will help to eradicate the vice in the country.

He said the training are being given in regions that are more prone to human trafficking and Mbeya Region, it was also conducted in Mwanza, Shinyanga, and Kagera regions.

He added that the project is being supported by Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) an international institution based in Munich, Germany.

"Mbeya Region is within this project because it borders Malawi and Zambia, and is the region with

various economic activities including agriculture, livestock keeping and mining that spur human trafficking," Rugambwa added. He noted that currently human trafficking is among huge business that troubles world countries after illicit drugs.

Meanwhile, the representative from ATS Secretariat Inspector Celestine Makoba said all groups participating in the training are those implementing Acts No 6 and 8 of 2008 on fighting the illegal human trafficking business in the country.

He said the war against the vice is hard and needs collaboration from various stakeholders and that the training being given now focuses on the important groups waging the war.

He said as for now the business is not

so big in the country due to concerted efforts by the government and other stakeholders, adding that beginning 2017 rigorous education has been provided.

Opening the seminar, Mbeya Regional Police Commander, Ulrich Matei thanked TRI for sponsoring the seminar, stressing that the training is essential in eradicating human trafficking. He said Mbeya Region is among regions that have been facing the challenge due to its being a border region.

He said many illegal migrants from Ethiopia and Somalia have been transiting through the region to Malawi and South Africa; many of them, including hosts were arrested in the region.



Vice President Dr Philip Mpango pictured on Wednesday presenting an award to Vodacom Tanzania Plc's director of digital services, Nguvu Kamando (C), after the firm led the list of winners in the Communications Sector category at the just-ended 46th edition of the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. Left is Industry, Trade and Investment minister Dr Ashatu Kijaji. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

Govt instructs PPRA to improve electronic procurement systems

By Felister Peter

THE government yesterday directed the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) to improve its electronic procurement systems and set indicative prices for goods and services it receives from suppliers.

Finance and Planning Minister Dr Mwigulu Nchemba remarked that with indicative prices it would be easy to control and limit service providers charging contrary to market prices from winning public tenders.

"It is important for the government to set indicative prices for services and goods it purchases. It is not acceptable for the government to procure the same products at different prices even if the public institutions are located in the same region," said Dr Nchemba.

He was speaking at PPRA offices in Dar es Salaam during a ceremony to welcome the authority's new chairperson of the board of directors, Dr Leonada Mwangike and bid farewell to outgoing chairperson, Ambassador Dr Marten Lumbanga.

Dr Mwangike will commence on July 21, 2022 after the current chairman, Ambassador Dr Marten Lumbanga completes his second term on July 20, 2022.

He urged the PPRA board of directors and the management to work closely with other institutions including the Ministry of Finance and Planning to ensure further improvement of the Tanzania National Electronic Procurement System (TANePS) for enhanced efficiency.

Dr Nchemba said the government would not hesitate to take legal measures against dishonest officials involved in

swindling public funds. He said the government relies on PPRA to help it cut expenditures associated with procurement of vehicles, spare parts and fuel.

He said it is high time for the government to reconsider its approach in purchasing vehicles because other institutions such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are buying cars at cheaper prices, sometimes more than half of what the government pays.

Despite these positive things, I believe the government has not yet been able to achieve the intended goal until it made improvements in this public procurement sector with the aim of ensuring real value for money on purchases made by the government. Some of the obstacles to achieving the government's goal include:

Government procurement of goods and services at very high prices compared to market prices, government procurement covered by corrupt practices and fraud, poor management during the implementation of projects or contracts, many institutions make their purchases outside the TANePS system illegally as well as government directives and procurement procedures to spend a long and expensive time.

Outgoing chairperson of the board of directors, Ambassador Marten Lumbanga said despite the various achievements that PPRA has recorded; the government has not achieved its targeted goals of controlling purchases and ensuring value for money.

He said there are some factors that contribute to failure in achieving the targeted goals which includes procuring goods

and services at higher prices compared to market prices and that most of the tendering processes are grappled with corrupt practices.

Ambassador Lumbanga also cited poor management during implementation of projects and contracts. He said some institutions make their purchases outside the TANePS system which is contrary to government directives and procurement procedures.

Earlier, Eliachim Maswi, PPRA Chief Executive Officer said the authority has started to take measures to ensure value for money and that goods are procured in accordance with market prices.

"We are at different stages of setting indicative prices for procured goods and services. We are also working to end monopoly in tendering processes, especially procurement of vehicles. The authority will be inviting a good number of bidders and sometimes purchase vehicles from manufacturers instead of using dealers," said Maswi.

Government lines up strategies to cushion health system against global health crises

By Henry Mwangonde

THE government has lined up strategies to strengthen and cushion the health system from global health emergencies such as Covid-19 as part of lessons learnt during the past two years when the disease wreaked havoc around the world.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aifello Sichalwe said during the 10th Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) scientific Symposium that among other strategies the government plans to invest and mobilise resources to make the health system resilient to pandemics and global health securities.

Apart from that Dr Sichalwe said the government has set aside 8bn/- in the 2022/23 financial year for capacity building to health workers which will include training and educational funding.

"When the pandemic came we were not prepared and our health system was somehow overwhelmed, this has exposed the loopholes in our health system but also opened our eyes on what should be done," he said.

Dr Sichalwe said the pandemic has also reminded the government on the role of strengthening research institutions such as universities with resources to ensure they do their role.

The conference is held under the theme: "The role of the healthy system research in promoting and sustaining universal health coverage, leveraging lessons from Covid-19 pandemic."

In his presentation on the key lessons learnt during the pandemic, Chief Research Scientist from the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) Prof Sayoki Mfinanga said there was need to strengthen domestic research and public health capacity to enhance laboratory capacity as well as workforce.

"These are fundamentals to a quick and effective national response to health emergencies and global health securities.

Prof Mfinanga said there is need for strong top level political commitment to use science to tackle the outbreak decisively as well as rapid and effective control measures against

the pandemic.

Dr Sally Mtenga a Senior Social Scientist from Ifakara Health Institute (IHI) presented preliminary findings on coping with the challenges of managing diabetes type 2 during COVID-19 in Tanzania and Kenya and the implication for enhancing social protection schemes for people with chronic illnesses.

She said it is important to understand the challenges that people with type 2 diabetes experienced in managing their illness during COVID-19 which can help to strategize efforts to increase equitable access to quality healthcare for vulnerable populations.

She said social protection aims to provide resilience against shocks and prevent catastrophic expenditure especially among vulnerable populations, including patients with chronic illnesses.

"Our preliminary findings suggest the need to strengthen social protection schemes in our country, including health insurance schemes, in order to prevent difficulties in accessing essential treatment for people with chronic illness, such as type 2 diabetes," she said.



EAST AFRICAN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE

READVERTISED: REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: FOR PROVISION OF DIGITAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT AND MEDIA MONITORING & REPORTING SERVICES
REFERENCE NO. 0010007748.

East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) Limited (COMPANY), is mandated with the construction and operation of a buried, cross-border pipeline to transport crude oil from the Lake Albert area in Uganda to the eastern coast of Tanzania for export to international markets. The pipeline will run from Kabaale in Hoina District, Uganda, to Chongoleani, Tanga Region, in Tanzania. It shall be 1,443 kilometres (km) long, of which 296 km will be in Uganda occupying a 30-metre-wide corridor.

The company plans digital media presence and to conduct media monitoring exercise to enhance its digital media communication as such it requires to contract an experienced specialised company to perform this role in both Uganda and Tanzania.

East African Crude Oil Pipeline Limited invites experienced and reputable service providers to express their interest in providing digital social media management a media intelligence service agency/ies.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF WORK:
EACOP is seeking, **digital media management** and a **media intelligence service agency/ies** to undertake the following services among others:
a) Digital Media Strategy implementation and advise on improvement, Content Management, Target audience profiling, Media planning, Content development, Creative banners, Status updates, Audience engagement, Event promotions, social reputation management to increase visibility.
b) Media Intelligence service that can provide in-depth media monitoring (mainstream and digital media) and reporting services which will be used to enhance the Projects understanding and external communications as well as relations.
c) Generally, Media monitoring and reporting and advisory on how best these may help EACOP's Strategic Communication Framework for effective external communication with focus on the content management and communication related engagement.
d) Real-time daily monitoring of media, including online, newspapers, radio, television and social media and any other relevant platforms in 5 languages, thus English, Swahili, French, Chinese and Maasai.

e) Providing the AI web listening and social network monitoring platform including:

- 24/7 Access to a password protected, online customizable and interactive platform (preferably with a mobile application) for users to access with unlimited search. Access to the Platform is not limited in terms of the number of people to access it.
- Ability to forward media coverage via the platform, email, SMS or what's app or any other digital communication application.

f) Engage and Influence

- Social Media publishing – Provide a social media management tool with platform for social media publications review, approval, and publishing scheduling as well as engagement management and monitoring.
- Ability to perform searches on the database based on keywords, concepts, or using Boolean search terms.

g) Distribute and Alert

- An editable and a multi-format sharable real time newsfeed.
- Daily email and App alerts and overview reporting of media mentions related to the Project.
- Daily email and App alerts and overview reporting of global and local current news.
- Ability to customize alerts per user.

h) Analyse and Report

- Create comprehensive daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, biannual and annual reports filled with AI-powered insights, providing realtime monitoring, analysis, and benchmark of media coverage through analytical tools, automated reporting and data extraction possibilities in different formats through queries. Integrate quantitative data with qualitative analysis.
- Ability to select through the platform time-period of analysis: per day, week, month, and selected dates.
- Build-in editable and shareable dashboards to inform key stakeholders.
- Unlimited search and Ability to create unlimited data tracking, statistical breakdown, and graphical analyses on any coverage on an ad-hoc basis.

i) Customer Service

- 24-hour emergency online support; during and off-business hours.
- Training on how to self-manage, troubleshoot, adjust search/monitoring requirements and access/interpret data, and share data, newsfeeds and/or reports.

NB: A service provider can apply for one or all services. Joint venture with international companies is allowed.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Organizations expressing their interest are invited to document their request with:
• Proof of experience in providing relevant services required
• Proof of experience must be indicated for each item i.e. a, b, c, d, e, in reference to the above listed scope.
• Proof of registration as a company or organization in Uganda and / or Tanzania including business licences.
• Proof of registration with the Uganda and/or Tanzania Revenue Authority and Tax (TRA) Clearance Certificate for the latest year available.
• Registration or approved application with the Local Supplier Service Provider (LSSP) database at the time of submission of the response to this expression of interest is strongly recommended.
• Compliance with Petroleum Local Content Regulations in Tanzania and Uganda.

Interested organizations with the ability, capacity, and resources to provide any of the services listed above should express their interest by sending (together with the documents stated in the above section) and email to procurement.jz@eacop.com (max. email size 10Mb) on or before **25th July 2022** before 1700 hours East African Time (EAT). Email subject should be **0010007748**.

Note: The EACOP Co will review and assess the documents provided by the interested companies to derive a list of prequalified companies. Only prequalified companies will receive, subject to the signature of a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), an invitation to submit a proposal in furtherance of the Request for Proposal process.

All Expressions of Interest should be submitted in the English Language.




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UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Call for Expression of Interest

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Industry and Trade is now offering COVID related PPE manufacturers an opportunity to participate in a series of capacity-building training programmes.

Background
This project "promote public health and social resilience against COVID-19" aims at upgrading domestic producers, material suppliers, and supportive public organizations in terms of 1) production capacity, 2) quality, and 3) business resilience & continuity in emergencies. Acknowledging that the domestic supply chain of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) is a critical backbone for the country's self-reliant capacity to combat the threat posed by COVID-19 and other communicable diseases, this project is jointly implemented by UNIDO and the national partners. The project goal is to be achieved through a combined approach delivering multiple assistance including but not limited to capacity-building training, equipment supply, development of their Business Continuity Plans, etc.

The Ministry of Investment, Industry and Trade, the Ministry of Health and the UNIDO project therefore, wish to invite applications from interested PPE manufacturers, suppliers, and chemical and pharmaceutical companies to participate in the project. Companies in the Coastal Region and Dar es salaam are preferred.

Required qualifications

- Understanding of UNIDO's vision (SDGs, etc)
- Understanding of Government of Tanzania's agenda for industrialization

Selection criteria

1. Should be a private or public entity, participant in the domestic supply chain of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), disinfectant and hand hygiene supply.
2. Should be a company recognised by TMS or TBS as a player in the PPE supply chain in Tanzania.
3. Company should not be a beneficiary of other donor interventions/ programmes
4. Commitment to the project objective and outcome. Company should demonstrate this with a formal letter indicating:
 - o Openness for improvement and willingness to participate actively and continuously in the UNIDO project until project closure.
 - o Willing to share information about company, reports on improvement, production capacity (quantity per month per staff and quality of items produced)
 - o Support UNIDO project evaluation process

The Application should include:

- A cover letter introducing the company.
- Details about current status (production capacity, quality of items produced, management structure etc) of the company.
- A detailed plan on how the company will implement knowledge gained from capacity trainings and other interventions to improve production, quality and contribute to the strengthening of the PPE industry.
- Management commitment to support the project.

Period of engagement: Until end of project (1st quarter 2023).

Submission of applications
Expressions of interest shall be in English and must be delivered via electronic submissions to the following email addresses: SRWIZA@unido.org latest on **Friday 29th July, 2022**.

Any request for clarification or information regarding this request for expression of interest should be sent to SRWIZA@unido.org As email subject: **Expression of interest- Domestic PPE supply chain project**.



Habib African Bank Limited
Dar es Salaam

PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Issued pursuant to regulations 7&8 of the Banking and Financial Institutions (Disclosures) Regulations, 2014.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2022
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 30.06.2022	Previous Quarter 31.03.2022
A. ASSETS		
1. Cash	7,036	6,807
2. Balances with Bank of Tanzania	20,801	23,343
3. Investment in Government Securities	57,932	59,382
4. Balances with other banks and financial institutions	21,557	23,382
5. Cheques and items for Clearing	50	36
6. Interbranch float items	219	164
7. Bills negotiated	2,334	2,209
8. Customer liability on acceptances	5,643	5,504
9. Interbank loans receivable	0	0
10. Investment in Other Securities	0	0
11. Loans, advances and overdrafts (Net of allowances for probable Losses)	173,521	169,794
12. Other Assets	5,874	5,875
13. Equity Investments	0	0
14. Underwriting accounts	0	0
15. Property, Plant and Equipment	644	692
16. TOTAL ASSETS	295,612	297,189
B. LIABILITIES		
17. Deposits from other Banks and financial institutions	0	0
18. Customer deposits	235,045	235,911
19. Cash Letters of Credit	0	0
20. Special deposits	4,949	3,798
21. Payment orders/transfers payable	0	0
22. Bankers' cheques and drafts issued	186	231
23. Accrued taxes and expenses payable	4,849	5,748
24. Acceptances outstanding	5,643	5,504
25. Inter branch float items	0	61
26. Unearned income and other deferred charges	0	0
27. Other liabilities	3,167	3,052
28. Borrowings	0	2,305
29. TOTAL LIABILITIES	253,839	256,610
30. NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)(16 minus 29)	41,773	40,579
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
31. Paid up share capital	2,600	2,600
32. Capital reserves	216	234
33. Retained earnings	31,577	30,853
34. Profit (Loss) account	2,083	668
35. Other capital accounts	5,297	6,225
36. Minority Interest	0	0
37. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	41,773	40,579
38. Contingent liabilities	64,432	57,255
39. Non performing loans and advances	8,635	10,062
40. Allowances for probable losses	163	(16)
41. Other non performing assets	0	0
D. SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION INDICATORS		
(i). Shareholders Funds to total assets	14.13%	13.65%
(ii). Non performing loans to total gross loans	4.84%	5.74%
(iii). Gross loans and advances to total deposits	74.41%	73.09%
(iv) Loans and advances to total assets	60.41%	58.95%
(v) Earning Assets to Total Assets	85.59%	84.98%
(vi) Deposits Growth	0.12%	-0.73%
(vii) Assets growth	-0.53%	-1.04%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2022
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current Quarter 30.06.2022	Comparative Quarter (Previous Year) 30.06.2021	Current Year Cumulative 30.06.2022	Comparative Year Cumulative (Previous Year) 30.06.2021
1. Interest Income	6,108	5,434	11,731	10,599
2. Interest Expense	(3,367)	(3,344)	(6,633)	(6,599)
3. Net Interest Income (1 minus 2)	2,741	2,090	5,098	4,000
4. Bad Debts Written Off	0	0	0	0
5. Impairment Losses on Loans and Advances	163	199	147	(99)
6. Non-Interest Income	1,309	1,221	2,387	2,244
6.1 Foreign Currency Dealings and Translation Gains/(Loss)	317	220	608	466
6.2 Fees and Commissions	437	390	764	725
6.3 Dividend Income	0	0	0	0
6.4 Other Operating Income	555	611	1,014	1,053
7. Non-Interest Expenses:	(2,498)	(2,585)	(4,949)	(5,086)
7.1 Salaries and Benefits	(1,455)	(1,525)	(2,987)	(3,079)
7.2 Fees and Commission	(83)	(75)	(134)	(142)
7.3 Other Operating Expenses	(960)	(986)	(1,928)	(1,865)
8. Operating Income/(Loss)	1,715	924	2,683	1,059
9. Income Tax Provision	(300)	(300)	(600)	(600)
10. Net Income (Loss) After Income Tax	1,415	624	2,083	459
11. Other Comprehensive Income (Itemise)	0	0	0	0
12. Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year	1,415	624	2,083	459
13. Number of Employees	78	87	78	87
14. Basic Earning Per Share	544	240	801	177
15. Number of Branches	4	4	4	4
SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS				
(i) Return on Average Total Assets	1.92%	0.84%	1.40%	0.31%
(ii) Return on Average Shareholders' Funds	13.73%	6.62%	10.25%	2.44%
(iii) Non Interest Expense to Gross Income	33.67%	38.85%	35.06%	39.60%
(iv) Net Interest Income to Average Earning Assets	4.33%	3.48%	4.11%	3.37%

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AS AT 30.06.2022
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Share capital	Share Premium	Retained Earnings	Regulatory Reserve	General Provision Reserve	Other Reserve	Total
Current Year 2022							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	30,661	6,345	0	285	39,931
Profit for the year	-	-	2,083	-	-	-	2,083
Transfer from/to Regulatory Reserve	-	-	1,048	(1,048)	-	-	-
Transfer to/from Other Reserve	-	-	69	-	-	(69)	-
Others	-	-	(222)	-	-	-	(222)
Balance as at the end of June 2022	2,600	-	33,660	5,297	0	216	41,773
Previous Year 2021							
Balance as at the beginning of the year	2,600	-	30,849	3,816	-	321	37,586
Prior year adjustment for correction of deferred tax	-	-	1,120	-	-	-	1,120
Profit for the year	-	-	1,347	-	-	-	1,347
Transfer to statutory Reserve	-	-	(2,530)	2,530	-	-	-
Transfer to other Reserve	-	-	36	-	-	(36)	-
Tax paid for prior years	-	-	(141)	-	-	-	(141)
Balance as at the end of the year	2,600	-	30,861	6,345	-	285	39,931

Disclosure made under regulation 10 of banking and financial institutions (Disclosures) regulations, 2014
Bank of Tanzania debited Tshs 404,000.00 penalty in respect of Discrepancy of cash bundles deposited for the quarter ended 30th June 2022, under requirement of Circular number 1, Section 2.3 (b) and Section 2.4 of Bank of Tanzania.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2022
(Amounts in million shillings)

	Current quarter 30.06.2022	Previous quarter 31.03.2022	Current Year Cumulative 30.06.2022	Comparative Year (Previous Year) Cumulative 30.06.2021
I. Cash flow from operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	1,715	968	2,683	1,059
Adjustment for:				
Impairment/amortization	(49)	(59)	(107)	187
Net change in loans and advances	(3,727)	(21,588)	(25,315)	(7,124)
Gain/Loss on sale of Assets	0	0	0	0
Net change in deposits	285	(1,765)	(1,480)	8,565
Net change in Short Term Negotiable Securities	(3,041)	(21,813)	(24,854)	(35,597)
Net change in Other Liabilities	(890)	298	(592)	409
Net change in Other Assets	(397)	(162)	(559)	(1,763)
Tax paid	(300)	(300)	(600)	(600)
Others (Specify)	0	46	46	0
Net cash provided/used by operating activities	(6,402)	(44,375)	(50,778)	(34,864)
II. Cash flow from investing activities:				
Dividend Received	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(10)	0	(10)	(224)
Proceeds from Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Non-Dealing Securities	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Sale Non-Dealing Securities	0	0	0	0
Others (Specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/used by investing activities	(10)	0	(10)	(224)
III. Cash flow from financing activities:				
Repayment of Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Long Term Debt	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Share Capital	0	0	0	0
Payment of Cash Dividends	0	0	0	0
Net change in Other Borrowings	(2,305)	2,305	0	1,000
Others (Specify)	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided/used by financing activities	(2,305)	2,305	0	1,000
IV. Cash and cash equivalents:				
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(8,718)	(42,070)	(50,788)	(34,088)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Quarter/Year	43,296	85,367	85,367	86,363
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Quarter/Year	34,578	43,296	34,579	52,275

SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30.06.2022

In preparation of the quarterly financial statements, consistent accounting policies have been used as those applicable to the previous year audited financial statements.

Name and Title	Signature	Date
S. S. HASAN RIZVI (Managing Director)		09.07.2022
EPHRAIM MKONDE (Finance Manager)		09.07.2022
MWARABU HAJI (Internal Auditor)		09.07.2022

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the faithful representation of the above statements. We declare that the statements have been examined by us and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, have been prepared in conformance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Banking and Financial Institutions Act, 2006 and they present a true and fair view.

Name	Signature	Date
1. ZAIN HABIB		09.07.2022
2. VAZIR A BUKHARI		09.07.2022

DISCLOSURES MADE UNDER REGULATION 11 OF BANKING AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (DISCLOSURES) REGULATIONS, 2014
MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF BANK CHARGES AND FEES (GHARAMA ZA HUDUMA ZETU)

NAME OF PRODUCT/ SERVICES	CHARGE/ FEE	LCY	FCY
SAVING ACCOUNTS			
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees	TZS 13,200.00 half-yearly	US\$ 14.50 /Gbp 10/Euro 10 half-yearly	
Temporary Statement	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page	US \$2.00 per page	
Interim Statement	Tsh.2,000.00 per page	US \$2.00 per page	
Withdrawal Charges below TZS 5 MIL	No such Charges	No such Charges	
Withdrawal Charges above TZS 5 mil	0.06% of the amount	Maximum 1.20% of the amount	
Cash deposit Charge	No such Charges	FCY-small denomination 5%	
Savings Card/Passbook	No such Charges	No such Charges	
Passbook/Card replacement	No such Charges	No such Charges	
Closing Account-LCY	Tsh. 25,000.00	US\$ 25.00	
Dormant account activation	TZS 15,000.00	US\$ 15.00	
CURRENT ACCOUNTS (PERSONAL)			
Transaction fees-Ledger Fees	TZS 35,000.00 monthly	US \$ 35.00/Gbp 25/Euro 25 monthly	
Temporary Statement	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page	US \$2.00 per page	
Temporarily/Unauthorized Overdraft	27% p.a	No such Charges	
Interim Statement	Tsh. 2,000.00 per page	US \$2.00 per page	
Withdrawal Charges above Tzs 10.0 MIL	1% of amount above 10M	0.06% of the excess amount	
Cash deposit Charge	No such Charges	FCY-small denomination 5%	
Closing account	TZS 30,000.00	US\$ 30.00	
Bank Drafts	No such Charges	US\$ 35.00	
Bank Draft cancellation charge	No such Charges	US\$ 60.00	
Cheque book	TZS 35,000	US\$ 35.00	
Cash payment to 3rd party	No such Charges	No such Charges	
Bulk cash deposit below TZs 100M (Bulk Cash Counter) Charges	TZs 5,000	US\$ 5.00	
Bulk cash withdraw below TZs 100M (Bulk Cash Counter) Charges	TZs 5.00	US\$ 5.00	
Stop Payment orders	TZS 35,000.00	US\$ 35.00	
Standing orders (within bank)	TZS 2,500.00	No such Charges	
Standing orders (to other bank)	TZS 2,500.00	No such Charges	
Certificate of balance/Balance confirmation	Tsh. 30,000.00 per certificate	US\$ 30.00 Per certificate	
Letter of introduction	TZS 30,000.00	US\$ 30.00	
Salary handling	TZS 10,000.00	No such Charges	
School fees deposits	No such Charges	No such Charges	
TRA collection	No such Charges	No such Charges	
Safe custody charges	No such Charges	No such Charges	
Safe custody access fees	No such Charges	No such Charges	
TISS transfers	TZS 10,000.00	No such Charges	
Dormant account activation	TZS 25,000.00	US\$ 25.00	
Retrieval of Old document more than a year	TZS 100,000.00	No such Charges	
Incoming EFT	TZs 1,500	No such Charges	
Outgoing EFT	TZs 1,000	No such Charges	
Clearing charges	TZs 1,000 per cheque	No such Charges	
SMS Alert charges	TZs 25 per sms	No such Charges	
Non utilization fee on loans	1% of loan amount unutilized for over 6months	No such Charges	
Fund Recall charges	TZS 10,000.00	US\$ 10.00	
EFT Manual posting charges for incorrect details	TZS 2,500.00	No such Charges	
Blocking of Lost cheque leave/book charges	TZS 25,000.00	No such Charges	
Previous year statement charges	TZs 1,000 per page	US\$ 1.0 per page	
Printing Old statement charges	TZs 1,000 per page	US\$ 1.0 per page	
Foreign Remittance Charges			
LCY To FCY	Telex / Swift	Commission	Total (USD)
		NIL	70.00
FCY to FCY (USD or Equiv)			
Up to 10,000		50.00	100.00
From 10,001 to 25,000		50.00	150.00
From 25,001 to 50,000		50.00	200.00
From 50,001 to 100,000		50.00	225.00
From 100,001 to 250,000		50.00	300.00

Please note that the above charges may vary at the discretion of the management approval

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES	CHARGE/FEE
Inwards foreign transfers - customers	US\$ 20.00
LC Opening commission (cash covered)	1.75% per quarter
LC Opening commission (no cash covered)	2.00% per quarter
LC Advising commission (Inward/Export)	US\$ 200.00
Foreign Document Bills for Collection (Inward & Outward)	1.2% of LC Value
LC Acceptance commission	commission 2.00% per qrt + swift charge US\$ 70.00
LC Payment/Settlement commission	1.2% per quarter+\$120
LC Amendments	US\$ 75.00 + US \$70.00 Swift
Special clearance-LCY	Not applicable
Special clearance-FCY	Not applicable
Outward Foreign Bankers Cheque (OFBC)	Not applicable
Treasury bill bid charges	Tsh. 100,000.00 per bid
LG issuance	1.50% to 2.00% per quarter
Export letter of credit confirmation	Tzs 25,000
Bankers Cheques	
For US Dollars	US\$ 30.00 per bankers cheques
For Tanzanian shillings	Tsh. 30,000.00 per bankers cheques
US\$ bankers cheques cancellation	US\$ 15.00 per bankers cheques
Shillings bankers cheques cancellation	Tsh. 15,000.00 per bankers cheques
Return Cheques	
Cheque return unpaid-LCY	US\$ 50.00 per cheques

RITA invests in digital systems, brings services closer to people

By Getrude Mbage

THE Registration, Insolvency and Trusteehip Agency (RITA) is working to invest heavily in public awareness programmes so as to enable people to be aware of its digital systems that simplify registration of key life events.

The new digital systems have brought services closer to the people, making it easier for Tanzanians to apply for birth, death and other certificates online and later go to the respective office near them to collect them.

Chief executive officer of RITA, Angela Anatory said this yesterday when briefing reporters on the stakeholders meeting set to be conducted next week in Dar es Salaam.

According to her, service provision at the agency has greatly improved with the registration of key life events, especially births increasing but majority of people were still unaware of them.

She said RITA has a special

system where people can access services online, but plans are afoot to strengthen the system and invest in more innovative technologies to simplify provision of its services.

"We want to ensure that Tanzanians receive their certificates or any services that we offer, timely and without spending a lot, previously people had to walk from their areas to reach district offices to access the services, but now as we are improving our systems, things are becoming easier," she said.

Angela cited an example of the ongoing gender-responsive simplified birth registration system to register children under the age of five which is paying positive outcomes in all the 23 regions which the programme has reached," she said.

Under the system children can be registered and given birth certificates at a short time in ward offices and health centres compared to the previous time when parents had to travel to reach district officers to get

the service," she said.

She noted that since the programme commenced in 2013, a total of 7.7 million children under the age of five have been registered and given birth certificates across 23 regions in Tanzania Mainland.

Explaining about the conference, Angela said it will bring on board stakeholders from both the public and private sector including ministries, institutions, religious leaders and many others.

"We have organised this conference which will be conducted on July 13, to among other things, discuss and share views on how to strengthen efforts and reach more people by providing effective and efficient management of information on key life events," she said.

She said the conference will furnish participants on various services issued by RITA as well as share with them the achievements, challenges as well as strategies to address the current gaps.



Arts, Culture and Sports deputy minister Pauline Gekul, who is legislator for Babati in Manyara Region, addresses a meeting in the constituency's Maisaka ward on Wednesday. Photo: Correspondent Gift Thadey

VP wants research bodies to produce more edible oilseeds, supply them to the farmers

By Correspondent Gerald Kitabu

VICE President Dr Philip Mpango has directed research institutions to speed up research and production of improved edible oilseed and supply them to the farmers.

Wrapping up the 46th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) on Wednesday, Dr Mpango said the move is to address challenges of shortage of edible oil in the country noting that edible oil is one of the necessary goods for many people that should be produced massively and made available at all times.

The VP also directed the research institutions to create simple processing machines that will be able to add value to different crops.

"Research institutions should speed up research of improved edible oil seeds that will increase production and productivity of edible oil. Researchers should also come up with processing machines for increased production and value addition," he stressed.

He tasked the Ministry of Investment, Industries and Trade, traders and entrepreneurs to increase production of the most necessary goods that have higher demand from consumers.

He named them as edible oil, sugar, and construction materials such as iron and iron-sheets.

Interviewed shortly after the vice president's speech, director general of Tanzania Agriculture Research Institute (TARI) Dr Geoffrey Mkamillo commended all the initiatives being

taken by the government and the ministry saying TARI has received the directives and will implement them on time. He said TARI has set up priority regions for speeding up growing edible oil crops. The regions are Kigoma, Katavi, Tabora and Coast for oil palm crop. In these regions there will be well set up block farming that will accommodate large investors from 10,000 acres and more.

"The investors who will come to invest in oil palm in these regions will all be supplied with improved oil palm seeds from TARI Kihinga centre in Kigoma. TARI will make sure that it supplies adequate improved seeds and on time," he said.

TARI is continuing to produce massive improved seeds for sunflower crop for Singida, Dodoma and elsewhere the farmers and investors growing the crop. TARI has enhanced production of early germinated seeds, and in collaboration with seed companies and agencies, TARI will supply in large quantity so that the seed companies can produce enough certified seeds.

Dr Mkamillo said another strategy is to train the farmers and extension officers on good agricultural practices and promote the latest technologies through different media.

"We are also promoting demo plots and result demonstration to let farmers and investors see and understand the new technologies and increase productivity," he said.

He said another strategy is to use agricultural technology transfer hub

(ATTH), a new strategy aimed at increasing production and productivity and transforming agriculture in the country.

The hub, also known as a centre of excellence are scattered in different zones in the country such as Nzunguni in Dodoma for central zone, John Mwankangale in Mbeya for Southern highlands Zone, Morogoro for Eastern Zone, etc and they offer among other agricultural services, different technologies, training of extension staff, farmers, and other stakeholders along the value chain as well as value chain throughout the year.

"We are also insisting that before the farmers or investors engage in agriculture it is also important to test soil to understand the status of soil of that particular area and all these services are exhibited at various Nanenane exhibition grounds throughout the country," he said.

Earlier on, Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade Dr Ashatu Kijaji underscored the need to promote agriculture and increase production so that it can feed adequate raw materials into the industries and factories.

She said the two sectors must work hand in hand to expand industrial goods and products.

"This year the government has increased the agricultural budget from 294bn/- in 2021/22 to 751bn/- in 2022/23 this means that agriculture is going to perform better and our industries are going to get adequate raw materials," he said.



MUHIMBILI NATIONAL HOSPITAL

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Muhimbili National Hospital in collaboration with Emory University has received a Grant from Abbott Fund Tanzania for implementation of activities under the Emory Muhimbili Partnership for Health Administration Strengthening and Integration of Services (EMPHASIS).

To effectively implement its 5 years Corporate Strategic Plan the Hospital has planned to strengthen its Resources Mobilization base and therefore wishes to recruit 1 Resource Mobilization Officer and 1 Grant Management Officer for 1 year contract (renewable upon mutual agreement and availability of fund)

1.0 RESOURCE MOBILIZATION OFFICER (1 POST)

1.1 JOB SUMMARY

Reporting to the Head of Strategy and Business Development, the Resource Mobilization Officer shall be responsible for overall oversight and coordination of development partners engagement and proposal development. She/ He will work with all other staff to develop and submit high quality institutional and high value donor proposals that are aligned with defined MNH priorities, demonstrate impact, and other value for money. She/ He will be responsible to build the capacity of MNH to develop and manage strategic consortium partnerships with Local and International institutions, NGO, private sector organizations and individual philanthropists.

1.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- To be a focal person in implementation of MNH Resource Mobilization Strategy;
- To network, update and liaise with key in-country and international development partners;
- To provide effective coordination for the establishment of proposal development working groups with representatives from key stakeholders within and outside MNH;
- To advise Hospital Management and business development teams and working groups on relevant development partners requirements/ compliance, potential funding opportunities, changes in development partners' priorities and ensuring quality grant management for all related projects;
- To interface with Public Relations Unit for development partners mapping and communication;
- To act as the interface between Finance Department and program/ project teams to ensure grant compliance;
- To ensure fundraising staff have individual work plans and up to date development plans;
- To work closely with all the funding affiliates and relevant program departments to ensure high quality and timely submission of proposals and concept notes, Project Report/ Project Progress Reports to donors and funding affiliate.
- With support from clinicians, Head of Research, Training and Consultancy Unit and Hospital Management, to identify and facilitate opportunities for relationship building with key stakeholders;
- To develop and manage strategic consortium partnerships with appropriate universities, NGOs and health facilities;
- To perform any other resource mobilization related duties.

1.3 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Holder of bachelor degree in social sciences majoring in one of the following fields; marketing, business administration, economics, statistics, project planning and management.

Candidate possessing Master's degree in public health shall have an added advantage. Minimum of 2 years working experience as a resource mobilization officer or marketing officer in NGO or Research institution.

2.0 GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICER - (1 POST)

2.1 POSITION SUMMARY

The Grants Management Officer will be a critical member of the TRCU team, reporting to the Head of Teaching, Research and Consultancy Unit. The Grants Management Officer works across all internally or externally funded programs, including collaborating with finance and IT to ensure effective and efficient grant implementation processes. The overall responsibility is to effectively manage a portfolio of grants and provide support to grant holders in order to facilitate the delivery of quality projects on time and on budget.

2.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Monitor grants for legal, financial, and program compliance including but not limited to ensuring that grant requirements are correctly documented in the grant files and database.
- Review reports and monitor progress of projects to verify that grant holders are implementing grants to address agreed objectives in a timely manner and in-keeping with good practice;
- Work closely with colleagues to coach and support grant holders in the management of their activities, funding and partnership;
- Maintain regular communication with grant holders to ensure compliance to the funding organizations other Foundation professionals through Peak
- Monitor and document the grant making

workflow processes, forms, templates, reports and data to assure full compliance with internal controls and legal requirements.

- Generate reports and data analysis of the activities by different programs
- Work with finance department to ensure all payments to grant holders are executed in a timely fashion
- To facilitate the finance departments to generate reports required for compliance and financial statement audits by donors.
- Assist in developing narratives and financial report templates for grant holders.
- Improve the way staff report progress on their grant activities by providing support and tools for reporting
- Participate in scheduled meetings for reporting grants progress including provision of work-related updates.

2.3 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Holder of bachelor degree in one of the following fields; statistics, Epidemiology or Public Health.
- Minimum of 2 years working experience as a grant management officer in NGO or Research institution

3.0 MODE OF APPLICATION

A signed application letter with certified copies of academic certificates and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) with three referees with reliable contacts, postal address, e-mail, and mobile numbers should be addressed to

**Executive Director,
Muhimbili National Hospital,
P.O.Box 65000,
Dar Es Salaam**

via the following email address:

**Email: hrt@mnh.or.tz
Application Deadline: 22nd July, 2022**

Muhimbili National Hospital in collaboration with the German Society of Tropical Surgery (DTC) is seeking a highly motivated full-time Research Assistant to join the team and provide key support to the new Children Surgery Research project. This project is funded by Else Kröner Fresenius Stiftung (EKFS). This project aims at improving care of children born with surgical conditions in particular Gastroschisis in Tanzania.

1.0 RESEARCH ASSISTANT (1 POST)

1.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support ethics applications, required Data Transfer Agreements and approvals as required for running the project as well as storage of all project documents including approvals, IRBs and reports
- Manage data collection, data entry, report preparations and documentation of information needed for the project
- Assist in making sure that monitoring and evaluating process is adhered to as well as stock keeping of project supplies and equipment
- Establish project work plan and calendar or schedules for implementation in selected centers of Tanzania
- Be a liaison with study sites and project leaders (Principal Investigator and Project Managers) to ensure timely and quality achievements of the project deliverables
- Be responsible for the organizing trainings at different sites in Tanzania
- Source information required to embark on the projects i.e venue, participants, catering, practical consumables, procurement requisitions, prepare travel reimbursements requests, cost transfers and monitor project financial expenditures
- To participate in wider Global Children Surgery Research activities such as Grand Rounds, team meetings, conferences etc.

1.3 QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Holder of bachelor degree in one of the following fields: Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy or Medical Laboratory who has completed internship and registered by reputable council.
- Minimum of 2 years working experience as a Research Assistant officer in NGO or Research institution

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TASTA launches 5-year plan to advance sustainable seed self-reliance ambition

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

THE Tanzania Seed Trade Association (TASTA) yesterday launched a 5-year strategic plan, saying the core aim of the plan is to harmonise and advance government efforts.

The idea is in the heat of government's drive and ambition, this fiscal year, to ensure farmers access easily quality seeds and gradually make the country become self-reliant in seed production.

Manyara Regional Commissioner Makongoro Nyerere graced the launch and praised TASTA for rising above rhetoric and for conceiving a realistic seed-delivery plan to farmers countrywide.

He called for solid cooperation between the private sector and the government because, he said, the plan would be a vehicle for making farmers access quality seeds, in time and at reasonable prices. The plan would also increase accountability at every stage, he said.

"My appeal to all agriculture stakeholders is that every one of us must play his part so that this plan is implemented according to schedule. But to achieve this goal, we must guard against cheap politics and focus on real issues we have handle to promote Tanzania's agriculture sector in a manner outlined by the government so that the sector can make a bigger contribution to the national income," Nyerere said.

The RC said farmers need and deserve quality seeds in order to make farming an efficient and profitable occupation and consequently make Tanzania self-sufficient in agricultural produce

and export surplus.

TASTA Managing Executive Director Bob Shuma said the plan provides members clear guidelines in executing their duties. He thanked the government for removing all levies on seeds. "Removing of levies on seeds has been a big incentive to us to increase production of seeds and help farmers get seeds in time and at affordable prices...the strategic project plan aside, we have developed our own website where members can register themselves, download materials of their choice and interact with the headquarters," he explained.

The Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT), chief executive officer, Geoffrey Kirenga, told the TASTA annual meeting that he was very optimistic the plan would be implemented according to plan because, he said, the association enjoys government support adding that delivery of seeds to farmers countrywide is one of the government's strategic priorities. Further, he said, the government wants to see seeds are produced in big quantities.

"Quality seeds are an important link in the agricultural production process and in guaranteeing national food security. Let us cooperate in producing quality seeds so that national crop production can correspondingly increase," Kirenga appealed.

The meeting was sponsored by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (Agra), Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, UKAID, USAID and The Rockefeller Foundation.



State Mining Corporation board chairman Major General (rtd) Michael Isamuhyo (C) has a word with Barrick public relations manager Neema Ndossi (L) and relationship coordinator Abella Mutiganzi at the just-ended 46th edition of Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair. This was shortly after Barrick was announced as the winner of the outstanding Mining Award through its Bulyanhulu and North Mara mines and the outstanding Contributor of Employee Contributions to the National Social Security Fund. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

KCB BANK Tariff Guide

SERVICE	TZS	USD/EURO	KES	GBP
STATEMENTS				
Monthly Statement	free	free	free	free
Duplicated Statements per page (excluding community account)	1500 per page	1.30pp	78pp	0.70pp
Interim Statement per page (excluding community account)	1500 per page	1.30pp	78pp	0.70pp
ATM VISA DEBIT CARD				
ATM Card Issuance (for the first time)	free	free	n/a	n/a
ATM withdrawal from KCB ATMs (per transaction)	800	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
ATM withdrawal from Non-KCB ATMs (Tanzania)	2500	1.3	n/a	n/a
ATM withdrawal from Non-KCB ATMs (International)	6500 per each 400,000 limit	3.3	equivalent	equivalent
ATM mini statements	550	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Daily Limit	1000000	equivalent	50000	equivalent
Minimum withdrawals	5000	equivalent	n/a	n/a
ATM Card Replacement (lost/destroyed cards)	15000	13	n/a	n/a
Blocking/unblocking ATM cards	free	free	free	free
Card Renewal	15000	13	n/a	n/a
STANDING ORDER				
within KCB	2500	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Outward to other banks	5000	n/a	n/a	n/a
Setup/Amend Standing Order	6500	7	500	4
Unpaid Standing Order (penalty)	10000	10	500	10
CHEQUES				
Unpaid Cheque (insufficient funds) - Outward	15000	13	n/a	n/a
Unpaid Cheque (insufficient) - Inward	65000	52	n/a	n/a
Unpaid Cheques - technical	15000	15	n/a	n/a
USD unpaid cheque	52	52	n/a	n/a
Counter Leaves	13000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Bankers Cheque	26000	26	n/a	n/a
Stop payment per set up	25000	25	1300	13
New cheque book retail	600 per leaf	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
TT'S INTERNATIONAL				
Outward	50USD (TZS equivalent)	50USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Inward TT (excluding community accounts)	13USD (TZS equivalent)	13USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Recall of funds/Cancellation of TT	10USD (TZS equivalent)	10USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
Amendment of TT (Customer induced)	10USD (TZS equivalent)	10USD (Euro equivalent)	equivalent	equivalent
TRANSFERS LOCAL				
KCB to KCB	1500	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
EFT (KCB Tanzania to any local bank)	3500	3	n/a	n/a
TISS/local TT (excluding community account)	10000	13	n/a	n/a
East African Payments (EAPS)	10000	n/a	870	n/a
MINIMUM A/C OPENING BALANCE				
Current Account-Company (SME&CORPORATE)	100000	100	5000	13
Current-Personal	50000	100	5000	65
Mapato Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Junior Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Student Account	10000	10	500	10
KCB Simba Savers	50000	50	n/a	n/a
A/C CLOSURE				
Closing account	35000 before 6 months, free after 6 months	39	2200	26
OTHER SERVICES				
Search of old documents	15000	13	900	10.5
Forex Cash Deposits (smaller denominations below US \$ 50)	n/a	8% for denominations that are less than USD 50	n/a	8% for denominations that are less than USD 50
Dormant Account Activation	free	free	free	free
ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE FEES				
Counter Withdrawals (excluding Simba, Cub & Community accounts)	<10million 1500 >10million 0.1% max 20000	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Ledger Fees - Current Accounts (excluding community and salary)	personal current account 10,000, business 20,000, corporate account 30,000	personal current 10USD/Business 16USD/Corporate 20USD	700	personal current 10GBP/Business 16GBP/Corporate 20GBP
Ledger Fees - Savings Accounts (excluding Simba, Cub, salary & Student Accounts)	1200	7	176	7
THIRD PARTY ENCASHMENT				
withdrawal fee to be paid by the beneficiary	6500	13	450	7
SALARY PROCESSING				
Salary processing	2600	equivalent	130	equivalent
CERTIFICATE OF BALANCE				
Balance of Account (Flat fee per certificate)	39000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Auditors Confirmation (flat per certificate)	30000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent
Reference Letters	30000	equivalent	equivalent	equivalent

TRADE FINANCE	
IMPORT LETTER OF CREDIT	
LC ISSUANCE/extension/increase amount	1.3% Per Quarter
Normal Amendment	130 USD
Release Commission/LC document processing	20 USD
RETIREMENT	0.30% minimum 100 maximum 200
CANCELLATION	260 USD
EXPORT LETTER OF CREDIT	
ADVISING	200 USD
NEGOTIATION	0.60% min 200 max 300
DISCOUNTING	0.80%
AVALIZATION	0.80%
DOCUMENTS FOR COLLECTION	
Documents HANDLING FEE	150 USD
COURIER	150 USD
GUARANTEE	
Issuance fee	1.30%
AMENDMENT/Reduce of amount	130 USD
DISCREPANCY	55 USD
EXAMINATION	
OTHERS	
SWIFT	50 USD
Tracer	50 USD
COURIER	150 USD
MOBILE BANKING CHARGES	
Balance enquiry	300
Mini statement	300
Setup/Amend Standing Order	4
Invite Friend	free
Cheque book	300
Stop cheque	300
Stop card	300
Change Pin	free
Full statement	500
BILL PAYMENTS	
TANESCO(LUKU)	1.1% of the transacted amount
DAWASCO	1300
DSTV	Free
STARTIMES	Free
ZUKU	Free
SMILE	Free
UHURU	Free
AZAM	Free
SASATEL	Free
SEND MONEY TO E-WALLET	
Mpesa	
Airtelmoney	
Tigo Pesa	0-50,000=1000, 50,001-100,000=1,500, 100,001-300,000=2,500, 300,001-500,000=3,500, 500,001-1,000,000=5000
Eazzy Pesa	
HaloPesa	
T Pesa	
FUNDS TRANSFER	
Own accounts	500
KCB accounts	700
INTER-COMPANY TRANSACTION CHARGES	
Inter-company cash withdrawals charges, applicable in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi	Up to 60 USD charge 4 USD
	Between 251-1250USD charge 13 USD
	Between 1251-6250 USD charge 26 USD
	Between 6251-12500 USD charge 13 USD
	Above 6250 USD charge 1.20% of daily cumulative withdrawals
Inter-company cash deposit charges, applicable in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi	Up to 250 USD charge 3 USD
	Between 251-1250 USD charge 7 USD
	Between 1251-6250 USD charge 13 USD
	Above 6250 USD charge 0.60% of daily cumulative deposits
Inter-company transaction charges on cash withdrawals and deposits applicable to Sudan branches	Intercompany cash withdrawals 1.20% of the amount withdrawn
	Intercompany cash deposits 0.97% of the amount (minimum \$35 and maximum of \$750) This excludes the swift charges and stamp duty
Intercompany standing orders across all companies	Intercompany standing order 13 USD
LOANS	
Processing/arrangement/appraisal fees	
Personal loans:	2.40%
Business loans:	2.40%
Overdrafts:	2.40%
Mortgage finance	2.40%
Asset finance	2.40%
Penalty on unpaid loan instalment:	10% above approved rate
Early repayment:	NA
Valuation fees:	As per service provider rates
Legal fees:	As per service provider rates
Loan insurance fees:	1%
Interest rates:	+ or - Base Lending Rate
Personal loans:	19%
Business loans:	+ or - Base Lending Rate
*Base Lending Rate	19% for TZS and 9% for USD
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TCRA out to conduct spectrum auction of IMT bands in October

By Guardian Reporter

THE Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA) has announced to conduct a massive spectrum auction of the International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT) bands in October; this year something which will attract new potential investors in the sector.

In a statement availed to the media yesterday, TCRA director general, Dr Jabiri Bakar said that the success of the auction will also help in lowering of mobile communications costs due to cost savings as a result of deploying fewer base stations for wider coverage and therefore potential lower consumer prices.

"TCRA thus, notifies the general public and interested parties of its intention to assign the following available spectrum blocks designated for IMT services through an auction, subject to a reserve price.

The bands include the 700 MHz band: One block of 2 x 10 MHz; 2300 MHz band: Two (2) blocks of 1 x 35 MHz; 2600 MHz band: Three blocks of 2 x 15 MHz and one block of 1 x 20 MHz and 3500 MHz band: Four blocks of 1 x 40 MHz

He said the success of the auction will facilitate introduction of additional services in the country's communication sector bringing about several other benefits.

"This will also improve the nation's fixed and mobile broadband infrastructure and capability, which will act as an engine for the economy of the country as well as enhancing quality of services and quality of experience through coverage and capacity improvement," he noted.

Jabir said the mobile and fixed broadband will be essential for supporting the effective delivery of services including education, health, agriculture, commerce, and financial services through ICTs.

"This will also help extend provision of mobile broadband services to a wider Tanzanian population especially those in rural areas; Promotion, enhancement and facilitation of innovation for new ICT services and technologies to be deployed in the band," he added.

To ensure that consumers benefit fully from access to mobile broadband services with meaningful connectivity TCRA intends to include coverage obligations as part of the assignment process.

"Prior to the formal commencement of the assignment process, TCRA will be conducting consultation exercises to which all stakeholders will be invited to participate," he added.

To allow stakeholders to begin their initial planning for the intended spectrum auction, an indicative timetable has been provided in this notice for the spectrum auction process. In case of any material change to the timetable the general public will be further informed.

Publication of Consultation Document (Draft Information Memorandum) will be conducted mid-August, 2022; Submission of Stakeholder Comments on Draft Information Memorandum will be at the end of August; Publication of Information Memorandum will be in early September, 2022.

Actual spectrum auction will be held early October 2022; payment deadline will be in mid-October, 2022; Grant of licences and assignment of spectrum will be held at the end of October, 2022.

He further noted that in exercising its functions, TCRA is also guided by the National Information Communications and Technology Policy, 2016 (National ICT Policy) whose key policy objectives relevant to the use of frequency spectrum include promotion of efficient spectrum.

Promotion of competition, an outcome which supports or does not undermine effective competition as well as promotion of consumer benefits through the provision of widespread, high-quality promotion of investment and innovation.

Others are to ensure that consumers benefit fully from access to mobile broadband services with meaningful connectivity TCRA intends to include coverage obligations as part of the assignment process.

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Dr Kaushik Ramaiya, a long-serving cardiologist with Dar es Salaam's Hindu Mandal Hospital, cuts the ribbon yesterday to inaugurate a newly constructed building at the medical facility as part of the run-up to the commemoration of its 40th anniversary. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

Minister tasks institutions to use water system mobile application

By Guardian Correspondent, Dodoma

WATER institutions have been tasked to effectively use the water system mobile application as an appropriate source of data for the sector in the country.

The Minister for Water Jumaa Aweso said this yesterday, while closing a working session for water officers dealing with statistics and electronic systems (MAJI APP) in the water sector, held in Dodoma with the participation of experts from various regions countrywide.

The system was launched recently by President Samia Suluhu Hassan with the aim to ensure that the sector provides accurate data on the water sector, including accurate statistics on the implementation of various water projects implemented in various areas.

Aweso said the system is very

important to use in the water sector, because it will help provide timely water information that is accurate to the community as it helps to avoid complaints that arise in providing water services to the public.

He further clarified that the ministry has been challenging the availability of data for a long time, so all institutions should start using the system as one to address various challenges in the water sector.

"I urge all institutions to use the system, as it will help reduce customer complaints including increasing importation of revenue and reducing losses in the sector," said Aweso.

Aweso has also instructed all appointed officials to handle statistical matters, ensuring that they submit accurate data on time, including updating the data so that it can be submitted to the ministry's management at the beginning of each

week.

The minister also instructed the officials of the ministry to ensure they create an enabling environment for these data officers, so that they can do it to point function including providing factual data.

Aweso said if the data providers were put in a good environment then they would be able to arrive at the scene to collect the correct data and submit it to the relevant sites for processing.

"I urge ministry officials to ensure that the enabling environment for these professionals is maintained, that they be provided with funds and transportation to take them to work, and that I will monitor that," said Aweso.

He said statistical people are very important in the ministry so they should be valued but he also urged the statistical officers to go and work professionally to revolutionize the

water sector.

"We have a lot of confidence in the water statistics providers, you are important people and you are going to be given a good environment to fulfill your responsibilities," said Aweso.

Aweso said that he would not hesitate to take strong action against those who collect and process data, those who would send false data and added that those who work in statistical expertise should be rewarded as incentives.

"And this must be done, and we must put in place a mechanism to identify statistical officers from doing a good job and to begin with I give a gift to the ministry's economist Lilian Nsimbo for the good work she does," said Aweso.

Ministry's economist Lilian Nsimbo said the system facilitates access to various water information including water projects that are being implemented in the country.

Drought-resistant variety of bean seeds developed - Tari

By Guardian Correspondent, Mbeya

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) Uyoie in collaboration with various agricultural stakeholders has produced new bean seeds that have the potential to adapt to climate change.

The new bean seeds are said to be able to reproduce very differently from the native ones and thus have the potential to uplift farmers economically and ensure food security.

TARI-Uyoie director Dr Tulole Bucheyeki made the remarks yesterday during a bean stakeholders' meeting from the four regions of the Southern Highlands Region to evaluate newly developed bean seeds.

Dr Bucheyeki said the seeds are able to withstand diseases and adverse weather conditions including heavy rainfall and even drought so he stressed that its production is not expensive compared to other varieties.

He said the seeds were being tested in 10 districts in four regions of the Southern Highlands region before being distributed to farmers in other regions.

"Right now, we are going more digitally, we are evaluating these seeds

in a way that everyone knows, but today we are doing a joint assessment to be sure of what we are sending to farmers," said Dr Bucheyeki.

He said agriculture now needed to have the latest technology to be productive due to climate change which is currently plaguing the world.

Leguminous plant seeds researcher Leonard Sabula said they intend to use the popular farmers' fair by the name of Nane Nane to advertise and distribute the seeds to farmers as well as to spread production technologies.

He urged farmers in the Southern Highlands region to attend the exhibition for the study and purchase of the seeds for use in the next financial year, saying they were recently implementing a soil health testing project in various parts of the region and would therefore use the results of the testing to advise farmers on how to produce beans and other crops.

"Apart from these beans we also have soybean seeds that we have produced ourselves here and it is a very productive seed, farmers should be excited because at present the market is large enough in China," said Sabula.

Government sure to make poultry feed raw materials available, affordable - Ulega

By Guardian Reporter

THE government is committed towards ensuring that poultry feed raw materials—maize and soybeans are readily available and affordable to reduce production costs.

Abdallah Ulega, Livestock and Fisheries' deputy minister made the commitment yesterday when he visited the Interchick Factory to see the poultry feed production and chick production activities at the factory in Kinondoni District, Dar es Salaam.

"In terms of poultry feed we have organised ourselves in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, poultry processors and retailers to find a solution to this issue.

He said that they want to give priority to these stakeholders because the industry has the potential to employ more people and produce enough nutritious protein food that will help build a healthier and stronger society.

He added that in an effort to address the challenges facing the industry, his Ministry has planned to meet with all

stakeholders involved in the poultry value chain to discuss and put in place effective plans to address their challenges and enable them to operate efficiently and profitably.

Kinondoni District Commissioner, Godwin Gondwe informed Minister Ulega that Kinondoni District Council has allocated 3.9bn/- from 10 percent of the Youth, Women and People with Disabilities Empowerment Fund to enable entrepreneurial groups in the district.

"We've allocated at least 150m/- from the 10 percent allocated to empowering entrepreneurs and we will provide them with eight (8) poultry groups," said DC Gondwe.

Interchick Company Director Nelson Kikolea told Deputy Minister Ulega that access to maize and soybean grains has been a major challenge and has increased production costs and the biggest victims are smallholder farmers.

He said that the price of maize last year was 460/- but this year it has risen to 940/- per kilo which is an increase of 480/-.

BMF needs help to realise its targets, says Dr Mwinyi

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR President Dr Hussein Ali Mwinyi has said the Benjamin William Mkapa Foundation (BWMF), apart from its activities that need inputs to realise the set targets, it still needs contributions from various institutions and individuals to realise those targets.

President Mwinyi made the remarks here yesterday at Madinat Al Bahri Hotel, Mbeni during luncheon that also involved fundraising for the foundation.

Dr Mwinyi expressed his trust that there are many people who are ready to make financial contributions to the institution to make it realise its aims.

He thanked participants at the event for the good heart they showed in making sure the money is sought to implement its activities.

President Mwinyi, who is also the institution's new settlor, explained the good work done by the institution in the health sector in both parts of the union.

He also used the occasion to welcome all guests from outside Zanzibar to visit various tourist sites in order to be good ambassadors to advertise Zanzibar in foreign countries.

He also conveyed his thanks on behalf of the BWMF's officials for coming to participate in the forum.

Meanwhile, BWMF officials said the aim of the fundraising is to develop and strengthen health services in both parts of the Union.

Tanzania minister for Health, Ummu Mwalimu explained that deliberate efforts will be taken by both governments in support of the foundation.

At the fundraising a total of 1.2bn/- was obtained whereas Dr Mwinyi conveyed his thanks to all contributors and pledged that his government will not be left behind in contributing.

TICTS Maintains Record Productivity

Tanzania International Container Terminal Services (TICTS) is pleased to announce that the terminal has once again broke its monthly throughput record. Edging out a record productivity in March, the throughput for the month of June was 61,450 TEU.

Testament to the hard work of TICTS' front-line staff, the terminal also had its most productive shift ever in June. On June 21st the team managed to handle over 1,000 TEU in a span of eight hours. The terminal also achieved productivity records at the gatehouse handling 38,283 moves in the month of June.

Commenting on the achievements, Matthew Clift, Acting TICTS CEO said, "We are very proud of our teams who achieved this new record. Our ultimate goal is to facilitate trade, minimize turnaround times. With this in

mind, we are striving to ensure that the terminal can achieve these levels of productivity on an ongoing basis."

TICTS has already invested over TSZ12.5 billion in equipment this year and is keen to support the government with its long-term vision for the port.

Tanzania International Container Terminal Services (TICTS) operates the container terminal at the Port of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Port of Dar es Salaam handles more than 90 per cent of Tanzania's seaborne trade. As Tanzania's leading container handling facility, TICTS is committed to moving ahead and strengthening its role as the country's premier maritime gateway to Eastern, Central and Southern Africa. The company continues to enhance the operational



TICTS' ongoing investment program saw the arrival of three additional rubber-tyred gantry cranes earlier this year.

productivity and customer service through ongoing investment in people, systems and cargo-handling equipment.

TICTS is a member of Hutchison Ports, the port and

related services division of CK Hutchison Holdings Limited. It has a network of terminal operations in 52 ports spanning 26 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Australasia.

Over the years, Hutchison Ports has expanded into other logistics and transportation-related businesses, including cruise ship terminals, distribution centers, rail services and ship repair facilities.

CCTTFA could assume key role in railway line business

THERE is something new at the Tanzania Railways Corporation (TRC) as it has signed a 1bn/- pact with and the Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency, a multinational stakeholders' organisation, for the renovation of 20 wagons to cater for cargo movement.

One significant note in the agreement is that it takes forward government directives to involve private sector agencies in increasing carriage wagons for the meter gauge railway line.

It is the second wagon maintenance and conversion pact since 2019, which indicates that this arrangement is working.

Back in 2019 TRC signed a 1.35bn/- contract with the World Food Programme to renovate 40 wagons within 24 months, changing damaged covered wagons to the flat variety.

The new wagon renovation project chiefly targets corridor member states, and that is where innovation is especially needed, because there is a fully fledged organisation, the agency that has regional and other bilateral donors.

Instead of just directing funds into TRC to maintain or renovate wagons, and the transporters have priority in their subsequent use, their role could be more systematised for the line.

There are unsettling incidents in the central line operations and, as this private agency input is limited to renovation of wagons and priority allocation in their use or any other wagons in the hands of TRC, there is no likely input on the railway line itself except by local funds or foreign aid.

Budgetary funds and even external support in the rail transport sector are directed at implementing the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), so it can be said that TRC seeks internal funds to do what it can on the railway line itself.

Even without the benefit of a feasibility study, the frequency of derailments on the central line and

in other lines northwards is a graphic indicator that plenty needs to be done there as well.

Just as is the case for Tanzania, the much slower line can be specialised for small importers and other transporters especially if it can be linked to arteries other than the Dar es Salaam port, to connect more regions locally and then branch into existing lines in neighbouring countries.

This is something that could be taken up so that we come up with a safe structural and economic sphere for the narrow-gauge line, instead of competing with SGR and then be left aside as importers can adapt to new costs if cargo is moved fast.

It is possible to convert funds for special operations into shares in a commonly owned entity, guided in particular by multilateral or bilateral stakeholders just as it is for banks.

The idea that a shareholding structure for banks created more than 20 years ago cannot work for a railway line working as a specific entity is untenable. We also have Twiga Minerals that is changing dormant sites - and there are likely more examples of the like.

When such an arrangement is completed, it will provide further example of the usefulness of share-based joint ventures, which then becomes a new format of restructuring major government economic agencies whose efficiency and capital base are often wanting.

It is a kind of privatisation where the state doesn't surrender public assets but plays an active role in their modification and capacity-enhancing effort, so long as it doesn't insist on the typical state ownership format.

Pure state ownership leads to an aid-dependent economy, asking the rest of the world to share with us their public resources, instead of investible capital. It often doesn't work, leaving the economy in a parlous state what with the derailing of trains and signs of bankruptcy.

'Gig work' must remain market-priced to survive

THINGS change with a whimper, at times unnoticed, and at a further stage it all appears that agreement had been reached that change is needed.

Those who ignored the whimper then start wondering what went wrong, while it is enough for the many to remain indifferent and for the few to do whatever they please. In policy-making this might start as research, with the government as an active partner in what is pursued.

The making of policy on the world stage is always confrontation between market-based values and those of welfare activism, whose basic sentiment is that employers get plenty of profit not shared with those they employ.

This brings up the push for steep wage claims, with such rises viewed as actually reducing poverty, when workers have more to spend.

However, experience actually shows that wage rises lead to inflation and it is tax cuts that lead to investments and employment. Lose these bearings and all will be lost.

The global activist fraternity at times works with the International Labour Organisation, which usually prefers to examine institutional employment conditions like factories and how far workers are exposed to dust or dangerous chemicals, apart from wage levels.

There are situations where activists have no solid work environment precepts and seek out what is known as class action, for instance smokers signing a million-member petition

to launch court proceedings for compensation for lung cancer, etc. They are in class action feasibility study on treating 'gig work' as formal employment attracting fair pay and benefits.

At a closer look, it is evident that some activists are targeting to skim off millions of dollars from mobile phone service providers and companies that they provide with hailing taxis and tricycle or motorcycle rides.

There is a tangible network there - that of belonging to a network of app users, and clever researchers are now saying that they are workers of this or that service provider, whereas they benefit from that app to get passengers calling from remote places. Many others just hail them at roadsides.

Without using up plenty of time on whether such 'gig work' is formal employment, there is a preliminary issue on class action rights, for it has to spread to others for it to be feasible.

This idea of formalisation of 'gig work' ought to say how those who work in street corner shops can be formally employed and their wages stated out, social security assured, or cash put into the Workers' Compensation Fund.

That kind of regulatory initiative might disrupt resource allocation in economic activity, as workers would be available to work in a shop, etc., while the government sets prohibitive conditions.

When returns are low, the market absorbs everyone; hike the pay and more than half will be laid off, and that is no help to families, the economy or indeed the stability of the country.

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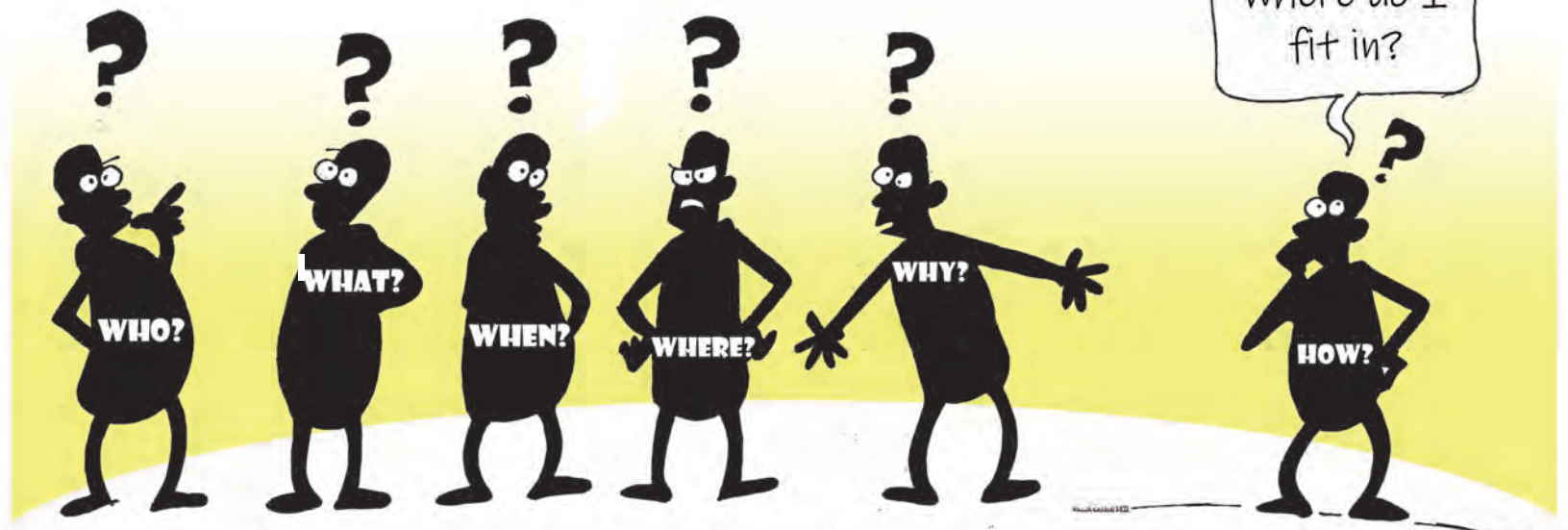
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'Old journalists never die they just ...write off'

The rise of TikTok as a news platform: Time to refocus social media strategy?

By Special Correspondent

A LONGSIDE showing a worrying level of news avoidance by young people, the Reuters Institute Digital News Report 2022 has confirmed TikTok as a significant and rapidly growing player in the news ecosystem. How do you appeal to this market? Is it time to throw all your social media resources at TikTok? Digital journalist and audience strategist Francesco Zaffarano (pictured) offers his view:

The news needs of the next generation are strikingly different to what went before, according to the Reuters Institute Digital News Report 2022.

It concludes: "These social natives, who have come into adulthood in the last five or ten years, are much less likely to visit a traditional news website or to pay for online news - and they are often wary of giving up their data. Deeply networked, they are increasingly accessing news in video or audio on networks like Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, or Spotify."

So, what does this mean for your social media strategy? Should you favour TikTok above other social media platforms? Are there good examples to guide your approach? Do you need to hire someone very young to execute? We asked Zaffarano, now editor in chief of Will Media, for guidance on how newsrooms should be approaching TikTok.

WAN-IFRA: Which newsrooms are, in your view, faring best on TikTok?

Zaffarano: I love the work that Guardian Australia is doing on TikTok. I think they have found the right balance between sharing their journalism and being true to themselves. But they are also entertaining, which you need to include in your strategy on TikTok. Two things, in particular, I like about Guardian Australia: they strike the right tone of voice. They have been brave enough to keep short the number of journalists who appear in their videos, which is an excellent way to strengthen brand awareness and their relationship with the audience.

Another account I enjoy is that they have an exciting way of mixing lifestyle content with information and some old-school reporting while playing with the native language and tools of the platform, like memes and trends.



We should look at many accounts to understand an excellent TikTok strategy. In 2019 I started a public database of journalism-related TikTok accounts. I have learned so much by looking at news outlets from all over the world. I recommend that one looks at the largest number of accounts - not just journalism accounts - to get inspiration and find one's voice on the platform.

What advice can you give newsrooms to increase relevance and traction with young audiences who are avoiding news?

Well, I think representation plays a huge part in this process - if you do not have young journalists on your team, you will miss out on what young audiences want, need and expect from you. But the young members of the team might not be the right people to work on your TikTok strategy.

I don't think it's just a matter of how old you are. You need to find people curious about how people behave on the platforms. You need people who live on the platform and understand how it works. I think anyone can do this - it is not mandatory to be under 25. You need to be curious and open-minded, which should be an essential requirement for any journalist, regardless of age.

So, my advice is to find someone willing to spend time studying the platform, analysing its trends and converting them into creative ideas to bring your journalism where people are. I think this is relevant advice right now for TikTok, but this is something we should always keep in mind whenever we approach a new platform. It is not about TikTok but about understanding the people we

want to serve as journalists.

If they don't have the resources to be on all social platforms, is TikTok the best bet for the future?

TikTok is a growing platform gaining users within a demographic that will be more and more relevant for news consumption in the coming years. But I am not sure whether we will all be on TikTok in five or ten years.

Just a few years ago, it was all about Facebook, do you remember? But things move fast in social media, and I don't think there is a silver bullet platform to bet on. Before joining a new platform, I would recommend always questioning why we want to be there. If it's just hype, that's not a good strategy for audience development. At the same time, though, we cannot just do work as usual and expect people to look for our journalism if we do not make an effort to reach them where they are spending a gigantic share of their time.

What advice do you have for those who are trying to grow TikTok? Is it a one-person team?

What worked for the publications I brought on TikTok so far is the same approach I would apply to all social platforms: know your audience, understand the platform and experiment. Journalists should never shy away from experimentation in terms of formats, tone of voice, tools, etc. And this does not mean that you should jump on the first viral trend because you would be risking playing the funny uncle role. Instead, try and think of trends and memes as a genre you can bend to convey a message rather than passively replicate them to get engagement.

As for how many people to dedicate to TikTok: many organisations are betting on one person to be their voice on the platform. That makes sense to me because it helps you find the right tone of voice.

But there's more. On TikTok, you can have people follow you without clicking the follow button. Since the algorithm of the For You feed is very efficient, you could be exposed to content from a specific account without actively following it. For this reason, having the same person presenting all your stories can help the audience build a habit. It's a way to be more recognizable.

Should that one person be a journalist first or TikToker, adapting

the existing content or creating their own output?

I am not too attached to these labels - I think you need someone with editorial sensitivity and an understanding of the platform. As I mentioned before, you need to find someone who lives on the platform and who is not worried about experimenting with doing journalism in an unconventional way, for example, by playing with new languages and tools. That person can either repurpose content, create it from scratch, or team up with someone else in your editorial team who has specific expertise to research a story together. We have been doing this so far at Will Media, and it's working very well for us.

At Will Media, a community-first startup focused on the big stories and trends of our rapidly-changing world, we started by repurposing Instagram content into TikTok videos. We used all that content to gather data about topics and formats that performed best on TikTok. With a more profound knowledge of our audience on TikTok, we eventually started to get more traction by mixing repurposed content with original content for TikTok only.

If repurposing content can be a good strategy to kick off your account, you should not limit yourself to transforming your content into TikTok videos. We must also dedicate time and effort to understand what drives conversations on the platform and produce content that fits into those conversations if we want to be relevant to the TikTok audience.

Usually, at this point, someone asks me: "What if the audience wants just stupid videos." As I wrote a few years ago on Nieman Lab, we should do our best to approach people on platforms without prejudices. Of course, social media are full of funny videos, but that does not mean that people don't recognize valuable content when they see it.

A WAN-IFRA dispatch. Francesco Zaffarano is editor-in-chief at Will Media. Previously, he worked as senior social media editor at The Telegraph, Instagram producer at The Economist, engagement editor at GEDI Visual Lab, and social media editor at La Stampa. He was one of the organisers of the London chapter of Hacks/Hackers, an international community of journalists and technologists focused on discussing and rethinking the future of news. Since 2018, he is one of the contributors to Nieman Lab's Predictions for Journalism.

COASTAL AVIATION: We were very happy to see that the documentary highlighted the infrastructure that supports aviation



Recently, Tanzania endorsed a documentary to promote tourism and investment sectors in the country, many areas has been touched in this royal tour documentary to highlight its attractions. The Guardian Newspaper had an opportunity to interview one of the stakeholders in the tourism industry Kieran Barnard, Private charter manager at Coastal Aviation, and here was the excerpts.

Q: What is your comment on the recent Royal Tour documentary endorsed by President Samia Suluhu Hassan to promote tourism in the country?

A: In the documentary her Excellency encapsulates the warm and hospitable charm that embraces the tourism and hospitality industry; and more importantly the gentle and kind nation of Tanzania as a whole.

I personally feel that the documentary is going to yield a tremendous amount of benefit in the medium to long-term - which is much needed in a post global pandemic recovery era. The documentary itself is very well balanced; showcasing not only beach and bush - but also the diverse cultural aspects that Tanzania possesses,

and an insight into conservation efforts that Tanzania has put in place.

Q: Does Coastal Aviation see any future in regard to this documentary in the country?

A: As a company engaged in Aviation - we were very happy to see that the documentary highlighted the infrastructure that supports aviation. There is a noticeable and commendable effort in external stakeholder engagement and exposure in promoting the aviation industry. This will yield far-reaching rewards, solidifying Tanzania as the Number one safari destination in the world

Q: Being an airline that operates out of Julius Nyerere International Airport, Terminal 1, in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and services many areas in Tanzania as well as the neighboring countries. Do you see any increase in tourism trips?

A: This 2022 safari season has seen a significant upward trend in enquiries and confirmed bookings. Enquiries for traditional safari destinations are increasing. There is a definite interest in Tanzania that can be attributed to Her Excellency President Suluhu's pro-

active approach to marketing Tanzania. Similarly, cross border flights that link international routes to Kenya and Rwanda are on the increase. Cooperative relationships with neighbouring countries are adding to the increase in demand for the ecologically rich country in

which we live and operate. Interestingly, there is an increase in demand which sees tourists as primarily requesting Tanzania for the majority of their itinerary, and then travelling to Kenya and Rwanda as an add on to their itinerary - as secondary destinations.

Q: What is your future plan in promoting the tourism sector?

A: Since 1987 Coastal Aviation has pioneered the development in the tourism sector by establishing and servicing flight routes to previously un-

developed areas of Tanzania, thus adding economic value; creating employment and attracting investment.

Our intention is to continue to develop this business model. As the market and tourism sector matures, we shall evolve our operations and business

plan to provide invaluable economic benefits to the country. In addition; our broad reaching route of operations encompasses flights to neighbouring countries. This allows us to connect tourists from Rwanda; Kenya as far as Botswana to experience the diversity in our country - supplementing their safari itineraries, and introducing them to Tanzanian hospitality and ecological diversity. Specifically, with regards to our future of promoting aviation in the tourism realm: All of Coastal Aviation's flight operations are conducted in accordance with an approved and accredited Multi Crew Competency certified aviation training syllabus (MCC) whereby all normal operational situations are practised to perfection between two qualified pilots, safely and in coordination with one another - making for an efficient and safe operation.

Emergency scenarios are continuously drilled, and individual tasks pertaining to rectifying a situation delegated by the crew members - individual roles by the two crew are designed to halve the response time, and balance the work-

load. Flying two crew in a cockpit is safe when it is practised; rehearsed and training guide lines set out by an approved and internationally recognised organisation's training syllabus are followed.

Q: Do you have a message to tourists and the general public in regard to promoting the tourism industry in Tanzania?

A: To international visitors: Tanzania has a wonderful offering of unique experiences; diversity of world-heritage sites, significant attractions, eco-systems and cultures. Domestically, to the general public: A collaborative effort amongst all stakeholders in the economy will secure a very bright and prosperous future for the United Republic of Tanzania for many generations to come.



Your social media activity can ruin your life when you least expect it

YOUR outfit is ready and you have just the right papers and experience plus added advantages that perfectly fit the job requirements: three international languages, prominent referees list, and your communication skills are up to the sky and you have that confidence one wears when they know it matters to do so.

Undoubtedly, you are presentable to the extent that your presence will still linger in the minds of those present at the panel and probably remain deeply imprinted on the HR people's medulla oblongata for quite a while after you walk out of that interview room.

You are well prepared for the interview. In fact, this should be the day you give your best shot. You've memorized all the frequently asked questions and the best answers recommended by the best coaches on earth.

The scenario above is a typical interview preparation for someone who's eager to smash those interview questions and ultimately bring the award home—the dream job.

However, no matter how your impressive your resume may look, how immaculate and neat your outfits are, and how much confidence you may wear, your efforts will still be deemed futile if you have a controversial social media presence. Yes, even in the present-day social media craze, that social media reputation still matters. Shocking, right?

For today's organizations and companies, image is everything and the last thing an employer wants is an employee with the risk of tainting the company's image that has been built for years at a huge cost.

What you may not realize is that personal experiences you enjoy doing and sharing on social media that may have unintended consequences and innocent agenda may cause you more harm than good in this digitalized working culture of not only our century but also the entire world.

Your Facebook account, Twitter timeline, Instagram photos, Tik-

Tok videos, and Snapchat history could be what is standing between you and that terrific job. Imagine that! Yes, someone in the panel will open that gadget or just pull out a printed copy of your controversial activity and ask you to respond to it. You will murmur nothing or nonsense in defence and that will be it.

One Facebook post, a single tweet, or a tagged picture may be enough to keep you unemployed in a certain organization. In case you are not aware, most reputable organizations and companies conduct background check before hiring someone.

Essentially, social media sites give the public a glimpse into your personality and it's highly important to regulate what's being posted and to consider social media as only a tool for positive utilization.

Ever wondered why the interview might have gone smoothly and you walk out of that room with high hopes of landing the job but to your utter surprise, you realize that you weren't even shortlisted despite having perhaps the best resume.

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You only get a brief text message: "thank you for showing up for the interview, but sorry, you did not make it to the shortlist". You go like "me, really." Yes, you.

You sit down, head reeling, wondering what you did not do right. It may seem trivial or even insignificant, but your social media presence could be your greatest undoing while approaching that interview room for that job you've been praying for.

In today's digital world of employment, what you post, what you like, share, and retweet plus those you follow and your entire timeline activity leaves a non-erasable digital footprint on your name as an individual and as a future employee.

Isn't that what we could refer to as digital legacy which will remain there forever even though you won't be around anymore? Unfortunately yes, it is the legacy.

It's even a debate in the Twitter streets over the possibility that we will be able to download peoples' personalities through their social media consumption trends in the near future after they are gone, pay tributes to their lives on earth by mimicking their habits and personalities.

Isn't that interesting and a wake-up call to be more cautious in our day-to-day consumption of social media? I think it is. Because the digital world freer than this physical one, it is our choices that will judge us someday.

Well, in the corporate world, an employer, recruiter, or whatever in that case, will use those digital footprints you left behind to make their decisions. And the likely answer will be something like "thanks for your interest in the job but you are not successful." It's called self-destruction.



For today's organizations and companies, image is everything and the last thing an employer wants is an employee with the risk of tainting the company's image that has been built for years at a huge costgoing to be critical



Unilever Tea Tanzania Ltd



Job Vacancy - External Affairs & Communication Manager

Open Positions: External Affairs & Communication Manager
Office Location: Mufindi – Iringa.
Report to: External Affairs and Communications Manager – Plantations
Date of advert: 6th July 2022.

Purpose of Role

The role is responsible for developing and implementing a framework of partnerships that aligns the shared objectives of corporate activities, the Unilever sustainable living plan, growth, and reputational issues of UTT with key external stakeholders and opinion formers and internally as an employee engagement contact

Accountabilities

- Day to day Management of local partners and key stakeholders (Government Agencies, Local Community, Local Police, and other external key opinion formers) for UTT that maximizes our commercial and reputational opportunities.
- Develop and manage relationships with complimentary key external stakeholders including IGOs, NGOs, Governments, banks, and social entrepreneurs to help extend the remit and positive impact of our partnerships.
- Develop and manage partner programmes that positions Unilever as a prominent player in helping to achieve the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan in areas where our business growth can have a positive social impact – sanitation, drinking water, hygiene, well-being, and self-esteem.
- Work to further Unilever's knowledge of how the external political and social environment impacts in our partnership programme areas and how to leverage these relationships to maximum effect. This includes representing Unilever at the appropriate level and helping to direct senior employees engaged with these organizations.
- Create programmes in consultation with the Plantations External Affairs and Communications Manager that positions Unilever as a prominent player in helping to achieve the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan in areas where our business growth can have a positive social impact such as:
 - the key USLP goals related to Health and Hygiene
 - employee engagement activations around the programmes including volunteering
 - Shared advocacy opportunities to raise awareness of issues and Unilever's role in the solution – comms, media, social media, speaking platform
- Implement the strategy of 'inspiring advocacy through dialogue and action' across all stakeholder groups to develop Unilever's reputation as 'a strong, growing, responsible company that engages me personally'
- Manage UTT internal communications and employee engagement programme around partner activities in conjunction with HR teams.
- Ensuring that all activities and messages are phased and aligned within an agreed plan and timescale
- Draft and edit communications copy (e.g., press releases, publications, social media posts)
- Assist in maintaining web content and executing social media strategies.
- Update databases and media lists.
- Track projects and media exposure.
- Create and deliver content - stories, photos, video, quotes, and other information - that help the organization build and nurture

relationships with stakeholders and the general public.
Storyteller - visual and written. In accordance with the global content calendar, collect stories, photos and video about children & general public and their experiences with Unilever's programs, to show impact and build brand engagement.
Jointly with the Admin Assistant, make logistical arrangements for UTK visitors, company events and CSR activities.

Qualifications & Experience Required

- Graduate in Business Administration, Sociology, Communication, Public Relations
- At least 3+ years relevant experience in Corporate Communications, Brand Management or External Affairs in a reputable organization.
- Demonstrated ability to use data insights to shape strategy, creative briefs, and content.
- Exceptional communication skills and ability to define persuasive core messages.
- Familiarity with website, search, email, digital ads, and social media best practices.
- Strong detail orientation and an ability to manage complex projects with creative teams.
- Strong influencing, negotiation, and interpersonal skills
- Project Management skills
- Good Commercial Understanding
- Stakeholder Management and knowledge
- Good understanding of international, national, regional, and local administrative and political institutions and decision-making processes.
- Ability to develop communications materials and strategies to support advocacy efforts.
- Ability to manage discussions between differing viewpoints and drives towards a win-win solution.
- Ability to manage and mitigate crisis situations that may impact Unilever's business, including media relations.
- Ability to identify, map and priorities relationship with key stakeholders.
- Able to represent Unilever effectively externally in industry and trade associations, at conferences, meetings, workshops, etc.
- Ability to articulate Unilever's position and strategy around priority issues both internally and externally in a compelling way.
- A good communicator who can prepare high quality and tailored briefings and presentations especially for senior leaders.
- Fluent in written and spoken English and Kiswahili

APPLICATION PROCESS

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Job Vacancy - Field Assistant Manager

Open Positions: Field Assistant Manager – 4
Office Location: Mufindi – Iringa.
Report to: Estate Manager
Date of advert: 6th July 2022.

Business Context and Main Purpose of The Job

The Assistant Field Manager supports leadership with the management of staff and day-to-day operations for the assigned area of responsibility. In this role, the individual is accountable to deliver established goals, utilizes good judgment to assess and escalate situations when warranted and utilizes knowledge and skills in the area of expertise while maintaining expected green leaf quality standards. The Assistant Manager must act as a leader by building constructive relationships and by supporting agriculture department leadership in developing, setting, and executing department goals and the strategic plan in accordance with UTT mission statement. Also, he/she is responsible on people's safety, wellbeing, and security.

Accountabilities

Health, Safety, & Environment

- Implementation of Company defined policies allowing the Unit/Department to meet Occupational Health, Safety, Environmental care, and Consumer safety requirement
- Proactive identifications of hazards or environmental aspects and putting in place effective safeguards aiming at eliminating/reducing of accidents
- Check and Approve SHE returns to include OHS & EPR
- Hold factory-SHE site meetings on monthly basis
- Implement all aspect of legal and statutory requirement touching OHS and E
- Take fully responsibilities in ensuring that all third party/contractors are aware and that they follow the given guard line.
- Plan for the emergency drill and draw learning and actions out of it
- Overall responsibility of the management of change MOC (New equipment, new employee, process change, new product/formulation)
- Draw up objectives and target, management programmes review, and document.

Estate management

- Manage Estate Division to the highest agricultural standards and improve productivity through expansion and sustenance of mechanical harvesting operations by having best practices of harvesting and post-harvest handling.
- Plan and oversee day to day operations by supervising hand plucking, harvesting personnel to ensure acceptable standards of green leaf quality is harvested and well-handled to the factory.
- Plan and execute the estate division annual agricultural practice, pruning and fertilizer application.
- Ensure the division administration is managed by providing periodical crop forecast, validation of payroll input/output, payments of employees and the entire financial expenditure is within the budget.
- Manage the estate division industrial/employee relations, conduct disciplinary cases as per the CBA/employment act and company disciplinary procedure. Enhance good co-existence amongst workers and the neighbouring community.
- Manage the division infrastructure and conservancy to the required standards; fully embed best practices in Rainforest alliance.
- Ensure safety policy is implemented and all safety training is conducted to all sub-staffs and general labor.
- Ensure all workers are wearing the required PPEs for the job.
- Deliver the business targets aligned to Business strategy, jobs to be done (JTBD) and enhance performance culture through business transformation.
- Interfaces with many roles e.g., Factories, Finance, HRBP, Unions, Legal, etc.
- Operating and maintaining the site as a fully functioning and

- productive all year round by wise planning of irrigation time, pruning, fertilizing, weeding practices etc.
- Ensure that the division is always maintained to the highest possible standards and that the company infrastructure and associated accessories are robustly protected and cared for.
- Provide effective management of staff operating within the division function, consisting of headmen/Women.
- Managing, distributing, and maintaining the plucking equipment within the division and reordering new ones from the central store whenever necessary.
- Monitor the progression of all tasks within the division ensuring all specifications are met within an agreed time, budget, and quality requirements.
- Comply with and help enforce standard policies and procedures within the department relating to sustainability and related tasks
- Review future new tea development field space requirements, develop and implement a management plan
- To carry out any other duty as directed by the line manager in accordance with the level of the post.
- Finance and Contract Management
- Responsibility for controlling and managing the production costs, field costs, overhead costs and total budget; and working with the estate manager in budget setting in future years
- Ensure that cost effective support and maintenance arrangements are put in place and regularly reviewed, using internal resources and external outsourced contractors where appropriate
- Anticipate future developments with the fields, estate infrastructure, plucking accessories in advance, ensuring that adequate planning and budgetary provision is made for maintenance and repair works and that continuity of service is optimized
- Working with the estate manager and fellow assistants to implement best value utility arrangements and to reduce costs wherever possible.

Key Skills

- Crop Production and Field Operations
- Sourcing – raw materials of agricultural origin
- Plant Breeding – tea nurseries
- Infrastructure Management
- Project Management/Information Technology
- Industrial Relations/Employee Relations

Abilities/Qualities

- Being well-organized and systematic
- Careful, accountable, responsible, and punctual
- A team player – personable, caring, helpful, reliable, and diplomatic
- Honest and approachable
- Good personal grooming & personal presentation

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in agriculture general, horticulture, agronomy, or any equivalent bachelor's degree in science

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Job Vacancy - Agronomist

Open Position: Agronomist
Office Location: Mufindi – Iringa
Report to: Operational Excellency Manager - Plantations
Date of advert: 6th July 2022

Purpose of the Role

To coordinate Agronomic activities in Unilever Tea Tanzania – undertake training, support roll out and implementation of good agricultural practices and sustainable and regenerative agriculture initiatives.

Key Responsibilities

Technical

- Undertake fertilizer calibration and harvesting experiments. Draft design and protocols, undertake trial sites identification and lay out agreed experiments to meet objectives.
- Coordinate the monitoring of crop nutritional status in all production fields and advise on remedial measures
- Evaluate new innovations in agricultural operations – planting, harvesting and general husbandry in line with company productivity improvements for the estates and the outgrowers
- Supervise collection, collation, and analysis of data from the field experiments
- Undertake preparation/drafting of agronomy trial reports
- Responsible for training of field research assistants and data clerks.
- Provide expert knowledge in Agronomy to ETT.
- Seek leadership agreement in adoption of novel cost-effective agricultural technologies
- Support the operations in the implementation of GAP at the divisional level through engagement with divisional managers and field visits
- Collaborate with the company Tea breeders, the microbiologists, processing technologists, and company engineers to develop and innovate growing and harvesting technologies.

Administrative

- Collate and present data for the R&D annual budget preparation
- Plan & supervise transport to experimental sites
- Provide technical assistance to estate managers
- Supervise data collection in line with the Unilever sustainable agriculture code of practice/ SA indicators
- Coordinate documentation relevant to agricultural/ environmental certification schemes subscribed to by Unilever Tea Kenya.
- Maintain historical records and carry out biannual benchmarking with other competitor plantations.
- Provide data for updating of the GAP manual.
- Provide training to the estate managers on topical agronomic issues

Relationships

- Jointly provide agronomic/plantation management information to the Estate/divisional managers, Outgrower managers, Finance managers, and procurement managers for effective production and cost management.
- Engage with national research institutions in development of new tea growing technologies
- Support provision of quality specifications to procurement team for effective sourcing of farm inputs
- Evaluate and distil value from any research/plantation consultants.
- Liaise with legal for publication and protection of internally developed agronomic technologies.
- Work closely with R&D and field operations teams to understand challenges of green leaf production, interdependencies, and potential solutions.

Scope

- Undertakes projects within Unilever Tea plantation Tanzania, Mufindi and Njombe Outgrowers network

Challenges

- Influencing ability to gain commitment of the operations team
- Maintain solid understanding of current agronomic knowledge and trends in agricultural business dynamics
- Handling varied and often conflicting requests from operations

Competencies

- Strong analytical power, statistical acumen, Organizational awareness, influencing ability, and working knowledge on business acumen.
- Good team player and adept at building strong cross-cultural/ cross-functional working relationships.

Reporting

- Reports to Research & Development Manager – Unilever Tea plantations

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Job Vacancy - Assistant Production Manager

Open Positions: Assistant Production Manager – 4
Office Location: Mufindi – Iringa.
Report to: Factory Manager.
Date of advert: 6th July 2022.

Business Context and Main Purpose of The Job

To ensure the factory produces tea of appropriate quality at a minimum cost in a safe manner

Main Accountabilities

- Maintain 100% of effectiveness and efficiency of all related factory production through operational leadership and use of appropriate technology to produce consistently the right quality in the right amount.
- Directly responsible for operations, maintenance and efficiency of machinery, transports, buildings, and surroundings.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Should prepare factory budget in line with the Factory Manager and Responsible for expenditure monitoring and controls
- To improve manufacturing activities by translating business, customer requirements into system that assure, measure and control manufacturing performance.
- To determine and optimize the asset base and its utilization to full the business plan and provide customer satisfactions through new technological developments, improvements, and supplier management.
- To implement policies, quality systems and standards to allow the company to meet its commitment to product safety for customers, operation safety for employees, community, and environment to minimize the cost of non-conformance.
- To develop and achieve synergy between technical and human capabilities to maximize manufacturing performance by maintaining discipline, welfare, and morale of workers, issuing instructions and training of management staff
- To develop manufacturing systems, processes and opportunity for effective product, process, and pack innovation through the application of scenario-planning, designing for manufacture and process development
- Responsible for efficient use of resources and maintenance of all plants and machinery within the factory ie, boiler, buildings, transport, wood fuel and water, all the time.
- Work with Human Resources staff to recruit, interview, select, hire, and employ an appropriate number of employees.
- Provide oversight and direction to the employees in the operating unit in accordance with the organization's policies and procedures.
- Coach, mentor and develop staff, including overseeing new employee onboarding and providing career development planning and opportunities.
- Empower employees to take responsibility for their jobs and goals. Delegate responsibility and expect accountability and regular feedback.
- Foster a spirit of teamwork and unity among department members that allows for disagreement over ideas, conflict and expeditious conflict resolution, and the appreciation of diversity as well as cohesiveness, supportiveness, and working effectively together to enable each employee and the department to succeed.
- Consciously create a workplace culture that is consistent with the overall organizations and that emphasizes the identified mission, vision, and values of the organization.
- Lead employees/direct reports using a performance management and development process that provides an overall context and framework to encourage employee contribution and includes goal setting, feedback, and performance development planning.
- Lead employees to meet the organization's expectations for productivity, quality, and goal accomplishment.
- Provide effective performance feedback through employee recognition, rewards, and disciplinary action, with the assistance of Human Resources, when necessary.
- Maintain employee work schedules including assignments, job rotation, training, vacations, and paid time off, telecommuting and cover for absences.
- Maintain transparent communication. Appropriately communicate organization information through department meetings, one-on-one meetings, and appropriate email, IV, and regular interpersonal communication.
- Review performance data that includes financial, activity reports and spreadsheets, to monitor and measure departmental productivity, goal achievement, and overall effectiveness.
- Manage the preparation and maintenance of reports necessary to carry out the functions of the department/estate. Prepares periodic reports for management, as necessary or requested, to track strategic goal accomplishment.
- Communicate regularly with managers, general managers, directors, and other designated contacts within the organization.
- Should ensure proper factory stores management by making sure all controls are in place and only required and approved items should be in stock.
- Interfaces with many roles e.g. Other factories, Engineering, Estates,

- Medical, SHE & Security, HR, IT, Unions, Customers Development, Planning Q&A/CI.
- Continuously improve the performance of production units and assets, through operator leadership, application of WCM, effective assets care and use of appropriate technology to produce consistently the right quality (R&O/BQVA) in the right amounts
- Should work closely with welfare team to ensure proper employees house maintenance and ensure clean surroundings.
- Perform other duties and responsibilities, as may be assigned.

Safety, Health, Environment & Quality

- Implement Safety, Health, Environmental and Quality management systems as per company policies and legislation.
- Authorizes permits to work certificates in line with company policies.
- Prepares standard operating procedures and specific work instructions for new projects and processes and processes reviews
- Writes up Standard Operating Procedures and safe operating procedures for developed innovation processes and machinery.
- Responsible for environmental protection, health, and safety aspects during implementation of projects.
- Responsible for risk assessment, including hazard and operability (HAZOP) studies, for the health and safety of both company staff contractors and the wider community.
- Carry out task risks assessments and where necessary to enlist more experienced or even external professional help for this.
- Ensuring/establishing safe systems of work and ensuring that all employees and contracted personnel adhere to them.
- Ensuring that all aspects of an operation or process meet specified health, safety and environment Unilever standards and legal requirements.
- Ensuring that all Health and Safety considerations have been considered.
- Overseeing the security at all sites (active and inactive) in coordination with the Security Manager.
- Inspecting and reviewing projects to monitor compliance with building safety codes, and other regulations.
- Should closely monitor the SHE Clerk in compiling data and putting up regular SHE reports (OHS, EPR etc).

QUALIFICATIONS (minimum for this post).

- A degree in Engineering (Mechanical or Production) or A degree in Food Science and Technology; Food processing experience will be an added advantage.
- 2-3 Years' experience, intensive knowledge of food processing - preferably Tea processing

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Key professional skills

- Manufacturing performance and management
- WCM and continuous production improvement
- Providing shop floor leadership
- Developing and Delivering factory responsiveness e.g. synchronous production
- Optimizing facility configuration and work systems, reliability, downtime, and maintenance management
- Asset investment, care, and quality assurance
- Influencing and implementing innovation
- Responsible care and creating effective work environment
- Responsible for efficient Energy Management

Key Competencies

- Organizational awareness/Strategic influencing
- Intellectual power to determine direction and market orientation
- General knowledge of various employment laws and practices and employee relations.
- Evidence of the ability to practice a high level of confidentiality.
- Excellent organizational/Management skills.

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Job Vacancy - Workshop Supervisor

Open Positions: Workshop Supervisor -3
Office Location: Mufindi - Iringa.
Report to: Factory Manager
Date of advert: 6th July 2022.

Purpose of the Role.

The Factory Workshop Supervisor/Planning Engineer is responsible for management of the Factory workshops (Mechanical and Electrical), productivity improvement & ensure high standards of machinery maintenance in the factory are achieved.

Qualifications & Experience Required

- Degree in Mechanical Engineering
- 4 Years' experience
- Manufacturing Performance Management
- Quality Assurance
- Responsible Care
- Human Factors - technical and human capabilities
- Manpower training, management, and assessment
- WCM Implementation and Tools
- Factory Maintenance and Operations
- Modern and Efficient Energy Technics
- Project Management
- Energy Management

Accountabilities

- Should develop daily machine checklist and ensure all machines have been inspected according to the checklist, do proper planning for all observed faults.
- Should identify artisan skills and knowledge gap. Identify and organize inhouse and outsourced training for Factory Artisans.
- Ensures that the Workshop's expenditure controls are in place
- Prepare and implement Machinery Maintenance Schedule for the all-factory machinery and utilities
- Maintain Inventory and asset register for the factory machinery
- Initiate and Control Job request systems by ensure all works must have job request and ensure proper machine history and documentation
- Ensures that all relevant legal & other safety requirements (mechanical) are complied within the factory
- Supports installation of new processes & machinery.
- Takes charge of machinery modification and supports the implementation of WCM in the factory
- Responsible for the implementation of all company policies and procedures in the Workshop
- Takes charge of engineering requirement & maintenance of utility services.
- Deliver the business targets aligned to the Company Strategy

Continuous Improvement Management

- Should be OEE Champion for Respective factory by ensure all required data are captured and reported daily for discussion and proper recommendations on continuous improvement actions to improve OEE for the Factory
- Should be champion on tracking agreed KPIs to process Supervisors, Senior Artisans and Section team leads to improve Factories performance on Safety, Factory availability and Made tea quality.
- Support factory managers on identifying and initiating of factory quick wins project and keep tracking of those projects.
- Do coaching to supervisors and team leads to empower their skills.

Assets and Stocks

- Updates asset inventories records for the section.
- Maintain Machinery Inventory for the factories
- Prepares and avail machinery and equipment for statutory inspection and calibration for legal compliance and safety integrity.
- Maintain and take responsibility for the workshop tools register.
- Monitor and validate factory related stock (Spares) movements in conjunction with the store clerk and factory management.
- Responsible for the utilization of assets in the factory.
- Flag up redundant/obsolete assets to manager for disposal
- Ensure the day-to-day operation and smooth delivery of service machinery in the factory.
- Monitor machinery key performance indicators for efficient operation; generate periodic reports.

Projects

- Carries out the implementation of WCM in the Factory
- Carries out implementation of projects, in liaison with the line

- manager and engineering
- Keep abreast with all new technology covering tea making, maintenance and energy usage and make proposals for implementation where appropriate.
- Participate in factory trials and implement actions.
- Implementation and follow up on improvement ideas on the shop floor.

Finance, logistics and supplies

- Requisitions and verifies quality of spares and materials ordered for factory as per technical specification.
- Submits inputs into annual revenue & capital budgets.
- Provides technical specifications for the procurement of all stock e.g. spare parts.
- Carries out cost management in the factory workshop and ensures effective controls.
- Provide input into the monthly accounts review and implements agreed actions.
- Implement an effective procurement tracking system in the garage.

People

- Track and report daily artisan productivity in the factory, and take necessary actions for low performers while should motivate high performers
- To train & develop all staff and ensure good industrial relations in factory workshop
- Plans, allocates, and supervises all activities for maintenance teams.
- Train & develop all personnel in the Workshop and production operators on process equipment management and safe operating procedures.
- Handles employee industrial relations and maintains discipline in the workshop in conjunction with the line manager.
- Implements employee establishment in the workshop.
- Implement agreed welfare programmes and attend planned meetings ensuring completion of agreed actions.
- Responsible for the works team and ensures that agreed work plan targets and standards are implemented.
- Provide input and participate in the modular training of factory employees.

Safety, Health, Environment, RA

- Authorizes issues and closes permits to work certificates in line with company policies for tasks related to the garage.
- Implements standard operating procedures and specific work instructions and proposes reviews.
- Implement service equipment guarding to meet Unilever standards.
- Coordinate implementation of safe operating procedures and specific work instructions and ensure compliance and collate proposals for reviews for the service equipment.
- Maintains the workshop personnel reward/disciplinary and safety data in liaison with the factory manager.
- Should capture and prepare report on EPR for daily, weekly and monthly.
- Should work close with factory manager to ensure all actions to ensure targets on EPR are achieved by establishing proper strategies to control the parameters.
- Should work with factory managers and SHE Representatives to ensure proper risk assessment is done regularly and all observations/findings are captured, and action plan developed and tracked for Factories.

Travel

- As per jobsite requirements, local travel likely.

Leadership Behavior

- Should meet expectations on the Unilever Standards of Leadership behaviours relevant to the work level.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates who meet the above qualifications should send their application & detailed CV to UTTL.HR@unilever.com

Note: No Manual Application shall be accepted.
Closing date: 22nd July 2022.

Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted. Unilever is an equal opportunity employer. Female Candidates and people with disability are encouraged to apply. Human Resource Department.

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Z'bar Water PS threatens to suspend contractor over poor workmanship

By Guardian Reporter, Zanzibar

ZANZIBAR'S Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals permanent secretary, Joseph Kilangi has pledged to suspend a contract with Simba Developers, a firm contracted to install a water tank at Mgeni Haji area in Unguja West A District due to poor workmanship.

The PS made the remarks during his inspection visit to water projects implemented by various firms including Afcon, Simba Developer and Shamjo.

He said construction work has not reached 30 per cent, hence if the project continues to stall, he will consult with the ministry attorney for procedures to suspend the contract and demand compensation from the contractor.

"The water tank project was to be completed in eight months but so far, four months has passed and they have only finished the foundation and," he said.

He added that the procedure to revoke contracts will be applied to all other firms that will fail to abide by contract conditions as agreed, saying each firm has a time limit to complete the project, hence

He said water projects implemented by Afcon through \$92.18 million soft loan from Exim Bank involves the digging of water wells, installing of tanks, laying of water pipes and construction of the Maji House were going on well.

Meanwhile the PS visited water well at Bumbwisudi Village and expressed his satisfaction by the work going on, saying when completed wa-

ter woes for the people in the village and surrounding areas will be past history, as it will be able to supply 250,000 litres of water per hour, according to experts.

Kilangi also inspected a water project implemented by Shamjo through Covid-19 funds at Mbuzini area, in Unguja West A District costing 34.2bn/- and expressed his satisfaction on the work progress.

For his part, the project manager, Rashid Mohamed from Zanzibar Water authority (ZAWA) said the Covid-19 funded project is tasked to install 10 water tanks in Unguja and Pemba as well as digging 38 new wells including pipe setting.

He added that after building materials arrive on July 15 this year there will be no reasons for projects' delay.



Zanzibar's Water, Energy and Minerals ministry permanent secretary, Joseph Kilangi (C) inspects construction of water well yesterday in Tumbatu Kichangani, Zanzibar. Photo: Guardian Correspondent



JOB - ADVERTISEMENT

JOB TITLE: LAKE TANGANYIKA PROGRAM COORDINATOR

YOUR POSITION WITH TNC

The Lake Tanganyika Program Coordinator supports Lake Tanganyika Program Director to cultivate and maintain relationship with the Lake Tanganyika Authority (LTA), government agencies, other conservation organizations, and development partners in the basin. They support the Lake Tanganyika Program Director to guide the implementation of the Lake Tanganyika Program by fostering strong partnerships with governments and partners in the four riparian countries. Reporting to the Lake Tanganyika Program Director and working closely with the Lake Tanganyika Monitoring Officer, Tuungane Program team, the Africa Freshwater Director, and future Africa freshwater protection staff, the position will be based in Tanzania in either an existing office in Kigoma or a future office in Rukwa. No employment visas or assistance is being offered with this position except for the local labor employment requirements.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The Lake Tanganyika Program Coordinator establishes the Conservancy as a major conservation partner within the Lake Tanganyika Basin, supports defining conservation priorities and long-term conservation strategies, supports building strategic, scientific, and technical capacity in the field, and supports developing key partnerships with public and private organizations to identify and resolve technical issues and to widely communicate solutions and best practices. The Lake Tanganyika Program coordinator supports the Lake Tanganyika Program Director to develop the management, implementation, and coordination capacity of TNC staff and other non-governmental organizations and government entities. The position also will support the implementation of a Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) program led by a MEL specialist for the program. The Program Coordinator will also work with colleagues to develop and implement a sustainable funding strategy and action plan to secure funding for long-term fisheries management and conservation action.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- BA/BS degree and 5 years' experience in conservation practice or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Experience managing complex or multiple projects, including staffing, workloads, and finances under deadlines.
- Supervisory experience, including motivating, leading, setting objectives, and managing performance.
- Experience in partnership development with non-profit partners, community groups, and/or government agencies
- Experience negotiating complex agreements.
- English and French language fluency
- Demonstrated experience in building and managing consortia of partners across institutions (e.g., communities, NGOs, private and government) and varying sectors.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.

For a full Job profile and how to apply please visit <https://careers.nature.org/> and search for 51784.

Submit CV and cover letter separately using the upload buttons online. All applications must be submitted to the system before the end of the day on July 28, 2022.

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Tender No. SOS/2022/2023/DITCH/01

For

The Proposed Construction of Storm Water Drainage System Within SOS Children's Village at Simu 2000 Area, Plot No. 2005/5/2, Block 'C' Sinza, Ubungu Municipality in Dar Es Salaam

Invitation for Tenders

Date: 15/07/2022

- The SOS Children's Village has set aside funds for Construction of Storm Water Drainage System Within SOS Children Village at Simu 2000 Area, Plot No. 2005/5/2, Block 'C' Sinza, Ubungu Municipality in Dar Es Salaam
- The SOS Children's Village now invites sealed tenders from Civil Works Contractors registered with Contractors Registration Board (CRB) in class VI and above for Construction of Storm Water Drainage System Within SOS Children Village at Sinza, Ubungu Municipality in Dar Es Salaam.
- You may obtain further information from and inspect the Tendering Documents at SOS Children's Village located Tanesco Street, along Sam Nujoma Road, opposite University of Dar es Salaam at Simu 2000 Area, Plot No. 2005/5/2, Block 'C' Sinza, Ubungu Municipality in Dar Es Salaam P.O. Box 80462 Dar es Salaam from 20th July, 2022 -0800 hrs to 1700 hrs on Mondays to Fridays inclusive except on public holidays.
- Tendering will be conducted through SOS Procurement Policy.
- A complete set of Tendering Document(s) in English and additional sets may be purchased by interested Tenderers upon submission of a written application to the address given under paragraph 3 above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of TZS: 100,000/=, or its equivalent.

All payments to be done directly to ABSA Bank, Ohio Branch, SOS Children's Villages Tanzania Trust, A/C 001-4009337
Deposit slip to be submitted with tender documents to SOS Children's Village located at Simu 2000 Area, Plot No. 2005/5/2, Block 'C' Sinza, Ubungu Municipality in Dar Es Salaam P.O. Box 80462 Dar es Salaam

6. All Tenders must be accompanied by tender securing declaration in the form provided in the tender forms

7. All tenders, one original plus three copies, properly filled in, and enclosed in plain envelopes clearly marked "TENDER NO. SOS/2022/2023/DITCH/01 FOR PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM WITHIN SOS CHILDREN VILLAGE AT SIMU 2000 AREA, PLOT NO. 2005/5/2, BLOCK 'C' SINZA, UBUNGU MUNICIPALITY IN DAR ES SALAAM Should be addressed to SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, P.O. BOX 80462 DAR ES SALAAM TANZANIA to reach at SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE SINZA within Fourteen (14) calendar days. Tenders will be opened thereafter in public and in the presence of Tenderers' representatives who choose to attend in the opening at SOS CHILDREN VILLAGE AT SIMU 2000 AREA, PLOT NO. 2005/5/2, BLOCK 'C' SINZA, UBUNGU MUNICIPALITY IN DAR ES SALAAM

8. It is strongly recommended to attend site visit to obtain all information that may be necessary for preparing the tender and entering into a contract. The site visit will be held on 27th July 2022 under the arrangement of SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE. The costs of visiting the Site shall be at the Tenderer's own expense. The site visit will be conducted at SOS CHILDREN VILLAGE AT SIMU 2000 AREA, PLOT NO. 2005/5/2, BLOCK 'C' SINZA, 'C' UBUNGU MUNICIPALITY IN DAR ES SALAAM at 14:00Hrs.

9. Late Tenders, Portion of Tenders, Electronic Tenders, Tenders not received, Tenders not opened and not read out in public at the tender opening ceremony shall not be accepted for evaluation irrespective of the circumstances.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR,
SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES, P.O. BOX 80462
DAR ES SALAAM TANZANIA

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Why world's first malaria shot won't reach millions of children

LONDON / KISUMU, KENYA

After decades of work, the World Health Organization endorsed the first-ever malaria vaccine last year - a historic milestone that promised to drive back a disease that kills a child every minute.

In reality, efforts are falling well short of that, with a lack of funding and commercial potential thwarting GSK Plc's capacity to produce as many doses of its shot as needed, according to Reuters interviews with about a dozen WHO officials, GSK staff, scientists and non-profit groups.

The British drugmaker committed to produce up to 15 million doses every year through 2028, following 2019 pilot programs - considerably less than the WHO says is needed. It is currently unlikely to make more than a few million annually before 2026, according to a source close to the vaccine rollout.

A GSK spokesperson told Reuters that it could not make enough of its vaccine Mosquirix to meet the vast demand without more funds from international donors, without giving details on the numbers of doses it expected to produce annually in the first years of the roll-out.

"Demand over the next five to 10 years will probably outstrip the current forecasts on supply," said Thomas Breuer, GSK's chief global health officer.

The vaccine's effectiveness at preventing severe cases of malaria in children is relatively low, at around 30 percent in a large-scale clinical trial. Some officials and donors are hoping that a second shot being tested by Oxford University may prove better, cheaper and easier to produce in bulk.

Yet the world's inability to fund more Mosquirix shots dismays many in Africa. Children on the continent account for the vast majority of the roughly 600,000 global malaria deaths every year.

"Mosquirix has the potential to save a lot of precious lives before another new vaccine arrives," said Kwame Amponsa-Achiano, a public health specialist leading a pilot vaccination program in Ghana. "The more we wait, the more children die needlessly."

Rebecca Adhiambo Kwanya in the Kenyan city of Kisumu needs no convincing: her four-year-old child Betrun has suffered numerous malaria bouts since birth, yet her 18-month-old Bradley - vaccinated in the pilot program - hasn't caught it.

"My elder one was not vaccinated and he was sick on and off," she said. "But the smaller one, he got the vaccine and he was not even sick."

The limited international appetite to produce and distribute more Mosquirix stands in stark contrast to the record speed and funds with which wealthy countries secured vaccines for COVID-19, a disease that poses relatively little risk to children.



Mother holds her baby receiving a new malaria vaccine as part of a trial at the Walter Reed Project Research Center in Kombewa in Western Kenya. File photo

Unlike many pharmaceutical products, there is no major market for a malaria vaccine in the developed world, where drug companies typically make the large profits that they say allows them to make their products available at far lower prices in poorer countries.

"This is a disease of the poor, so it's not been that appealing in terms of the market," said Corine Karema, chief executive of the nonprofit RBM Partnership to End Malaria, which is working with governments in Africa to eliminate the disease.

"But one kid dies of malaria every minute - that's unacceptable."

Extra data, added years

In the coming weeks, global health organizations will announce the next steps to make Mosquirix widely available, including the first procurement deal and the WHO's recommended allocation to prioritize roughly 10 million children at highest risk, the source familiar with the rollout plans said.

Long-term, WHO officials say roughly 100 million doses a year of the four-dose vaccine will be needed, which would cover around 25 million children. When the UN agency backed Mosquirix last October, it said that even a smaller supply could save 40,000 to 80,000 lives each year, without specifying the number of doses required.

GSK's maximum target of 15 million doses could prevent up to about 20,000 deaths each year, according to a Reuters review of the malaria vaccine models used by WHO.

Yet even hitting 15 million could take years, according to several officials at the WHO and elsewhere in the malaria effort who said wider distribution beyond the pilot countries was unlikely before early 2024, and even then it would start slowly.

GSK also has to upgrade its manufacturing capacity to reach its target. It said it had set up a funding deal with international vaccine alliance Gavi to help stockpile a key ingredient of the shot to ensure there was no gap in supply during that process.

"We are on course to complete the agreed stockpiling volume," said a spokesperson.

The drugmaker has invested 700 million pounds (US\$840 million) in the vaccine's development and says it won't charge more than 5 percent above the cost to produce it.

"No company wants to be in a situation where you build manufacturing which oversupplies the market and vaccines will not be used," said Breuer said, referring to a future split in demand between Mosquirix and the Oxford vaccine, if approved.

After 2028, India's Bharat Biotech will take over production of Mosquirix's key ingredient.

GSK's Breuer expects the deal with Bharat to accelerate production. The British drugmaker will continue to produce the adjuvant - immune-boosting portion - of the vaccine, and recently committed to doubling production to 30 million doses annually, without offering a timeline.

Bharat Biotech, which has yet to outline its manufacturing plans, did not respond to requests for comment.

Losing someone to malaria

GSK has donated 10 million doses to pilot programs in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi, and less than half have been shipped so far. The countries plan to expand campaigns this year and next using a mix of the remaining donations and purchased shots.

GSK said a WHO decision to collect additional data on safety and effectiveness from the pilot programs had added years to the launch process, during which it had to idle a dedicated production facility.

The WHO said safety questions had to be addressed before approval, and that it was working urgently to boost supply.

Mary Hamel, the agency's malaria vaccine implementation head, told Reuters that COVID vaccines had shown how quickly things could move with the political will and funding - which she said malaria had never had.

Mosquirix has been in development since the 1980s, in part because of the complexity of targeting the malaria parasite.

Its regulatory pathway has also been slow. In 2015, GSK published results from a large-scale clinical trial showing vaccine reduced the risk of severe malaria by about 30 percent. The WHO sought more data on the shot's safety and effectiveness, gathering information from 2019 during the pilot vaccination programs, before endorsing Mosquirix.

In the past, such real-world data on a vaccine has often been tracked after it has been authorized for use.

"Would we have done it in the West? I don't know," said WHO's Hamel, who was not involved in the decision, referring to holding up the deployment of shots to collect extra data.

Big donor: No silver bullet

Now recommended for use, it is not clear how the shot's distribution will be financed long-term. Funding for malaria totaled US\$3.3 billion in 2020, less than half of the estimated need, the WHO said, for tools such as treatments, bed nets and insecticides.

Adding malaria vaccines could cost between US\$325 million and more than US\$600 million annually, depending on how widely they are used, according to a study by global health researchers published in the Lancet journal in 2019. The WHO estimates that the GSK vaccine will cost around US\$5 per dose.

Two of the biggest funders behind the development and pilot programs for Mosquirix, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, told Reuters they were committing almost no additional financing to deploy the vaccine.

"It's not a silver bullet, and it's relatively expensive compared to other interventions used for malaria," said Peter Sands, head of the Global Fund. "The fundamental issue with malaria isn't actually about tools. It's about the fact that we spend far too little money on it."

The Gates Foundation said it would continue to back research into how to best use the "historic" vaccine, but "concerns about the relatively low efficacy, short duration, and constrained supply challenges" meant it would not fund deployment. Gavi is currently the only significant source of funding for a wider Mosquirix rollout. It has approved about US\$155 million for 2022 through 2025, alongside some funding from the countries themselves. Internal documents seen by Reuters suggest Gavi's investment in the first year is only expected to be US\$20 million.

A source familiar with the plans said the group hoped that getting the vaccine rolled out, and countries showing demand, would make the case for more investment.

Oxford shot in the works

Several global health officials said future funding from donors might be better committed to a new shot from the scientists at Oxford University who developed AstraZeneca's COVID vaccine.

Data from small trials showed 77 percent efficacy over a 12-month period, if given to babies shortly before the peak malaria season. Results from a much larger clinical trial are expected in the coming weeks. Some researchers suggest the GSK vaccine, too, may show higher effectiveness if given seasonally.

Oxford scientist Adrian Hill told Reuters his team aims to secure a WHO recommendation for their malaria shot within a year of submitting data to the agency.

The Serum Institute of India, which will manufacture the vaccine, told Reuters it expects to be able to make up to 200 million doses annually by the end of 2024.

In the years ahead, there are also hopes for a shot being developed by BioNTech, using the same mRNA technology as their successful COVID vaccine made with Pfizer. BioNTech aims to begin human trials by the end of 2022.

But in the years before either of those shots might be used, there will not be enough vaccines even for those 10 million children the WHO says are most at risk.

"We should have had this vaccine a long time ago," said Alassane Dicko, professor of public health at the University of Science, Techniques and Technologies of Bamako in Mali, who has led some of the Mosquirix trials.

"We have to do more."

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UNITED BANK FOR AFRICA (TANZANIA) LIMITED MINIMUM DISCLOSURE OF CHARGES AND FEES

S/N	ITEM/TRANSACTION	RETAIL	CORPORATE
SECTION A SAVINGS ACCOUNTS			
1 FREEDOM SAVINGS			
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 15,000	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 2,000	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Withdrawal Charges	TZS 1,000 instant charge	N/A
2 GENERAL SAVINGS			
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 20,000	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 5,000	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Withdrawal Charges	TZS 1,000	N/A
3 EMPLOYEES SAVINGS			
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 15,000 USD 15	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 2,000 USD 10	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Withdrawal Charges @ Counter	TZS 1,000	N/A
4 SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH BILLS			
	Required minimum opening balance	5,000	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	5,000	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Withdrawal Charges @ Counter	TZS 1,000	N/A
5 SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH BILLS			
	Required minimum opening balance	5,000	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	5,000	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Withdrawal Charges @ Counter	TZS 1,000	N/A
6 SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH BILLS			
	Required minimum opening balance	USD 10	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	USD 5	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Withdrawal Charges	1% per transaction	N/A
7 SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH BILLS			
	Required minimum opening balance	USD 15	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	USD 15	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Withdrawal Charges	TZS 1,000 or its equivalent	N/A
8 SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH BILLS			
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 20,000	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 2,000	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Withdrawal Charges	NIL	N/A
9 BANKER'S DEPOSIT			
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 20,000	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 2,000	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Withdrawal Charges	NIL	N/A
10 CURRENT ACCOUNTS			
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 20,000	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 2,000	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Withdrawal Charges	NIL	N/A
SECTION B CURRENT ACCOUNTS			
1 INDIVIDUAL CURRENT ACCOUNT			
	Required minimum opening balance	TZS 30,000	BUSINESS CURRENT ACCOUNT
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 10,000	TZS 10,000
	Monthly maintenance fee	TZS 10,000	TZS 10,000
	Cash withdrawal @ counter	TZS 10,000	TZS 10,000
	Penalty for overdraft account	PLR + 5%	TZS A/C PLR + 10%
2 DIPLOMAT ACCOUNTS			
	Required minimum opening balance	USD 100	N/A
	Minimum operating balance	USD 100	N/A
	Monthly maintenance fee	NIL	N/A
	Cash withdrawal @ counter	NIL	N/A
	Closing account	NIL	N/A
	Penalty for overdraft account	NIL	N/A
	Outward fund transfers (T/T)	MIN USD 50 in between 0.25% MAX USD 200	N/A
	Inward fund transfers (T/T Incoming)	N/A	N/A
	FX/R exchange	Favourable rates will be applied	N/A
3 DOMICILIARY CURRENT ACCOUNT			
	Required minimum opening balance	USD 100/ EUR 100/ GBP 100	USD 100/ EUR 100/ GBP 100
	Minimum operating balance	USD 100/ EUR 100/ GBP 100	USD 100/ EUR 100/ GBP 100
	Monthly maintenance fee	USD 12 or its equivalent	USD 12 or its equivalent
	Minimum search fees	USD 25/ EUR 25/ GBP 25	USD 25/ EUR 25/ GBP 25
	Cash withdrawal	1% per transaction	1% per transaction
	Cheque book - 25 LEAF	USD 10 or its equivalent	N/A
	Penalty for overdraft account	PLR + 2%	PLR + 2%
	Transfer from TZS to DOMICILIARY/ DOMICILIARY to TZS	NIL	NIL
SECTION C DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS			
1 Call Accounts			
	Minimum opening balance	TZS 1,000,000	TZS 10,000,000
	Minimum operating balance	TZS 1,000,000	TZS 10,000,000
	Monthly Average balance requirement	Negotiable	Negotiable
	Interest Rates	Negotiable	Negotiable
2 Term Deposits			
	Minimum deposit - local currency	TZS 500,000	TZS 10,000,000
	Minimum deposit - USD	USD 1,000	USD 10,000 or equivalent
	Interest Rates	Negotiable	Negotiable
SECTION D ELECTRONIC BANKING			
1 e-Banking			
	Internet banking monthly subscription	FREE	FREE
	Internet banking (1st issue pin)	FREE	FREE
	U - Direct (Reversal of transaction)	FREE	FREE
	Statement (self download)	FREE	FREE
	POS purchase (Local)	FREE	N/A
	POS purchase (International)	FREE	N/A
	POS cash withdrawal	TZS 1,500	TZS 1,500
	ATM reversal	FREE	N/A
	Fund transfer/ company load	TZS 1,000 per transaction	TZS 1,000 per transaction
	Card Load	TZS 1,000 per transaction	TZS 1,000 per transaction
	Manual pin change	TZS 1,500 per transaction	TZS 1,500 per transaction
	U-MOBILE (Enable banking to wallet)	TZS 1,000 (0 - 200,000/=) and TZS 2,000 (200,001 - 400,000/=)	N/A
	Card to card transfer	TZS 1,500 per transaction	TZS 1,500 per tr
	Agency banking Withdraw	1,000-9,999	10,000-49,999
		10,000-49,999	50,000-99,999
		100,000-299,999	300,000-499,999
		500,000-1,000,000	1,000,000-1,500,000
	Unconnected Withdraw	2% of the principle	2% of the principle
	Unconnected Deposit	1.5% of the principle	1.5% of the principle
	Affiliate	TZS 4,45 + 1.5% of the principle amount sent/USD 4.45 + 1.5% of the principle amount to be sent	N/A

2 Visa Debit Card			
	Insurance fee	TZS 10,000	N/A
	Re-issuance fee	TZS 10,000	N/A
3 Visa Repaid Cards			
	Insurance fees for instant card	TZS 12,000	N/A
	Insurance fees for personalized card	TZS 16,000	N/A
	Re-issuance fee	TZS 12,000	N/A
	Online Passcode reset fee	TZS 1,500	N/A
	ATM Pin reset fee	TZS 1,500	N/A
	Loading fee	TZS 1,000	N/A
	Online shopping fee - Local transactions	FREE	N/A
	Online shopping fee/Wab - Int. transactions	FREE	N/A
4 ATM Withdrawals			
	ATM Balance Inquiry (On us)	TZS 100	N/A
	ATM Balance Inquiry (Local)	TZS 200	N/A
	ATM Balance Inquiry (International)	TZS 1,000	N/A
	To other banks ATM (On others/OFF US/Local)	TZS 2,500	N/A
	International ATM withdrawal	TZS 6,000	N/A
	Union bank ATM withdrawal	TZS 1,300	N/A
SECTION E ASSET FINANCING			
1 CONSUMER LOANS			
	Processing fee	2%	N/A
	Insurance fee	1.5%	N/A
2 LOANS			
	Processing fee	negotiable	2%
	Insurance for personal loans	1.50%	1.50%
	Legal fees	0.5% minimum of TZS 300,000	0.5% minimum of TZS 300,000
SECTION F TRADE FINANCE			
1 Guarantees			
	Family Commission	2% p.a. (0.5% per qtr), Min USD 250 per qtr.	Guarantees
	Arrangement fees	2%	2% p.a. (0.5% per qtr), Min USD 250 per qtr.
	Cash Covered	0.5% per qtr Min 250 per qtr	0.5% per qtr Min 250 per qtr
	Amendment	USD 100 flat	USD 100 flat
	Extension for next quarter	0.5% per qtr (0.5% of the agreed rate)	0.5% per qtr (0.5% of the agreed rate)
	Amount increase	0.5% (qtr on the diff) (0.5% of the agreed rate)	0.5% (qtr on the diff) (0.5% of the agreed rate)
2 Letters of Credit - Imports			
	Insurance fee	0.5% per quarter, Min USD 250	0.5% per quarter, Min USD 250
	Handling Fees	USD 100 flat	USD 100 flat
	Swift charge	USD 50 flat	USD 50 flat
	Amendment	USD 100.00 flat	USD 100.00 flat
3 Letters of Credit - Exports			
	LC Advising Commission	USD 200 flat	USD 200 flat
	Amendment advising commission	USD 100 flat	USD 100 flat
	Correspondence Swift charge	USD 50 flat	USD 50 flat
	Documents handling and examination fee	0.5% of invoice amount, min USD 200	0.5% of invoice amount, min USD 200
	Courier charge	USD 100 flat	USD 100 flat
	LC confirmation charges	1.5% per quarter (only for confirmed usance lcs)	1.5% per quarter (only for confirmed usance lcs)
4 Letters of Credit Refinancing			
	Interest on refinancing	LIBOR + 8% p.a. of value, Min USD 100	LIBOR + 8% p.a. of value, Min USD 100
	Commission on refinancing	USD 50 flat	USD 50 flat
5 Import/Export (Trade) Finance			
	Interest on discounting	LIBOR + 8% p.a. of value, Min USD 100	LIBOR + 8% p.a. of value, Min USD 100
	Commission on discounting	USD 50 flat	USD 50 flat
6 Bills Discounting (Bills of exchange including cheques)			
	Interest discounting	PLR + 3% Local International LIBOR + 8%	PLR + 3% Local International LIBOR + 8%
7 Documentary Collection - Export			
	Handling charge	0.25% of the invoice min USD 100 flat	0.25% of the invoice min USD 100 flat
	Courier charge	USD 100	USD 100
	Amendment/advancing commission	USD 50 Per tracer	USD 50 Per tracer
8 Documentary Collection - Import			
	Handling Commission	0.25%, Min USD 100	0.25%, Min USD 100
	Correspondence Swift charge	USD 50	USD 50
9 Outward Bill of Collection (Clean collections & LC)			
	Handling Commission	0.25% of value, min USD 75 or its equivalent	0.25% of value, min USD 75 or its equivalent
	D/I charges	USD 75 flat	USD 75 flat
	Returned foreign cheques	claimed charges + locally un-recovered charges	claimed charges + locally un-recovered charges
10 Inward Bill of Collection			
	Handling Commission	USD 50 flat per collection	USD 50 flat per collection
	Swift charged	USD 40 flat per collection	USD 40 flat per collection
11 Local Currency Transactions			
	Outward remittance (TSS)	TZS 10,000 PER TRANSACTION	Local Currency Transactions
	Amendment fee for Outward remittances / Swift / Telegraphic transfers by customer or by bank	NIL	TZS 10,000 PER TRANSACTION
	Inward Swift Transfers (TSS)	NIL	NIL
12 Foreign Currency Transactions			

HOLLOW CONCRETE BLOCKS MARKET SIZE SEEN REACHING \$500BN BY 2030

NEW YORK

THE global hollow concrete blocks market size was estimated at \$322 billion in 2021, and it is predicted to reach \$500 billion by 2030, growing at a 5 percent compound annual growth rate (CAGR) during the forecast period (2022–2030), reports Straits Research.

According to the report, infrastructural development in Asia-Pacific, Africa and the Middle East are expected to drive the global hollow concrete blocks market.

The report says the global hollow concrete blocks market is segmented into residential and non-residential.

The non-residential application segment dominates the market, and it is estimated to reach an expected value of USD 305 million by 2030 at a CAGR of 5 percent. Commercial, infrastructure, and industrial buildings are included in the non-residential application segment.

National and local governments, property developers, and other clients in various industries who want to construct commercial and infrastructure projects or repair or extend existing structures are all potential buyers for this product.

Governments worldwide invest in low-cost housing and other civil construction projects. This is expected to boost demand for hollow concrete blocks worldwide.

North America, which is the second-largest region, is estimated to reach an expected value of \$190 million by 2030 at a CAGR of 4.5 percent.



Instead of traditional bricks and stones, concrete blocks are used to construct structures.

They are made of sand, aggregates, cement, and water. Hollow concrete blocks are cement, sand, complete, and water.

They are utilized to construct floors, walls, and structures inside and outside infrastructure projects.

The product is likely to substitute for standard burnt clay bricks, concrete bricks, fly ash clay bricks, sand-lime bricks, and concrete bricks due to its high quality.

These blocks make the construction process more accessible, decreasing the time and labor required.

China, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Thailand are among the world's most densely populated countries.

They are experiencing rapid industrialization and increased international investors. The government's expenses on new projects and improving the quality of existing infrastructure are expected to boost infrastructure construction activity in India.

According to the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), the country has a ten-million-unit housing shortage in urban areas.

In addition, by 2030, 25 million units of affordable housing will be needed to meet the increasing population demand in urban areas.

This is expected to fuel residential construction growth, positively influencing the hollow concrete blocks market.

The wealth generated by oil production has benefited the Middle East region greatly.

Because of increased worker remittances, trade,

and capital flows resulting from oil export, the region now has a lot of money and potential for residential and non-residential development.

Saudi Arabia, Iran, Israel, and Dubai have the most advanced infrastructure and technology. Dubai is thought to have world-class aviation and surface infrastructure, and further advancement is expected to propel market growth favorably.

Booming construction industry to create lucrative opportunities for the global hollow concrete blocks market

In the recent decade, the construction industry in Asia-Pacific has increased.

Hollow concrete blocks have been used in commercial, residential, and industrial uses due to numerous technological innovations and the prevalence of unique architectural styles.

Due to multinationals and IT hubs' growing demand for office space, India is establishing a slew of special economic zones (SEZs).

Furthermore, the organized retail sector has seen significant growth as young consumers adopt luxurious consumer goods to meet better living standards.

The retail industry increasingly uses hollow concrete blocks for exterior load-bearing, interior load-bearing, and retaining walls to store consumer-accessible products.

However, COVID-19 has negatively impacted the global economy, affecting the global hollow concrete block market and slowing revenue generation.

Governments in various countries imposed strict regulations to curb the spread of the virus, reducing the supply of hollow concrete blocks.



Khansabeh Interiors Hotel in Dubai after refurbishment PHOTO/FILE

UAE hotels enjoy record guest numbers after refurbishment

DUBAI

HOTEL occupancy rates are bouncing back in UAE, but rooms need to be refurbished and future-proofed to ensure profits going forward, industry experts say.

In February, hotels in Dubai enjoyed 91.6 per cent occupancy, when the rate usually sits between 75-85 per cent.

The first quarter of 2022 showed signs of a strong recovery post-pandemic, with occupancy and revenue-per-room rising, allowing many in the sector to target refurbishment.

Almost half of all available hotel rooms in Dubai are more than a decade old, according to a recent HDR report into Accommodation Supply & Demand, citing data compiled between Jan - Feb 2022. Of the recorded 139,000-plus rooms, some 65,000 are more than 10 years old, the report stated.

"A hotel should generally start looking at refurbishing beds/mattresses around year five, curtains and carpets around year seven, and joinery/fittings/furniture/equipment (FFE) around year 10. The life cycle of a hotel, if not renewed, starts to decline from year ten onwards," said Nathan Hones, COO / Partner at Carter Hones Associates.

"As visitors are returning to the UAE, hotels are open with high occupancy rates, putting more liquidity into the coffers of hotel owners. This allows them to re-open previously closed restaurants and re-start their previously planned refurbishment plans, put on hold

during the COVID close-down period when operators had capped all expenditure.

"The RevPAR (Revenue Per Available Room) has been dropping, from a peak in 2009 - \$353 - to \$138 in 2019, a 60 per cent drop. It shows that to maintain a constant occupancy level, Dubai hotel owners have been dropping their RevPAR to attract guests into the hotel. However, the downward pressure on revenue has caused hotel owners to look for ways to diversify their revenue streams away from relying on room rates."

Hones said that hotel owners and asset managers are looking for ways to increase revenue in existing hotels. "They review the different room types, occupancy levels and income across the year, ensuring each room type maximises its popularity and income," he said.

Filippo Sona, Cofounder of Wood Couture, said that the

UAE's hotel industry holds great scope for newcomers, with the current pipeline estimated to be boosted by 44,459 more room keys, according to STR Global's May 2022 report. "This new pipeline, combined with the already existing c200,000 keys, will take the UAE towards quarter of a million key stock."

According to the Wood Couture FFE Market Demand Index report Q1 2022, the UAE Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FFE) sector has a market share of 36.58 per cent of the Middle East and Africa's total FFE market demand. This market share is estimated at \$2,924,173.82 or 10.7 billion UAE dirhams.

Hones said hotels have various options available for refurbishing, including upgrading, adding rooms, splitting rooms, and adding other revenue-generating opportunities.

"Rixos Bab Al Bahar in RAK had many large family rooms

with average occupation but not much revenue from a standard suite. After exploring several optimisation studies, we divided the family rooms into two separate rooms, with a dual key option. This added 80 keys to the property's inventory and provided 160 refurbished rooms at the same time, increasing not only the revenue but also the overall asset value."

Another example of an exciting project was Jungle Bay Water Park at the Westin Mina Seyahi. "The Waterpark was positioned on an under-utilised piece of grass that was drawing no revenue. It cost money for water and maintenance. So, it was a little unusual to re-purpose and refurbish a patch of grass. Although the waterpark is not a 'pay-for-play' activity, not directly adding additional revenue, it is a differentiator and a USP for the Westin and Le Meridien Hotels," said Hones.

Tolga Lacin, Area General Manager, Marriott International, said the Jungle Bay project pre-work started in 2019. The land where the waterpark was built was limited, previously used as a grass recreational area and for events and subbeds.

"We hired the best water park designers from Canada to maximise the usage of the space and used multiple designers and consultants for this project. The design was fully completed by early 2020 - just about when COVID-19 hit the world."

Despite the COVID situation, Lacin said that with stakeholders' support, they decided to press on with the build in late 2020 and construction was completed in less than 120 days.

"The park was open and in operation by February 2021 and quickly proved that it did add massive value to our offerings to local and international travellers. The demand for our hotels increased by over 50 per cent and we could see the number of kids in the complex also increase twofold," he added.

China property protests to dent \$220bn in bank mortgage loans

By Guardian Reporter

HONG KONG - Chinese banks are set to take a hit to asset quality from mortgage business as growing numbers of homebuyers threaten to stop loan repayments to protest against unfinished apartments, analysts said.

The mortgage bad-loan ratios for banks could rise three- to five-fold as a result of homebuyers stopping mortgage payments, analysts estimate, adding that the protests will significantly add to the lenders' risk exposure to the cash-starved property sector.

The widening homebuyer protest in China adds to the woes for the country's property sector, which accounts for a quarter of the economy, and for banks that have been dented in the past year by a string of developers defaulting on their debt obligations.

Chinese investors dumped banking and real estate stocks on Thursday, fearing deepening trouble in the property sector would begin to hit the financial system. The CSI300 Bank index fell as much as 3.3%.

Up to 1.5 trillion yuan (\$220 billion) of mortgage loans are linked to unfinished residential projects in China, ANZ said in a report. That could be at risk if the homebuyers protest, currently focused on central Chinese cities, widens.

Developers involved in these unfinished projects include cash-strapped China Evergrande Group and Sinic Holdings, according to analysts and media reports.

Evergrande declined to comment. Sinic did not immediately respond to request for comment.

Chinese authorities held emergency meetings with banks after growing alarmed that an increasing number of homebuyers are refusing to pay mortgages on stalled projects, Bloomberg reported on Thursday, citing people familiar with the matter.

"A primary concern is if this snub spreads too quickly and more home buyers follow suit only because their projects are going slowly, or simply out of a pessimistic outlook for the

property sector," said Shujin Chen, equity analyst at Jefferies.

Though banks own the pre-sold apartments as collateral, they would still likely suffer a loss, because the assets are uncompleted. Waiting for completion could expose the banks to a risk of a substantial drop in real estate values.

"It's challenging to sell the apartments under current market conditions. Plus, if there comes a massive wave of home auctions, prices will crash," said Xiaoxi Zhang, China finance analyst of Chinese research group Gavekal Dragonomics.

A fund manager also said banks would get zero equity back if they seized uncompleted assets.

"That's going to wipe out half of the existing bank equity; it's worst than subprime," he said, referring to the US subprime mortgage crisis that began in 2007. The fund manager asked not to be named, due to the sensitivity of the matter.

The four major state banks, as well as Postal Savings Bank of China, China Merchants Bank and Industrial Bank, are the financial institutions with the biggest mortgage exposure, according to Jefferies.

Banks including Agricultural Bank of China, China Construction Bank and Industrial Bank said on Thursday their mortgage books tied to uncompleted or delayed home projects were relatively small and the risk was controllable.

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd, Bank of China, Postal Savings Bank of China and China Merchants did not immediately respond to requests from Reuters for comment.

Share market participants said authorities should intervene early to resolve the crisis, as distressed property developers would probably be unable to resume construction in the near term due to their liquidity crunch.

"Both social stability and financial stability will be endangered in the worst case," Gavekal Dragonomics' Zhang said.

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REAL ESTATE BOOM GIVES MOGADISHU RESIDENTS MONEY HEADACHES

MOGADISHU

MUMTAZ Ahmed looks and sounds overwhelmed. For three weeks, she has been searching for an apartment to rent in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, for her young family of three. The few properties on the market are either too expensive or owners ask for a large deposit upfront.

"I'm looking for two to three-bedroom apartment in this area and it is proving impossible," the mother-of-one told Al Jazeera as she sat in the waiting area of an estate agency in the Waberi district of the city.

"Sometimes even paying a deposit does not secure you the property you want. Mogadishu of today is not Mogadishu of [a] few years ago," Mumtaz adds as more would-be tenants trickle in the small waiting area.

With a budget of \$350 a month, Mumtaz is not too hopeful. "Three or four years ago, I will have found a four-bedroom villa in the nicest area of the city with that money," she said.

Since August 2011, when the al-Qaeda-linked armed group al-Shabab was pushed out of the seaside city, the Somali capital has been enjoying the relative calm. The city's skyline is changing fast with brand new multistorey apartment buildings replacing the bullet-scarred houses.

Sounds of hammers and cement mixers are a common feature for residents of the city. "If you look anywhere in Mogadishu, you will see they are building new apartments. But that has not made it cheaper or affordable," Mumtaz said. With the armed group out of sight and a shaky political truce holding between the warring elites, people are flocking back into the city.

Properties are snapped up even before they come onto

the open market. Some residents are even inking multi-year agreements to secure properties in their favoured part of the city. Ibaar Osman Ibrahim woke up early to make the rounds at the different estate agencies in downtown Mogadishu. The 27-year-old electrical engineer is hoping to find a suitable villa to rent.

"I'm looking for a four-bedroom villa ideally in Waberi district," Ibaar told Al Jazeera. "This area is even more expensive than other areas because it is favoured by government employees. It is safer for them than many other parts of the city."

"I will be very lucky if I find something for \$400 a month. Every month, the asking price is going up. Our salaries have hardly gone up which makes it difficult," he added. The rent excludes utility bills with the East African country having one of the most expensive electricity tariffs in the world. "Those of us who are lucky to have a good paying job, we spend 60 percent of our salary on rent and another 20 percent on bills," he said.

Real estate developers are especially happy with the booming market.

Ismail Ali Toohow saw an opportunity in the market two years ago. He now owns and manages Kiro Sheeg real estate agency, with multiple offices in the city.

"In this office, we see a minimum of 50 people seeking properties to rent," the father-of-three told Al Jazeera. "There is huge demand. Asking price has gone up by more than a third in the last two years even with the pandemic."

For every tenant he finds a property, he charges them a \$100 fee. "Sometimes people are willing to pay you money just so that you call them if and when a property comes onto the market. They want to beat the competition. Going into this business is the best decision I have made," the 30-year-old said smiling.



Investment by the country's sizeable diaspora has been flowing back pushing prices even higher. They prefer to buy land and build apartments.

Off Maka al-Mukarama road, the city's main thoroughfare, a group of young men are busy typing away and taking orders on the phone in a

two-room office equipped with sleek computers. They work for Bile Home Repairs and Construction Services, one of the leading construction companies in the city.

"Most of our clients are diaspora and business people," Bile Mohamad Dhoore, its CEO, told Al Jazeera.

"Every month we break ground on at least seven properties. In 2019, we used to do one, if we were very lucky may be two properties. For most of our clients, it is purely for investment purpose. There is confidence in the market at the moment," Bile, 42, added.

A recent report reveals renewable energy aiding the construction industry

JOHANNESBURG

WHILE most markets have recovered somewhat from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and renewed lockdowns in China are starting to influence construction markets.

This is the finding of an International Construction Market Survey (ICMS) for 2022 by Turner & Townsend, an independent professional services company operation in the global real estate, infrastructure and natural resources sector.

The ICMS draws on data and experience from 90 global markets, exploring the challenges and opportunities presented by the economic market conditions that affect the construction industry.

In Africa, some cities have shown significant recovery, including Johannesburg, Cape Town, Gaborone, Harare, Nairobi, Kigali, Kampala and Lagos. However, the market's full potential requires more growth to restore gross domestic product (GDP) to pre-pandemic levels.

Furthermore, inflation across the continent will likely reduce consumer demand, further impacting growth throughout 2022.

The report notes that activity in the construction sector has weakened over the last year. A major factor contributing to this is the cost of construction, which has been driven higher by the supply-chain bottlenecks caused by the pandemic and the war in Ukraine, as well as the rising costs of energy.

These factors have resulted in higher risk for contractors and construction schedules for projects have regularly increased due to material supply shortages. Project teams have been forced to take measures to mitigate this including early procurement, early payment to contractors, or having contracts in which the client sources and issues material themselves.

On the positive side, the ICMS survey shows that residential and social housing remains a strong African construction sector and the industrial, manufacturing and logistics sectors are seeing some of their strongest rates of growth.

Warehousing and goods movement have been boosted by the rapid growth of e-commerce sites in Africa and the rise of remote working has seen a growing requirement for data centres in most regions.

Furthermore, the potential for growth in renewable energy in Africa presents many opportunities for the construction industry.

The continent is rich in hydro, solar and wind and the use of renewables is a more attractive scenario for many African nations; there are many regions where the local population still has no access to electricity and decentralised renewables offer the opportunity to provide cheap local electricity.

Not only that, but a switch to renewables would also do away with reliance on imported fossil fuels for many nations while offering energy security going forward.



Bwiza Riverside estate in Kigali

A construction-led recovery in Africa faces many challenges this year and the research notes that the IMF states that sub-Saharan Africa would need to double its forecast growth rate to match the growth seen in the post-pandemic period in other advanced

economies.

Foreign investment is repelled by high inflation and increased debt levels and this has the knock-on effect of making financing conditions difficult.

Turner & Townsend predicts that 2022 is

going to be another difficult year, but some drivers of inflation - easing - including costs for fuel, transport, imports, steel and raw materials costs and costs of imported goods - could greatly assist the African economies in resuming economic recovery.

BP starts hydrogen refuelling site construction

PERTH

CONSTRUCTION work has started on Australia's first hydrogen refuelling facility at a public service station in Queensland.

Queensland Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen Mick de Brenni said the hydrogen refuelling stop at one of Brisbane's busiest service stations, the BP truck stop at Port of Brisbane, would be a critical link on the east coast hydrogen superhighway.

"Queensland has taken an early lead in the race to transform the heavy-haulage transport sector to renewable hydrogen. The opportunity for this energy revolution is up for grabs, all we have to do is take the ball and run with it."

"From hydrogen-powered trucks and coaches to trains and marine vessels, we are exploring every opportunity to capitalise on



the opportunities of Queensland's energy transformation," he said.

The state-of-the-art refuelling stop will be able to refill a hydrogen car in three to five minutes.

The green hydrogen will be produced by a 220 kW electrolyser powered by solar energy generated by a 100 kW solar array at BOC's Bulwer Island facility.

BP VP for fleet, dealer and electrification Australia and New Zealand Tanya Ghosn said that BP was pleased to bring its global experience and capability to the task of

helping their customers decarbonise as they advanced their strategy to achieve net zero by 2050, or sooner, and help the world get there.

"But we also know that we can't do it alone and are proud to partner with the Queensland Government and BOC on this nation-leading initiative," she said.

BOC South Pacific MD John Evans said that he was proud to be partnering with BP Australia to demonstrate how state-of-the-art hydrogen refuelling stations can be safely integrated into the existing service station net-

work.

"This is a significant step in building a national hydrogen refuelling network that can be scaled to support hydrogen trucks and buses in the future," he said.

De Brenni said that with the pace and scale of the state's energy transformation, there's a need for more than 48 000 job opportunities on top of the current workforce to achieve the state's goals.

"To meet the global challenges of tomorrow, we're accelerating the development of Queensland-made hydrogen, creating more jobs in more industries for Queenslanders," he said.

"Securing Australia's sovereign energy independence involves reducing our reliance on imported fuel to power our transport sector. It's critical we work with industry players like BOC, BP and the fuels sector to reduce our reliance on imports."

Vietnam's VinFast taps banks for \$4 bln EV factory funding contract

HANOI/SINGAPORE

VIETNAM carmaker VinFast said it has tapped Credit Suisse (CSGN.S) and Citigroup (C.N) to raise at least \$4 billion to build its planned electric vehicle factory in North Carolina and fund its U.S. expansion.

Wednesday's announcement marks the most significant development for the company, which is betting big on the U.S. market, where it hopes to compete with legacy automakers and startups with electric SUVs and a battery leasing model.

Vingroup said in a statement that it had appointed Credit Suisse to arrange the issue of offshore securities to raise \$2 billion for VinFast or its subsidiaries globally, while Citigroup Global Markets was tapped as an advisor on transactions with the same value.

Each agreement "could include debt or private placements of equity," the statement said, without elaborating.

The news of the funding arrangement comes after VinFast's parent Vingroup JSC (VIC.HM) warned earlier this year that an initial public offering for VinFast might be delayed until next year due to market uncertainty. read more . Vingroup is Vietnam's largest listed

company with a market value of \$11.4 billion, with businesses in retail, real estate and resorts. It established VinFast in 2017, with its first conventional combustion-engine cars hitting the streets two years later before switching exclusively to EVs in 2021.

VinFast is preparing to launch its first overseas model and roll out a network of showrooms in the United States and Europe.

The North Carolina factory, covering an area of 800 hectares, will initially produce 150,000 electric vehicles a year, the company said.

VinFast has promised to create 7,500 jobs at the factory and said it aimed to start production by 2024.

The company said it is due to open its first overseas showrooms in California in coming days, including a flagship store in Santa Monica.

For the North Carolina factory, it has also been seeking support from U.S. President Joe Biden's administration for potential financing through a fund for advanced-technology vehicles.

In addition, VinFast has filed for an IPO in the United States through a shell company in Singapore that now legally holds almost all of the startup automaker's assets.

TECHNOLOGY

PROPARCO ACQUIRES MAJORITY STAKE IN KENYA'S PRIVATE BEACH HOSPITAL



NAIROBI

TOGETHER with the private equity fund Ascent Rift Valley II, Proparco made a major investment in the Kenyan health sector. Its partner in the deal had already invested in the sector.

Development finance institution Proparco announced on Wednesday the acquisition of a majority stake in Kenyan private healthcare facility Diani Beach Hospital.

The investment was jointly made with the private equity fund Ascent Rift

Valley Fund II (ARVF II), whose aim is to invest US\$5-15 million in SMEs that have the potential to become regional champions.

According to Dr. Kawaljeet Singh Rekhi, Founder and Director of Diana Beach Hospital, it "marks a significant milestone" in the hospital's journey "and paves the way for our next chapter of growth and success."

"We are incredibly excited to welcome members of both Proparco and Ascent onto our board of directors, to leverage their unequivocal

local and international expertise in the healthcare space to enhance and accelerate our ambitious growth strategy over the short- and medium-term," he added.

Last June, Ascent Rift Valley II announced the acquisition of a "significant equity stake" in Valley Hospital Limited, a Kenyan primary, and secondary healthcare provider. With Proparco, it will help expand Diani Beach Hospital's healthcare offers, improving care quality.

For Proparco, 600,000 inpatients and outpatients will benefit over the

next five years. Damien Braud, Head of Equity for Africa and the Middle East at Proparco, explains that health is a key sector for Proparco.

Meanwhile, Diani Beach Hospital is the main health care provider in the coastal area south of Mombasa in Kenya. It operates in a "largely underserved area" and has strong growth potential.

Let's note that the equity investment is made by Proparco in the framework of the Fisea + initiative, a facility set up to support very small businesses in Africa.

US DataBank through with ATL3 data centre expansion

ATLANTA

DATABANK has completed the expansion of ATL3, one of the company's three Atlanta area data centre facilities.

Now ready for service, ATL3 began its expansion in late 2021 which has now added more than 22,000 square feet of data centre space to site. The facility now boasts a total capacity of more than 44,000 square feet of white space and total raised floor space to 72,000 square feet. The project also increases the site's total power from 1.5MW to 6MW.

"We've been looking forward to completing this expansion project to further support our customers' infrastructure needs and growth," says Tony Qorri, vice president of construction at DataBank.

"Bringing this additional capacity to Atlanta aligns well with DataBank's growth in the region's data centre market and underscores its position as one of the prime emerging internet hubs in the southeast United States."

The news follows news from DataBank in May of this year which saw the company confirm the acquisition of 18 acres of land in suburban Atlanta for a new data centre campus.

The "Lithia Springs Campus" is DataBank's first expandable property in the Atlanta metro area and will house ATL4 - DataBank's fourth data centre in the market. The site will be tethered by dark fibre to DataBank's existing ATL2/3 complex.

Located in the Historic West End district, ATL3 is a carrier-neutral interconnection hub with access to 10+ on-site carriers as well as internet, fibre, interconnect, and cross-connect connectivity.

The facility also boasts security features including dual-factor biometric authentication, 24-hour dedicated security guards, perimeter fence, mantraps, and CCTV.

According to Lisa Calhoun, a partner with the Atlanta based investment firm, Valor Ventures, growth in the Atlanta leasing market is on an upwards trajectory supported by \$1 billion of venture capital investments over the last year.

This indicates an influx in demand for cloud storage and is driven by thriving industries like healthcare IT, fintech, logistics, and manufacturing.



The project also increases the site's total power from 1.5MW to 6MW.

UAE real estate group partners with Germany firm in promoting e-bikes

DUBAI

AL-FUTTAIM Group Real Estate has announced a partnership with Berlin-headquartered, TIER Mobility to operate e-bike micro-mobility services in Dubai Festival City.

The partnership aims to make movement throughout the area seamless and affordable as well as provide a more environment-friendly method of transport to get around the destination and community.

Dubai Festival City is a vibrant, holistic destination that brings visitors and their families together to enjoy entertainment, hospitality, and leisure offerings, one of them now being the new micro-mobility service provided by TIER Mobility.

In line with Dubai Festival City's goal to invest in establishing community relationships and building innovative communities, the collaboration with TIER Mobility presents the destination's residents, mall visitors, and tenants with a low-carbon alternative to get around the city using e-bikes.

TIER's initial fleet of e-bikes, which have pedal assistance up to 25 km/h, will be located at the Marsa Plaza promenade with plans of expanding to other locations around Dubai Festival City. TIER e-bikes are geofenced which assist with challenges like irresponsible parking and riding in restricted areas.

"We are excited to collaborate with TIER Mobility to bring our smart, sustainable, and connected city vision to life," said Samer Zabian, Director of Residential & Commercial Property at Dubai Festival City.

"Sustainability has always been a key focus area at Dubai Festival City and we continue to invest in building smart communities that support the current and future needs of our customers. As we continue to grow Dubai Festival City into a leading destina-



tion, we are committed to developing the destination's offerings in line with the UAE government's Sustainability Agenda 2040."

"At TIER Mobility, our mission is to Change Mobility for Good and we are pleased to launch our e-bikes for the first time in Dubai. We aim to help cities and communities like Dubai Festival City reduce their dependence on cars and provide the safest and most sustainable mobility solution. The strategic partnership with Dubai Festival City will create positive waves for sustainable transportation, translating into superior quality customer service to the destination's visitors, and residents," said Amir Melad, General Manager, Middle East of TIER.

All residents and tourists can use TIER e-bikes by simply downloading the global app. Riders have the option to use 'pay-as-you-go' offered

at a rate of Dh1 per minute of usage, or opt for a subscription model. Payments can be made through Apple Pay or debit and credit cards.

With more than 40 years of experience, Al-Futtaim Group Real Estate is a global master developer unlocking the potential of real estate development in the region. The group is committed to continuously engaging with its customers and building a positive relationship with its investors and partners.

Highlighting this commitment, over the years, Dubai Festival City has brought seamless experiences and convenient lifestyle amenities to its residents, tenants, and visitors.

The real estate development and operations arm of Al-Futtaim, Al-Futtaim Group Real Estate is responsible for the origination, conception, development, procurement and con-

struction of mega projects and the leasing and operation of these projects after completion.

Al-Futtaim Group Real Estate develops and operates an extensive multi-million-dollar portfolio of individual corporate real estate and investment assets across the Middle East and North Africa region.

The current flagship mixed-use urban communities under the Festival City brand are Dubai Festival City, Cairo Festival City and Doha Festival City.

Dubai Festival City and Cairo Festival City are fully integrated communities which have been carefully master planned to offer a superior lifestyle destination with outstanding facilities, comprising residential and commercial accommodation, educational institutions and five-star hotels to fully complement the signature retail, leisure and entertainment proposition.

Retelit owner takes 80 pct stake in Irish broadband company

DUBLIN

ASTERION, a Madrid infrastructure investor, has bought an 80 percent stake in National Broadband Ireland (NBI) from Oak Hill Advisors, Twin Point Capital and some minority shareholders.

Winnie Wutte (pictured), a founding partner at Asterion Industrial Partners, said NBI is "one of the most ambitious fibre rollouts in the world, providing access to rural, long term and futureproofed connectivity in Ireland".

She helped set up Asterion in 2018, after 10 years at the European arm of US investment company Kohlberg Kravis Robert (KKR). Asterion last year acquired Italian telco Retelit and last month invested in a rural fibre company in Spain.

David McCourt, chairman of NBI and chairman and CEO of the major remaining investor, Granahan McCourt Capital, told Capacity this morning: "We wanted long-term investors that were committed to Ireland, and people who understand telecom. We deserve a long-term shareholder who is committed to Ireland."

Now, he said, he wants to offer the NBI expertise to other fibre projects across Europe. "We want to figure out how to productise the things we do - an open access wholesale network."

He also wants to build a broadband centre of excellence in Ireland, details of which will emerge soon.

NBI provides wholesale services to three of the main operators in Ireland, Comcast's Sky, Liberty Global's Virgin Media, and Vodafone. "But there are 52 phone companies on our network," McCourt told Capacity.

Wutte agrees with the company's centre of excellence plan: "We are ... committed to the opportunity of creating a centre of excellence in Ireland in partnership with Granahan McCourt to open up tremendous long-term opportunities in the Irish market and further cement its leadership position in the provision of a gigabit society."

McCourt told Capacity that NBI is now building at the rate of 8,000-10,000 homes passed per month. The company has a 25-year mandate from the Irish government to build wholesale broadband infrastructure 559,000 premises in rural areas, and over 1.1 million people. The mandate includes any new homes built in the area over the next 25 years.

Construction is running behind schedule, largely because of the Covid pandemic, "which meant we weren't allowed to bring in the main contractors from the UK, we couldn't put two people into a van at once, and we couldn't put them in an Airbnb".

Nevertheless, NBI has 199,303 premises under construction or constructed, of which 63,662 are now passed by the fibre.

McCourt said: "At NBI, we're incredibly proud to be bringing world-leading broadband infrastructure to over 1.1 million citizens across rural Ireland, and in doing so, help Ireland be years ahead of the EU's target of a gigabit society by 2030."

McCourt has been a serial telecoms entrepreneur since 1982, when he created McCourt Cable Systems, which became the largest privately-owned designer and builder of cable systems in the US.

Since then he's headed businesses that have invested in TV stations and built or run phone networks and cable TV networks on both sides of the Atlantic.

WORLD

Ex-finance minister Sunak tops first vote to be next UK Premier

LONDON

FORMER finance minister Rishi Sunak won the biggest backing from Conservative lawmakers on Wednesday in the first vote to choose who will succeed Boris Johnson as party leader and British prime minister, while two more rivals were eliminated.

Sunak, whose resignation as finance minister last week helped precipitate Johnson's fall, secured support from 88 of the party's 358 Members of Parliament (MPs), with junior trade minister Penny Mordaunt second with 67 votes and foreign minister Liz Truss third with 50.

Nadhim Zahawi, who took over as finance minister from Sunak last week, and former foreign minister Jeremy Hunt were knocked out after failing to get the required minimum of 30 votes. They join three other contenders who dropped out the day before.

Those remaining - which also includes former equalities minister Kemi Badenoch, Attorney General Suella Braverman, Tom Tugendhat, chair of parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee - will go through to a second

round on Thursday.

Subsequent ballots will be held among the Conservative lawmakers, eliminating the candidate with the fewest votes each time, to whittle the field down to a final two by July 21. The new leader will then be chosen from those two by the 200,000 Conservative party members in the country at large, and be announced on Sept. 5.

While Sunak might be the most popular contender with his colleagues, a YouGov poll of nearly 900 party members found Mordaunt was the favourite, beating any of the others in a run-off. She had a huge lead over Sunak, who fared badly against almost all his rivals, and is now the bookmakers' favourite.

Raft of problems

Whoever wins will face a daunting in-tray while having to rebuild public trust bruised by a series of scandals involving Johnson, from the breaking of COVID-19 lockdown rules to appointing a lawmaker to government despite having been told of allegations of sexual misconduct.

Britain's economy is facing rocketing inflation, high debt, and low

growth, leaving people grappling with the tightest squeeze on their finances in decades. All this is set against the backdrop of an energy crunch exacerbated by the conflict in Ukraine, which has sent fuel prices soaring.

As the contest intensifies it has also become increasingly fractious as rival camps trade barbs and some offer a series of eye-catching tax cutting pledges.

Sunak said it was not credible to offer more spending and lower taxes, saying he was offering honesty "not fairytales".

Zahawi said he had been smeared over his personal finances while culture minister Nadine Dorries, who was fiercely loyal to Johnson and is now backing Truss, has accused Sunak's team of "dirty tricks" as part of a "Stop Liz" strategy.

"I believe his (Sunak's) behaviour towards Boris Johnson, his disloyalty means that I could not possibly support him," minister for Brexit opportunities Jacob Rees-Mogg told Sky News on Wednesday.

Johnson, who won a large majority in December 2019, announced last week that he would step down after a torrent of resignations from ministers and with many Conservative Party lawmakers in open revolt.

His would-be successors have stressed how they would offer integrity and trustworthiness in contrast, but face questions of their own, such as why they backed Johnson for so long.



British Conservative Party Member of Parliament Rishi Sunak

Sunak was - like Johnson - fined for breaking lockdown rules.

Political opponents say the candidates have been focused only on winning the support of the right-wing of the ruling party by talking about tax cuts and extra defense spending while not addressing the cost of living crisis facing the public.

Polls also suggest that while the Conservatives argue among themselves, they are falling significantly behind the main opposition Labour Party, although no election is scheduled for a couple of years.

"I am your best shot of winning that election. I am the candidate that Labour fear," said Mordaunt as she officially launched her campaign on Wednesday.

People really wanted "the good old stuff" of low tax, small state and personal responsibility, she added.

Amid the promises, Andy King, board member of the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) which independently monitors public finances, told a parliamentary committee taxes would have to rise or spending be cut to maintain fiscal sustainability.

The government has also said it will hold a confidence vote in itself on Monday - which it is almost certain to win - after blocking an effort to bring one by the opposition Labour Party.

Agencies

Kremlin hopes US-Saudi ties would not go 'against Russia'

MOSCOW

MOSCOW highly values its relations with Riyadh and hopes US President Joe Biden's upcoming visit to Saudi Arabia would not be used to create hostility against Russia, the Kremlin said Wednesday.

"We highly value our interests, our relations and our cooperation with Riyadh," local media reported citing Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov (pictured).

"We hope the building and development of Riyadh's relations with other countries will in no way be directed against us," he said.

The comment comes ahead of Biden's visit to Saudi Arabia this week. The visit aims to enhance the historic bilateral relations and strategic partnership between the United States and Saudi Arabia, according to a statement from the Saudi Royal Court.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said on Monday that Biden will make the case for greater oil production from OPEC nations to bring down gasoline prices when he meets Gulf leaders in Saudi Arabia this week.

Peskov also said that Russia, the world's second-largest oil exporter after Saudi Arabia and the world's biggest exporter of natural gas, highly valued cooperation with Saudi Arabia within the framework of OPEC+ group of world's leading oil producers.

"We are within the framework of the OPEC + agreements, and we highly appreciate the work that we manage to do with our partners, including with leading partners such as Saudi Arabia," he told a daily conference call with reporters.

As the world faces one of the worst energy supply crunches since the Arab oil embargo in the 1970s, Biden has repeatedly urged the OPEC+ and its kingpin Saudi Arabia to lift oil production faster than the group is already doing.

But major Gulf producers have little spare production capacity.

New UNECA report highlights African cities' leading role in economic integration

ADDIS ABABA

REGIONAL trade integration has the potential to raise living standards by connecting cities to new markets, thereby enhancing access to a wider and cheaper variety of goods and services, a new UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) report has said.

The report, entitled "Cities: Gateways for Africa's Regional Economic Integration," highlighted the leading role of cities in unlocking economic gains made available through regional economic integration, particularly under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement.

The report, which was launched Tuesday, is the first piece of comprehensive research to assess the linkages between Africa's rapid urban transition and regional trade integration, according to the UNECA.

The report touched on critical issues, such as how African cities can benefit from AfCFTA, what strategic investments are needed for cities to drive accelerated regional trade integration and how AfCFTA may transform cities and spatial development across the continent.

It provided concrete steps for an increased policy focus on investment in Africa's cities to realize the full economic potential from AfCFTA, thereby boosting economic growth, reducing poverty and fostering inclusion.

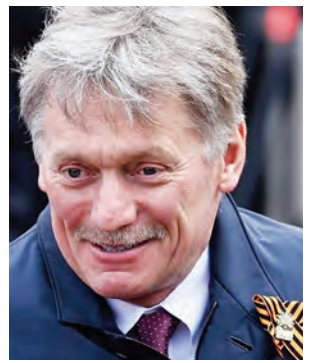
The report noted that the spatial effects of regional trade can transform Africa's urban corridors, also contributing to the rise of small and intermediary cities and regional hubs, and better urban-rural connectivity.

The report revealed that urban consumption can transform Africa if the demand is met through intra-regional production and trade.

It indicated that cities need increased policy attention and investment to unlock their full potential hubs for regionally traded goods and services while stressing that better connectivity among cities is necessary to develop regional value chains under AfCFTA.

To take full advantage of Africa's rapid urban transition and regional economic integration, the report put forward four key proposals that African countries could adopt to unlock the untapped opportunities presented by AfCFTA.

It said African governments should implement trade policies with cities in mind, especially when designing and implementing their national AfCFTA strategies.



US urged not to stir up trouble on South China Sea

BEIJING

CHINA criticized the United States on Wednesday as being "extremely irresponsible" in using the South China Sea issue to stir up trouble and sow discord among countries in the region.

"The US turns a blind eye to the historical merits and objective facts of the South China Sea issue, violates and distorts international law and breaks its long-held public commitment of not taking a position on the South China Sea sovereignty issue," Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said, urging Washington to respect China's sovereignty, rights and interests in the South China Sea.

Wang made the remarks at a daily news conference after US Secretary of State Antony Blinken called on China to comply with the arbitral award on the so-called South



An aerial view of Yongxing Island, which is part of the Xisha Islands in the South China Sea, June 19, 2014. File photo

China Sea arbitration case in 2016, which was unilaterally initiated by the Philippines and attempts to deny China's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests in the South China Sea.

Wang said that China's position on the South China Sea arbitration case is consistent, clear and un-

changed. The so-called award, in violation of international law including the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, is illegal, null and void, he said.

China neither accepts nor recognizes the award and opposes any claims or actions based on the award, Wang said, adding that

those who attempt to infringe on China's sovereignty, rights and interests by implementing this illegal award will not succeed.

According to Wang, it has been agreed by China and members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations that the South China Sea issue should be handled based on the dual-track approach, in which maritime disputes should be handled properly by countries directly concerned through dialogue and consultation while peace and stability should be jointly safeguarded by China and ASEAN countries.

In another development, Chinese military forces tracked and warned off the US guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold after it illegally trespassed into Chinese territorial waters off the Xisha Islands in the South China Sea on Wednesday. Senior Colonel Tian Junli, a spokesman for the People's Liberation

Army Southern Theater Command, said the warship ventured into Chinese territorial waters without approval from the Chinese government and severely undermined China's sovereignty and security, as well as regional peace and stability.

The theater command organized air and maritime forces to track and warn off the ship, Tian said, adding that the action by the US military is further proof that the US is exercising maritime navigational hegemony and facilitating the militarization of the South China Sea.

"Facts have shown once again that the US is a security risk creator for the South China Sea and a disrupter of regional peace and stability," Tian said.

The theater command will remain on high alert and resolutely safeguard national sovereignty, security and peace and stability in the sea, he added. *Xinhua*

Palestinian factions reject Biden's Middle East visit, call for protests

RAMALLAH/GAZA

AS U.S. President Joe Biden arrived in Israel on Wednesday for his first Middle East trip as president, some Palestinian political factions have voiced their rejection of the visit, and called for protests in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

During a seminar held in Gaza

City, Bassem Na'im, who is in charge of the political department of the Islamic Resistance Movement, said that Biden came to the region laden with "failure."

"The U.S. president has no solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, Na'im said, stressing the "need to hold a strategic dialogue at the level of Arab and Islamic parties, countries and entities." In

the eyes of Ahmad Al-Medallal, a member of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Palestinians should not bet on "the U.S. project in the region." "The Palestinian leadership has to form a national front to manage the state of conflict with Israel," he said.

Maher Mezher, a leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Gaza, said that Biden's

visit aims to strengthen the U.S. grip on the region, warning against false promises by the United States.

Meanwhile, multiple Palestinian factions and activists called for rallies in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in protest against Biden's visit. Delivering a short speech upon arrival on Wednesday, Biden said, "as president of the United States of America, I can

say that our relationship with Israel is deeper and stronger than ever before." He vowed that the United States would create more stability "because this is critical to all the peoples of the region." On Friday, Biden is set to meet with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the presidential residence in the West Bank city of Bethlehem. *Xinhua*

NATO indeed 'systemic challenge' against global peace, stability

THE so-called new "Strategic Concept" document issued at the just-concluded 2022 NATO Summit distorts China's domestic and foreign policies. It claims that China challenges NATO's "interests, security and values," and NATO will jointly respond to such "systemic challenge" posed by China.

NATO's efforts to make and spread lies about China and hype the so-called "China threat" are driven by the organization's reemerging Cold War mentality and ideological bias. It is just an awkward show staged by the U.S. to extend NATO's reach to the Asia-Pacific region.

NATO's practice encourages confrontation and threatens global security. Regional countries and the international society must stay alert to it.

China follows an independent foreign policy of peace and is always a staunch force for global peace and

prosperity. The country has never initiated a war or conflict and never taken an inch of foreign land, nor has it interfered in other countries domestic affairs or exported ideology. It never engages itself in long-arm jurisdiction, unilateral sanctions, or economic coercion.

China is firmly committed to upholding multilateralism, supporting the international system with the United Nations at its core and the international order based on the Charter of the UN, international law and the universally recognized basic norms governing international relations.

Pursuing a peaceful development path, China is actively building a society with a shared future for mankind and advancing the high-quality construction of the Belt and Road

Initiative. It has proposed and been implementing the Global Development Initiative and the Global Security Initiative, and offered a number of public products to help the international community deal with major issues on peace and development.

China presents valuable opportunities for world peace and development. It does not pose "systemic challenges", as wrongly purported by NATO. NATO has disregarded facts and confounded black with white when making groundless accusations, smears and attacks against China. However, it will never change the fact or the international society's positive evaluation on China.

NATO is a Cold War product that is gradually becoming a tool for the U.S. to maintain its hegemony and instigate a new "Cold War." The first-ever men-

tioning of China in NATO's so-called "Strategic Concept" document is closely related to U.S. coercion.

The incumbent U.S. administration inherits the wrong practices of its predecessor and keeps seeing China as a strategic competitor. It has formed cliques to oppress China.

The NATO Summit this year has not only hyped the so-called "China threat," but also invited some Asia-Pacific allies of the U.S. It exactly exposed the strategic scheme of the U.S. to make NATO's foray into the Asia-Pacific.

China has to pay a high attention and make a systematic response to NATO's so-called "systemic challenge" rhetoric. Any attempt to hurt China's legitimate interests will be met with strong reactions. The country has a firm resolution to safeguard its sovereignty, se-

curity and development interests. The U.S., emboldening itself by involving a few of its allies, will only see its plot fail at the end.

NATO has always been haunted by the Cold War mentality though the geopolitical tension has already ended for some 30 years. It has never stopped making enemies out of nothing. Indeed, NATO is a "systemic challenge" for global security.

NATO, or North Atlantic Treaty Organization, always poses as a regional defensive organization. However, it has never stopped geographical expansion. It has started and been involved in a big number of wars, killing innocent civilians, hurting world peace and creating humanitarian disasters.

To seek its own absolute security, NATO constantly moved its borders

eastward, which led to the bitter fruit of the Ukraine crisis that seriously impacted the peaceful development of Europe and even the world at large.

NATO's previous expansions and disruptive practices were all under the disguise of "consolidating democracy" and "extending stability, promoting common values." Today, it is once again playing the same old trick, calling it a conspiracy to disrupt the Asia-Pacific region a move to protect "international order" and safeguard its values. Even former NATO Secretary General Javier Solana warned that a "global NATO" or "NATO plus" could divide the world into adversarial blocs.

The outdated Cold War script must not be repeated in the Asia-Pacific, neither shall the disorder and conflict currently taking place in Europe be duplicated in the region.

People's Daily

Troops patrol Sri Lankan streets, president's resignation awaited

COLOMBO

SRI LANKA'S main city, Colombo, was calm yesterday as people waited for the resignation of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, although a curfew was imposed and troops patrolled the streets to prevent any outbreak of violence.

Rajapaksa, who fled to the Maldives on Wednesday to escape a popular uprising over his family's role in a crippling economic crisis, was on his way to Singapore, according to a Sri Lankan government source.

His decision on Wednesday to make his ally Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe the acting president triggered more protests, with demonstrators storming parliament and the premier's office demanding that he quit too.

"We want Ranil to go home," Malik Perera, a 29-year-old rickshaw driver who said he took part in the parliament protests, said on Thursday. "They have sold the country, we want a good person to take over, until then we won't stop."

Protests against the economic crisis have simmered for months and came to a head last weekend when hundreds of thousands of people took over government buildings in Colombo, blaming

the powerful Rajapaksa family and allies for runaway inflation, shortages of basic goods and corruption.

Rajapaksa, his wife and two bodyguards fled the country on an air force plane early on Wednesday and headed to the Maldives.

Inside the president's residence, ordinary Sri Lankans wandered the halls on Thursday, taking in the building's extensive art collection, luxury cars and swimming pool.

"The fight is not over," said Terence Rodrigo, a 26-year-old student who said he has been inside the compound since it was taken over by protesters on Saturday along with the prime minister's official residence.

"We have to make society better than this. The government is not solving people's problems."

The usual protest sites, however, were calm and organizers started handing the residences back to the government.

"With the president out of the country ... holding the captured places holds no symbolic value anymore," Chameera Dedduwage, one of the organisers, told Reuters.

But another organizer, Kalum Amaratunga, said a crackdown could be im-



Sri Lanka army soldiers stand guard near the parliament building in Colombo yesterday, a day after thousands of protesters stormed into Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe's office after he was named acting president. AFP

minent after Wickremesinghe branded some protesters "fascists" in an address the previous evening.

The government has imposed a curfew in Colombo from noon (0630 GMT) on Thursday to early morning on Friday in a bid to prevent further unrest. Local media showed armoured vehicles with soldiers atop patrolling the city's streets.

The military said troops were empow-

ered to use force to protect people and public property.

One killed in clashes

Police said one person was killed and 84 injured in clashes between riot police and protesters on Wednesday near the parliament building and the prime minister's office, as people demanded the ouster of both Rajapaksa and Wick-

remesinghe. The army said two soldiers were seriously injured when they were attacked by protesters near the parliament building on Wednesday evening and that their weapons and magazines were snatched.

Police said the man who died was a 26-year-old protester who succumbed after he was injured near the prime minister's office.

Rajapaksa had repeatedly assured the speaker of parliament that he would step down on Wednesday, but his resignation letter had not arrived as of Thursday, said an aide to Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena.

The speaker could seek the advice of the attorney general on next steps if the letter did not come by the end of the day, said the aide, who did not want to be named given the sensitivity of the matter.

Former prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and former finance minister Basil Rajapaksa, both brothers of the president, informed the Supreme Court through their lawyer that they would remain in the country until at least Friday, in response to a petition filed by anti-corruption body Transparency International seeking action "against persons responsible for the current economic crisis".

Serbian leader says conflict in Ukraine is world war where West is fighting against Russia

BELGRADE

THE conflict in Ukraine is a world war, where the West is fighting against Russia by means of Ukrainian soldiers, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic said on Wednesday.

"We should understand that amid the world war, all the talks that its is a regional or a local war must be dropped. The entire Western world is fighting against Russia via Ukrainians. It is global conflict," he said in an interview with Pink TV.

According to the Serbian leader, the situation in Ukraine is also telling on the Balkans. He vowed, however, that Serbia will spare no effort to preserve peace in the region.

On February 24, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a special military operation in response to a request for help by the heads of the Donbass republics.

He stressed that Moscow had no plans of occupying Ukrainian territories, but aimed to demilitarize and denazify the country. After that, Western countries imposed harsh sanctions against Russia.



Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic

UN chief calls for action in 4 areas to build back better from COVID-19

UNITED NATIONS

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday called for immediate action in four areas so that the world can build back better from COVID-19 and further advance sustainable development.

The first area is recovery from the pandemic in every country, he said.

"We must ensure equitable global access to COVID-19 vaccines, therapies and tests. And now it is very important to have a serious effort to increase the number of countries that can produce vaccines, diagnostics, and other else technologies thinking about the future," he told the opening of the ministerial segment of the High-level Political Forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the UN Economic and Social Council.

Governments must work together with the pharmaceutical

industry and other stakeholders to share licenses and to provide technical and financial support to allow many other countries to produce vaccines and other important medical products. There is also a need to make sure future outbreaks of disease are better managed by strengthening health systems and ensuring universal health coverage, he said.

The second area is to tackle the food, energy and finance crises, said Guterres.

Ukraine's food production and the food and fertilizer produced by Russia must be brought back to world markets despite the ongoing conflict. But there can be no solution to today's crises without a solution to the crisis of economic inequality in the developing world, he said.

"We need to make resources and fiscal space available to countries and communities, including middle-income countries that have an even more lim-



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

ited financial toolbox than three years ago. This requires global financial institutions to use all the instruments at their disposal, with flexibility and understanding," he said.

The global financial system is failing the developing world. The world needs a system that works for the vulnerable, not just the powerful, he said.

The third area is to invest in

people, he said.

The pandemic has shown the devastating impacts of inequality within and between countries. Time and again, it is the most vulnerable and marginalized who suffer most when crises hit. It is time to prioritize investment in people; to build a new social contract based on universal social protection; and to overhaul social support sys-

tems established in the aftermath of World War II, he said.

The fourth area is climate action, said Guterres.

The battle to keep the 1.5-degree goal alive will be won or lost this decade. While achieving this goal requires a reduction in global emissions of 45 percent below 2010 levels by 2030, current pledges would result in a 14 percent increase in emissions by that date, he noted.

Ending the global addiction to fossil fuels through a renewable energy revolution is priority number one. Developed countries must make good on their 100-billion-U.S. dollar climate finance commitment to developing countries. Developing economies must have access to the resources and technology they need. Everyone in climate-related high-risk areas should be covered by early-warning systems within the next five years, he said.

The world faces cascading

crises that are causing profound suffering today, and carry the seeds of dangerous inequality, instability and climate chaos tomorrow, he warned.

The ripple effects of the Ukraine conflict have hit amid a fragile and uneven recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, while the climate emergency is gathering pace. Some countries are investing in recovery through a transition to renewable energy and sustainable development. But others are unable to do so, because of deep-rooted structural challenges and inequalities, at global and national levels, he said.

Some 94 countries, home to 1.6 billion people, face a perfect storm: dramatic increases in the price of food and energy, and a lack of access to finance. There is a real risk of multiple famines this year. Next year could be even worse if fertilizer shortages affect the harvests of staple crops, he warned. *Xinhua*

China builds world's largest 5G network three years after issuance of 5G commercial licenses

SINCE the issuance of 5G commercial licenses in China three years ago, remarkable progress has been made in the country's 5G construction.

As of the end of April, China had built over 1.6 million 5G base stations nationwide, or over 60 percent of the global total. The number of 5G mobile phone users in the country hit a record high of 413 million. Besides, China is also leading the world in the number of 5G standard-essential patents.

Apart from driving leapfrog growth in the communication industry, 5G is also injecting strong impetus into the digitalization of China's economy and society.

Over the past three years, 5G has penetrated commercial situations in autopilot, the internet of things, smart transportation, smart healthcare, and remote education quicker than expected.

The integration of 5G into traditional industries, such as manufacturing, transportation, energy, healthcare, and education, is accelerating.

For instance, 5G network has covered underground mines and is enabling real-time communication between control stations and underground workers; 5G signal is now available between the base camp and the peak of Mt. Qomolangma; 5G network enables the high-traffic and high-speed transmission between offshore oil platforms; during the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, an extra-HD live streaming studio was established on a high-speed train running at a speed of 350 km per hour thanks to the application of the 5G technology.

So far, there have been more than 20,000 cases of 5G applications in manufacturing, health-



A technician installs equipment at a 5G base station in Yuncheng, north China's Shanxi province, May 17, 2022. File photo

and mining industries, covering 40 divisions of the Chinese economy.

Crossover innovation is quickening between 5G, big data, cloud computing and AI technologies and industrial sectors such as steelmaking, automobile, equipment manufacturing, electronics and petroleum. More than 2,000 "5G + industrial internet" projects are currently under construction, helping enterprises improve product quality, lower cost, and increase profit in a sustainable way.

Pursuing in-advance 5G construction to promote wider use of the technology, China has seen increasing investment in 5G development over the past three years, from 40 billion yuan (\$5.97 billion) in 2019 to 170 billion yuan in 2020, and to 184.9 billion yuan in 2021.

The prospering 5G development has hastened Chinese industries' digital transformation.

According to statistics, 5G technologies and applications contributed 1.3 trillion yuan directly to China's total economic output

erate 5G infrastructure construction, guide and expand effective investment, enhance 5G network co-building and co-sharing to expand the intensiveness and extensiveness of 5G coverage," said Zhao Zhiguo, director general of the Bureau of Information and Communications Administration of the MIIT. According to him, China will build another 600,000 5G base stations this year.

Besides, the ministry will also establish 1,000 5G industry virtual private networks and set 100 exemplary models in 10 5G verticals to build an upgraded version of "5G + industrial internet," Zhao noted.

So far, the 5G network has covered all prefectural-level cities and county seats in China. As investment keeps expanding and technologies maturing, 5G will inject stronger impetus into the social and economic development of China.

People's Daily



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Last July, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) issued an action plan of 5G development in collaboration with several other departments, requesting to promote 5G application in 15 industries, including industrial internet, finance, education and healthcare. The government work report this year also emphasized the large-scale application of the 5G technology.

"This year, the MIIT will accel-

Moscow shaping stance on EU guidance for Kaliningrad transit, says diplomat

MOSCOW

RUSSIA is formulating its position on the European Commission's guidance regarding transit to the Kaliningrad Region presented on Wednesday, Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said.

"They published a decision yesterday. I mean, the European Commission, or, rather, not even a decision but guidance. It lifts restrictions on a certain range of products, goods that are transported [to the Kaliningrad Region] via rail.

Actually, we commented on this yesterday, and we still think that this is a display of realism and common sense. <-> We are shaping a position," she told the Soloviev Live TV channel yesterday.

The diplomat specified that not only the Foreign Ministry but other agencies as well were dealing with this issue because "this is about the situation in the region, [which is] a federal entity," and, if needed, a response will be formulated and presented from all the agencies.

"It seems to me that they realized that the situation had already come to a dead end, and it is very dangerous and explosive," the spokeswoman said.

On June 18, Lithuania blocked the transit of goods specified by the European sanctions to and from Kaliningrad. The



Russian Foreign Ministry Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova

Russian Foreign Ministry and the Kremlin stated that Vilnius' actions were unlawful and contradicted international agreements. In their turn, the Lithuanian government and the EU leadership noted that the country had not introduced any unilateral or additional restrictions and was simply consistently implementing the current European sanctions.

According to the European Commission's guidance, the rail transit of oil and petroleum products, coal, steel and iron, wood, cement, and other non-military goods to Kaliningrad is not prohibited. Following the publication of the guidance, Lithuania's Foreign Ministry said that Vilnius assesses it positively and "will effectively ensure the application of sanctions by closely monitoring, principally and effectively verifying whether Russia is attempting to abuse its transit possibilities."

Earlier, Zakharova said that Moscow would closely monitor the EU's steps on the Kaliningrad transit issue. She also noted that while the European Commission's decision displayed "realism and common sense," the Russian Federation still had questions about the content of the document. *Agencies*

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to increase annual payout to 9 billion USD

NEW YORK

THE Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced Wednesday its intent to increase its annual payout to 9 billion U.S. dollars by 2026, a 50 percent rise over its pre-pandemic levels.

A press release from the foundation said the foundation's board of trustees is fully aligned with the plan to increase the annual payout, which will enable the founda-

tion's partners to accelerate pandemic recovery and regain ground in existing focus areas. Bill Gates himself also announced at the same time a 20 billion dollars gift to the endowment, while Warren Buffett made a 3.1 billion dollars annual gift last month. Added together, the foundation's endowment will be approximately 70 billion dollars, according to the release. "Thanks to the unparalleled

generosity of Bill, Melinda, and Warren, the foundation is in a strong position to help respond to critical headwinds in health and development now and into the future," said foundation CEO Mark Suzman. "Despite huge global setbacks in the past few years, I see incredible heroism and sacrifice all over the world and I believe progress is possible," said Bill Gates, co-chair of the foundation.

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Cricketers making GP Pak Stars outfit share game tactics when the club participated in a recent Dar es Salaam Cricket (DC)-organized tournament fixture. PHOTO: COURTESY OF GP PAK STARS

GP Pak Stars in pursuit of progression to 2022 DC GP T20 Big Bash League final

By Guardian Reporter

THE RACE for the title in the 2022 GP DC T20 Big Bash League has gained momentum, given GP Pak Stars will be confronting Caravans Cricket Club in the last-four round tie at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) venue tomorrow.

The two outfits will again be facing each other in the showdown, given the clubs had earlier locked horns at Annadil Burhani Club's oval on July 3, with Caravans Cricket Club winning by four wickets.

In this weekend's duel, GP Pak Stars are expected to bank on reliable players that include Mudasser Mukaddam, Talha Sayed, Humayun Taj, and skipper Muzamil Hussain to tame Caravans Cricket Club.

Hussain, in particular, was impressive at the crease in the previous duel, ending with 63 runs to his name, although GP Pak Stars suffered the loss.

He is set to again display his virtuosity at the crease and give his outfit the much-needed motivation to come out victoriously.

Taj that was slotted in as an opening batsman in the previous due sought to make his presence felt with a double-digit figure and he is also set to offer meaningful contribution at the crease.

The two clubs' first meeting happened to be a tightly contested match, which ended with Caravans Cricket Club beating their opponents.

The tie that was one of the DC GP Big Bash T20 League opening day's fixtures played at Annadil Burhani Club's oval had GP Pak Stars notching 126/9 in 20 overs when the club opted to bat after winning the toss.

Skipper Hussain that had opened the innings

led the pack with his 41-ball 63, and fellow opener Taj chipped in with 24 runs.

Caravans Cricket Club's Manoj Kumar had the side getting a breakthrough, having dismissed Hussain and helped to restrict the target.

Experienced spinner Kassim Nassor was impressive during Caravans Cricket Club's turn with the ball, ending with three wickets.

Caravans Cricket Club's bowling unit members, Jitin Pratap Singh, Manoj Kumar, and Akhil Anil equally had meaningful contributions notching two wickets each.

In response, Caravans Cricket Club started well with both openers Nassib Kelvin 25 runs (18) and Nandakishan Pottachira 38 runs (16) providing a solid foundation in the chase.

The two openers had Caravans Cricket Club reaching 67 runs in the sixth over when Kelvin was dismissed by Mudasser Mukaddam.

The match was eventually won by Caravans Cricket Club in 12.2 overs with Anil recording 30 runs not out (14) and playing a pivotal role in the chase.

Akhil was for his stellar exploits awarded Man of the Match honour after the culmination of the tie.

Winners of the last-four stage match will come up against one of the showdown's strong favourites, Aruti Aces, in the final on Sunday.

Aruti Aces sailed through to the final having cruised to a seven-run win over Upanga Sports Club in the other knockout tie played on July 9.

The showdown, hosted by Dar es Salaam Cricket, is sponsored by General Petroleum Ltd.

Other sponsors are VJ Mistry, New Rainbow Africa, Shamsu Pharmacy, Unisof, Sunkist Bakery, Imports International, and Munchies.

Kevin Spacey pleads not guilty to UK sexual assault charges

LONDON

OSCAR-WINNING actor Kevin Spacey pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of sexually assaulting three men a decade or more ago, and was told he would face trial next year.

Spacey (pictured), 62, stood in the dock and spoke clearly as he replied "not guilty" to each of the five charges during a hearing at London's Central Criminal Court, commonly known as the Old Bailey.

Judge Mark Wall set a date of June 6, 2023, for the trial to start and said it would last three to four weeks. It is likely to be at the Old Bailey, the venue for Britain's highest-profile criminal trials.

The former "House of Cards" star, who ran London's Old Vic theater between 2004 and 2015, denied four counts of sexual assault and one count of causing a person to engage in penetrative sexual activity without consent.

The incidents allegedly took place in London between March 2005 and August 2008, and one in western England in April 2013. The victims are now in their 30s and 40s.

Spacey's lawyer previously said the actor "strenuously denies" the allegations.

Spacey, who has addresses in London and the U.S., was granted bail and allowed to return to the United States after a preliminary hearing last month. The judge continued the actor's unconditional bail on Thursday, and said another pretrial hearing would be held early in 2023.

Spacey thanked the judge at the end of the

15-minute hearing. He made no comment as he left court and was ushered through a crowd of photographers and camera crews into a chauffeur-driven car.

Spacey won a best supporting actor Academy Award for the 1995 film "The Usual Suspects" and a lead actor Oscar for the 1999 movie "American Beauty."

But his celebrated career came to an abrupt halt in 2017 when actor Anthony Rapp accused the star of assaulting him at a party in the 1980s, when Rapp was a teenager. Spacey denies the allegations.

Spacey faces a separate civil sex-assault lawsuit from Rapp in U.S. federal court in New York.



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Potential starting XI for Yanga in 2022/23 season

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

YOUNG Africans, alias Yanga, are gearing up for another Premier League title defence as the outfit's head coach Nasredine Nabi looks to retain the crown.

The Green and Yellow outfit wrapped the 2021/22 Premier League title with three games to go and also ended their campaign unbeaten with a 1-0 victory over Mtwara Sugar on the final day at Dar es Salaam's Benjamin Mkapa Stadium last month.

But rather than rest on their laurels, Yanga is already working on upgrades to their squad for next season, with four confirmed signings so far and a fifth in place.

Here is how the club could line up in the 2022/23 season.

Yanga's goalkeeping options are pretty damn strong, with Malian international Djigui Diarra, arguably the best stopper in the Premier League, ably supported by Abdultwalib Mshery in cup competitions. Diarra remains the undisputed number one.

There is also another senior goalkeeper on their books, Eric Johora, but Ramadhan Kabwili has finally been let go.

It is certainly not an area that Yanga actively needs to strengthen.

Defense is another strong area for Yanga, who are blessed with options on the right, and in the middle.

However, Yanga's one relative weak spot - for want of a better phrase - is at left-back.

A combination of form and injuries to Yassin Mustapha, Adeyoun Saleh, and David Bryson meant Kibwana Shomari, who is a right-back, filled duty on the left.

Saleh left during the mini-transfer window and Mustapha could leave this transfer window as a free agent.

As a result, Congolese international



Yanga's midfielder, Denis Nkane.

Joyce Lomalisa has been signed, Lomalisa is expected to be the automatic number one left full-back while Djuma Shaban will continue on the right full-back channel.

Elsewhere in defense, Bakari Mwamnyeto and Yannick Bangala look to have the center-back roles locked down.

The otherwise excellent Dickson Job could serve as a backup to the two senior center-backs.

Yanga's real strength in depth is in the center of the park, although plans are afoot to make sure they continue to build rather than stagnate.

Feisal Salum, Khalid Aucho, Zawadi Mauya, and Abubakar Salum are among the riches at Yanga's midfield disposal.

Mauya has been given a contract extension but will certainly drop down the pecking order.

Former Newcastle United midfielder Gael Bigirimana has been brought in to provide a great screen in front of the back four.

Salum 'Feitoto' was Yanga's most creative midfielder in the 2021/22 season and will remain a regular part of the team, this leaves little room for Yacouba Songne to stay.

New arrivals Bernard Morrison and Stephane Aziz Ki are strong candidates to take the spots on the wing, with last season regulars Jesus Moloko, Dennis Nkane, and Farid Mussa falling down the pecking order.

Adding Lazarous Kambole to Fiston Mayele, Heritier Makambo,

Chrispin Ngushi, and Yusuph Athuman means Yanga has an abundance of riches up front.

Mayele who had an outstanding debut campaign will continue to provide a focal point in the attack, a loan move for Athuman would make sense.

The young striker, though, could be kept to maintain local options as a result of league regulations restrictions on a maximum of eight foreign players per game.

There are question marks over whether Makambo, Ngushi, and Ushindi are worth keeping.

However, much like with fellow underachievers, finding a club willing to open their wallets for Makambo and Ngushi could be tricky.

Makambo still has enough of a reputation to demand some interest at least with Singida Big Stars, the club being most strongly linked so far albeit a loan move is a likely option.

There have also been strong links with Simon Msuva, and that deal ultimately feels more realistic at this stage after the Tanzanian international won his case against his former club, Morocco's Wydad AC, to become a free agent.

Msuva would bring a welcome headache to Nabi's forward selection, he certainly will not join to warm the bench.

Yanga leaders should assure availability of investors, new system efficiency

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

YANGA held an election in Dar es Salaam on July 9, ushering in new leaders who will serve for four years.

It is the first election after the outfit's members had given green light to a new constitution that legalizes a new system of transformation at the club.

Local football stakeholders wish the elected leaders well, the officials have a lot of work to do now to manage the club's operating system changes.

Everyone waited for years for Yanga to have a new system, but now the transformation process may be completed at the side.

Is any local football enthusiast thinking this is the first time Yanga has made this change?

They have done it in the past but it was not successful, they did it during Abbas Tarimba's tenure as chairman.

Yanga drafted a new constitution, in the current system they wanted to divide shares to the outfit's company and the other to members, this process though failed.

Many club members, particularly Yanga elders, opposed it, when Yusuf Manji was the Jangwani Street side's sponsor he tried to bring in the Chief Executive Officer from Kenya to oversee the process, and the elders rejected the official.

The process remained only in the constitution, but did not bear fruit, Yanga continued to run through the old forms of club governing, but it remained the same.

But since Manji later came forward and managed everything, it did not seem like a problem, the sponsor made Yanga very strong in the country.

He broke Simba's dominance in the country, he signed quality players and paid for the team's camp and players' salaries. Yanga became prosperous, and it was feared locally and outside the country.

Manji thought did these at will, he did them of his own free will since he paid all the bills, no one ever



Yanga's newly elected president, Hersi Said, speaks to the club's members shortly after the completion of the side's election that took place at the Julius Nyerere International Conference Center in Dar es Salaam last weekend. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

complained, and it all went well.

Initially, he started operating as a sponsor and later became Chairman. Why did Manji and his wealth decide to become the Chairman of Yanga? He decided because he was dishing out a lot of money.

He wanted to have the authority and control over the money he hands over, he wanted to see how the money was spent.

In this he succeeded, when Yanga was under Manji the discipline was great, progress on the pitch was evident.

He brought in great coaches and paid them well, he did everything.

Despite all that he did not put the power to oversee the changes to the new constitution, he let the old system continue to work and the system was that which depended on him.

He came up with a new system of seeking to have the outfit leased to him for 10 years.

He said he would give the club 25 percent of the profits, he would foot the cost for everything while the club waits for the benefits.

The club went on strike, Mzee Yahya Akilimali, who has passed on, said during his life Yanga could not be leased as a 'pilau' pot, and the matter stalled.

What happened after Manji had left? Yanga fell like a chameleon giving birth, it became a really poor team.

It did not impress anyone at all, that is, Yanga became like an ugly-looking man with little income, will any woman love him?

However, now Yanga has tried to adopt a new system again, it has developed a strong constitution and put in place a new operating system, this might work.

First, everyone agrees that nowadays football needs money, again not a little money.

At the time the outfit was installing the new system in 2007 an expensive player was sold for \$20,000 (46m/-).

Now an average player is sold for \$100,000 (230m/-), which is eight times more.

Where does the money come from? Registration alone can cost more than 1.5bn/-, that is for just one season.

What about other needs? It is expensive. Nowadays running a side like Yanga and seeing to it that it performs well locally and in continental tournaments demands that there should be no less than 8bn/- per season, who will dish out such money? It is a question that has no answer.

The answer is a new operating system, the outfit needs strong investors, it needs strong leaders to manage these changes, and this is what Yanga is doing now.

Yanga's sponsor, GSM Group had, after disbursing funds for one year, seen the need for this new system.

That is why Ghalib Said Mohamed, GSM Group's owner, agreed to pay the money to coordinate the whole process of transformation.

After that Yanga needs someone who can manage these changes to be completed, and here is the hardest part.

Transformation is a matter that requires serious commitment and management, that is why it is up to now not known whether Simba's new system is complete or not.

The transformation is not completely clear because there is no genuine process management.

This is why GSM Group wants to have people in Yanga's current leadership to ensure that the procedures are completed.

The Jangwani Street side's new leaders have a lot of work to do to make sure investors are available and the new system works.

If they succeed football supporters will see Yanga become the biggest club in Africa, if Yanga will not be the strongest in the country, the squad's leaders will just be wasting time.

I wish the new leaders of Yanga well in managing this process of change. Let them learn where Simba got stuck and move on.

In that case, there is no need for politics, the side needs vision and great management, entertaining politics will witness the officials end their four-year term with nothing to write home about.

Man United, Erik ten Hag in danger of repeating history on tour

BANGKOK, Thailand

ON the pitch, Erik ten Hag made a dream start as Manchester United manager here with a 4-0 win over Liverpool on Tuesday night, but off the pitch he is already finding out just how tough a job it can be.

The real business of the Premier League doesn't start for another month, but the Dutch coach is discovering that even the off-season at a club like United can be a baptism of fire. His four days in Thailand were dominated by questions about his star player, Cristiano Ronaldo, and doubts about the club's ability to strengthen the squad ahead of the new campaign.

If all of this has a familiar ring to it, that's because we've been here before.

In 2013, new manager David Moyes arrived in the same part of southeast Asia for his first tour as United boss at the centre of more transfer chaos and speculation than his key man, Wayne Rooney, wanted out. The similarities between this summer and that one nine years ago are striking.

Like Ten Hag, Moyes was asked to navigate a gruelling trip half a world away in his first summer, while also trying to lead a recruitment drive to spearhead what was supposed to be a new era. Instead, Moyes arrived in Thailand facing questions about Rooney.

The England striker initially made the trip only to leave soon afterward, citing a hamstring injury. Speculation mounted that Rooney wasn't happy at Old Trafford and wanted to move to Chelsea, and at his first news conference at Bangkok's Rajamangala National Stadium, Moyes was immediately on the back foot.

"Unless I was speaking double Dutch last week, we said Wayne Rooney is not for sale," said the Scottish manager. "I think I've covered all of the things on Wayne. I've given you everything about his injury. What you must remember is that Manchester United is a football club and I've got a team, and this is not about any one individual."

"In many ways, I'm only interested in the team. I will answer questions on Wayne, but some of them are just reverting back to things I've covered."

Nearly a decade on, Ten Hag was sat in the same room on Monday afternoon saying the same thing at his first news conference of the summer -- only this time, about Ronaldo. "We are planning with Cristiano Ronaldo for this season, so that's it," he said. "I'm looking forward to working with him. He hasn't told me this (that he wants to leave). I have read it, but what I say Cristiano is not for sale, Cristiano is in our plans

and we want to have success together."

While Moyes battled to keep one player at the club, he was also struggling to bring players in, something Ten Hag will be able to sympathise with. Moyes' strategy was built around signing Cesc Fàbregas from Barcelona, but despite a series of offers from United, the midfielder stayed put. There were doubts, too, about whether Fàbregas actually wanted to move. Fast-forward nearly a decade, and there are suggestions that Ten Hag's top target Frenkie de Jong -- another midfielder from Barcelona -- is also reluctant to join.

Moyes, too, went back to his former club Everton in a bid to prise away Leighton Baines and Marouane Fellaini, while Ten Hag is keen to raid his previous employers for defender Lisandro Martínez, winger Antony and striker Brian Brobbey, the latter of whom was at Ajax prior to joining RB Leipzig last season.

Fellaini ended up being Moyes' only signing that summer, with United eventually paying £27.5 million on deadline day rather than the £23.5m that would have been due had the deal been wrapped up by July 31. It was widely regarded as a disastrous summer for new chief executive Ed Woodward, with Moyes later accepting a poor transfer window had left him fighting the early part of the season with one hand tied behind his back.

Like Woodward in 2013, this is Richard Arnold's first summer as chief executive after taking over in February. Ten Hag has secured full-back Tyrell Malacia from Feyenoord, and playmaker Christian Eriksen should follow, but speaking in Bangkok, he made it clear he needs more help.

"We know what we want, and we not only want new players -- we want the right new players," he said. "Definitely we are searching for players in midfield -- there we have a need and also in offence. We are still looking for players."

"It's going to be a long season but a season that is quite unusual due to the World Cup, so you need to be prepared for this and need more players than in a normal season."

One key difference for Ten Hag is that his reign has started with optimism after thrashing Liverpool, while Moyes had to suffer the indignity of losing 1-0 to the Singha All-Stars in his first game in charge.

Moyes was axed nine months later having never really got to grips with a job many still insist he underestimated. Ten Hag is quickly finding out just how hard it can be, but for now there is at least hope he can succeed where Moyes failed.

Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp talks to ESPN about legacy, staying on top and more

By Mark Ogden, Senior Writer, ESPN FC

IT has been the briefest of summers for Jurgen Klopp and Liverpool. Just 45 days after losing the Champions League final against Real Madrid in Paris, the team that came so close to achieving an unprecedented quadruple last season was back in action in a friendly against Premier League rivals Manchester United in Bangkok on Tuesday.

Liverpool's 4-0 defeat against United in the Rajamangala Stadium -- Erik ten Hag's first game in charge of the Old Trafford team -- is unlikely to offer a reliable guide to either side's prospects for the 2022-23 season. After all, the preseason is the time to prepare for the year ahead, to acclimate new players and learn to cope without those who have left. ESPN caught up with Klopp in an exclusive interview during Liverpool's two-day stay in the Thai capital, at the club's base at the St. Regis Hotel, to discuss the issues facing the 55-year-old manager and his players.

Mohamed Salah has committed his long-term future to the club by signing a new three-year contract, while Darwin Nunez became Liverpool's record signing in a transfer from Benfica that could be worth as much as £85 million. But there is also the challenge of overhauling last season's champions Manchester City in the Premier League, as well as bouncing back from losing to LaLiga's champions in Europe.

Looking relaxed and sounding upbeat after a short summer break, Klopp told ESPN that he is planning for the present and the future after winning two of a possible four trophies last season. The former Borussia Dortmund coach, who signed a new contract until 2026 earlier this year, also discussed his vision of Liverpool after he leaves the club.

But with the new season set to start in less than four weeks' time -- and with a World Cup wedged in the middle, from Nov. 21 to Dec. 18 -- Klopp says that the season ahead will be a challenge on and off the pitch as several teams are ready to compete for honours.

Editor's note: This interview has been lightly edited for clarity.

ESPN: How do you reflect on last season, having come so close to winning four trophies, but missing out on the Premier League and Champions League?

Klopp: I'm very positive about the season and the things we did, of course. When you are that close, it would have been nice [to win everything], but it doesn't hurt anymore.

It hurt in the moment, that's clear, when we came a bit short in the league and lost the Champions League final, but honestly, the next day [when Liverpool had a homecoming parade] showed us everything we needed to know, the people obviously. That's what we do: we do it for the people and they obviously appreciate a lot what we did over the year. It was a spectacular season with an insane amount of points, an insane amount of games and all this kind of thing, so they are really very positive reflections.

We knew that if we would have won both competitions, we would still have had to improve and change here and there. You can't always do the same stuff and hope you will have a better outcome -- you need to improve in details, and that's what we would have done had we won it, so now of course, it's all good and we are here, recharged and ready to go again.

ESPN: Sadio Mane has left Liverpool for Bayern Munich, but you have signed Darwin Nunez, having already added Luis Diaz in January. Are we seeing the evolution of your squad for the years ahead?

Klopp: It is necessary. We didn't only lose Sadio, we also lost Divock Origi and Takumi Minamoto just from the playing squad last year. Some other players might leave as well, but we brought in Luis in the winter, Darwin now, Fabio [Carvalho] and Calvin [Ramsay]. It is really exciting because the boys are fresh



Jurgen Klopp

and full of excitement -- big eyes -- being together with us, so it just changes the dynamic in the group and it's really necessary.

I'm now in my seventh season and it's important that we don't just do the same thing again and again and again. We have to push ourselves to the next level and for that you always need a new input and that's what we got.

ESPN: Salah ended speculation over his future by signing a new contract, so how important was it for the team that he decided to stay?

Klopp: Very important of course. It's always like this. If it wouldn't have happened, we would have had to deal with that, but I knew early that Mo's wish was to stay and the club wanted him to stay. Then it's just negotiations.

If you do that in other parts of business out there, nobody is aware of it. You just realise at the moment when they are still together. But in football, we all do that in public and that's why it felt, for the people, a bit nervy, but for us it was never like that.

It was a very important signing for us. I always see it like this: if we had to sign him now from another club, wow, what a player we would get. But now we have him still here and that's absolutely great. You see him here now and he is absolutely happy about the future with us, so yes, great news.

ESPN: You also committed your long-term future to Liverpool by signing a four-year contract in April, which will take you to 11 years at Anfield.

Klopp: [Laughs] Sorry!
ESPN: But having won everything as Liverpool manager, including the Premier League and Champions League, do you now look ahead and think about what you want your legacy as manager to be? What do you want, or need, to do before you leave Liverpool?

Klopp: Not really. It's not that I look at my Mainz time and think back: it's a nice memory that we went to the Bundesliga and won the league twice with Dortmund and the cup. It's all nice, but it's not the first thing I think about when I think about my time at Mainz or Dortmund, and it will not be like this when I think about Liverpool.

My target, or aim, is of course to win as much as possible, but when you leave, you have to leave the club in the best possible situation. I think that is really important. It only makes a real legacy because if you squeeze everything out of a club and leave, somebody has to clean the rubbish or whatever. That's not how it should be. The club should be in the healthiest position possible and should have a team that is ready to go for the next chapter.

But that is in the future. For the moment, I am really happy with the circumstances we have and the squad we have created.

From an age point of view, it is now really interesting, we can really mix it up. We have quality from the youth side, very experienced players and all these kinds of things in this mix. But all of them are full of determination and desire to make the next step and win more and that is what is really important. What I say is that everything we do is based on the past, but to be ready for the present and prepare the future. We have to do all of this at once, and I think we are in a good position.

ESPN: During those four years, until the end of your present contract, do you expect it to simply be a case of Liverpool vs. Manchester City for the honours? You both seem so far ahead.

Klopp: We are not that far ahead. That's always a misunderstanding of the points tally of last season.

We played Chelsea -- I don't know how many points more we had, I really don't -- but we played them four times and we didn't win one game against them. It's not be-

cause we are bad that day -- no, we were really good in those games -- but over 90 minutes each time, before the penalties [in the Carabao Cup and FA Cup finals], we never won, so Chelsea are incredibly strong.

You have to look at Tottenham, and what they are doing at the moment. They didn't get worse this year. Arsenal are still there, Man United with a new start, all these kind of things.

It's always the same and we changed a little bit -- not too much, but a bit. City changed maybe more, I don't know, but we will see in the next few weeks. But that's how it is. The basis has to be right, and it is right for us and from there, we can go. I'm not interested in the points we had last year, I'm only interested in what we can get this season, but I am positive, really optimistic, but I'm not sure, so we will have to fight and see what the outcome is.

ESPN: What impact will the World Cup have on the season ahead? Do you expect it to create uncertainty?

Klopp: In all parts it is strange, domestically and internationally. In Germany, they stop playing then start again in late January. We start again on Boxing Day. That means [the World Cup] has an impact in the Champions League if you are still in it then. I haven't yet planned that far, but it is clear that it is a massive challenge and what we have to do here is prepare as good as possible for the next period until November.

We have a big group [of players] going to the World Cup, but thank god they can't all go to the final. A lot of them can go to the semis, which is the same length of the tournament, so it will be tough. And then a week later, the boys have to play again.

It's really, really hard, but that's the situation and it's the same for all of us and that's the only good thing about it.

In Europe, I don't know, but in Germany it is an extremely long break and that is a challenge too -- to pick up again and get rhythm, but at least the ones at the World Cup get a long enough break. Our players again -- surprise -- don't have a real break, but everyone expects them to perform again one week after they might have won the World Cup.

Liverpool fans unfairly blamed at UCL final - senate

PARIS

A FRENCH Senate report on Wednesday slammed organisational failings that resulted in chaotic scenes at the Champions League final in May between Liverpool and Real Madrid.

The final at the Stade de France in Paris was delayed after police forcefully held back people trying to enter the ground. Liverpool lost the final 1-0 to Real Madrid.

Riot police sprayed tear gas at fans, including women and children. Liverpool fans, including the Liverpool city region mayor Steve Rotherham, also said they were robbed by criminals in the Paris suburb of Seine St Denis.

French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin has consistently said that one of the main problems was large numbers of Liverpool fans turning up without valid tickets, but the Senate report highlighted other failings.

"Ticketing cannot be considered as the sole or main reason for the incidents," said Senator Laurent Lafon.

"There was a lack of organisation between the different parties concerned," added Lafon, pointing to insufficient co-ordination between police, security at the stadium and transport officials dealing with a public transport strike on the day.

Darmanin and French Sports Minister Amelie Oudea-Castera have apologised to supporters caught up in the trouble, but have maintained that many Liverpool supporters arrived with fake tickets -- something denied by Liverpool fans.

The spokesman for British Prime Minister Boris Johnson also said in May that Johnson was hugely disappointed by how Liverpool fans had been treated in Paris, while Darmanin had said Liverpool fans posed public order problems.

The trouble also marred France's image as a host of major sporting events, with the country due to stage the 2023 Rugby World Cup and 2024 Olympics.

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Liverpool's Jurgen Klopp talks to ESPN about legacy, staying on top and more

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Tanzania Tourist Board (TTB)'s Acting Director of Marketing, Philip Chitaunga (3rd L), hands over football jerseys to Magnet Youth Academy's footballers in Dar es Salaam yesterday. The youthful footballers took part in a clinic conducted by Spanish Premier League's Celta Vigo coaches, Andrian Abalo Cerezo, Oscar Aldao Ferreira, and Juana Miguel Lopez Sanchez in the city recently. A total of 150 football jerseys were handed over to the academy's players who participated in the clinic. PHOTO: COURTESY OF MAGNET YOUTH ACADEMY

Simba SC strikes major sponsorship deal with betting firm

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

NBC Premier League side Simba SC on Thursday unveiled sports betting firm, M-bet, as its main sponsors for the next five years. The value of the package will be available to the public on August 1.

The club's official press release read: "Simba SC has signed a five-year contract with Tanzania's sports betting firm, M-Bet, as the club's main sponsor."

"The partnership agreement between Simba SC and M-Bet was signed on July 1, 2022. More details of the sponsorship agreement will be released by both parties on August 1, 2022," the release said.

The M-bet's logo will appear on the front of both Simba SC's men's and women's teams' kits, as well as on screens and backdrops at their home stadium, their training ground, and across their digital platforms.

The sports betting firm has been spreading its wings by sponsoring several sports events in the country and yesterday, they scored big by securing the sponsorship of one of the biggest clubs.

According to M-Bet officials, the term begins in the 2022/23 season and was prompted by Simba SC's popularity in Tanzania.

The previous deal, which Simba SC signed with SportPesa in June 2017, expired at the end of June this year.

Under the SportPesa package, which ran for five years, the betting firm is believed to have pumped more than 5.2bn/-.

The contract ran out in June this year and subsequent talks to renew it did not materialize.

The M-bet's logo appeared on the front of Kinondoni Municipal Council FC's shirts during the 2021/22 NBC Premier League season.

It is yet unknown if the firm will continue sponsoring the Kinondoni-based team in the new season.

The M-Bet operates in Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia, DR Congo, and Uganda where the majority of the population has access to mobile phones and there are mobile payment services.

Young Africans, alias Yanga, have reportedly reached an agreement with SportPesa to renew their deal.

The Guardian understands that the partnership deal will come into effect when the 2022/23 NBC Premier League season kicks off.

The 2022/23 campaign will officially kick off on August 13 with a Community Shield clash between Simba SC and Yanga, whereas the NBC Premier League will start on August 17.

Kapombe confirms Simba SC's desire for next season

By Correspondent Nassir Nchimbi

SIMBA SC right-back Shomari Kapombe has vowed to step up his performance alongside the rest of the club's squad for the upcoming Premier League, Azam Sports Federation Cup (ASFC), and CAF Champions League.

The side ended the 2021/22 season empty-handed, losing the Premier League silverware and the ASFC title to rival, Yanga.

The Msimbazi Street squad was moreover knocked out of the quarterfinals of the 2021/22 CAF Confederation Cup by South Africa's Orlando Pirates via a penalty shootout.

Kapombe said last season was tough for them, but Simba SC has planned to fight next season to regain its lost glory.

"Last season was not good for us, we lost everything, it hurt us, but next season we will fight to regain our dignity," the defender pointed out.

The footballer stated: "We know what it takes to retain our trophies, we have the most talented squad with an elite mentality."

He stressed: "We need to stay fit ahead of the most prestigious season, teams are getting better and that serves as a wake-up call to us to improve our playing style and get more wins."

Kapombe revealed: "We believe our team will next season be better because the leadership knows where we went wrong. The fans ought to have faith in their team, we will not let them down."

Simba SC Information and Communication Manager Ahmed Ally said they are targeting to continue entertaining members and enthusiasts by announcing three more players, after unveiling Ghanaian midfielder Augustine Okrah last Wednesday.

"Certainly, our members and fanatics were very happy after introducing Okrah to them, I received many calls and text messages from various people confirming their happiness, following the registration of this player," the official stated.

Ally said: "I have also received messages from many Ghanaian writers congratulating us on signing Okrah."

He stated: "This has shown me that Ghana's media has already started tracking this player, and they will also be following our league next season."

"I am still telling the other three that we will introduce them soon, Simba SC will next season be very fearsome, we are waiting for the start of the season to demonstrate our commitment to restoring dignity in Tanzania, and the squad will also fight to achieve our goal of playing in the CAF Champions League semi-finals," Ally noted.

So far Simba SC has introduced five players namely Moses Phiri (Zambia), Victor Akpan (Nigeria), Augustine Okrah (Ghana), and Tanzanians Nassoro Kapama and Habib Kyombo.

Augustine Okrah ready to work hard to reclaim Simba SC glory



Augustine Okrah. PHOTO: COURTESY OF SIMBA SC

By Correspondent Michael Mwebe

NEW Simba SC attacking midfielder, Augustine Okrah, is happy to have joined the club and is looking to work hard to achieve glory for the Msimbazi side.

The 28-year-old forward joins Simba having established himself as one of the leading strikers in the Ghana Premier League in recent seasons.

He scored 14 goals and assisted 11 in 32 appearances in all competitions for Bechem United last season.

Okrah has won the Sudanese Premier League title and Federation Cup with Al Merreikh having also played for Al Hilal and Smouha of Egypt. He was also a member of recent Ghana's national team 'Black Stars'.

In his first interview after putting pen to paper to seal his move to Dar es Salaam, the Ghanaian midfielder is looking forward to the challenge that lies ahead and knows that

only hard work will see him succeed and help the club.

Okrah noted: "It is a dream come true. I am very happy and delighted to be joining this big club in Tanzania. Yesterday I talked with my family and they wished me and Simba a good season."

The midfielder disclosed: "My friends told me to tell Simba fans that they wish them a very good season. They wished the best, so I am just hoping to have a good season with Simba."

Okrah pointed out: "It wasn't easy for me because I think before making decisions, I sat down with my management and they understand my choice so I have to follow my choice."

"It was my wish to be in Europe but as a footballer when another team shows interest and makes an offer and the offer is okay, then it is okay. I was okay with the offer and I had to make up my mind to join Simba."

"As a soldier, you always have to be ready, so every time I go to the pitch I give my best. I am not going to look at the facilities, language...I am here to work hard and give my best for the club I have signed for."

"My wish is to work hard and win something for the club and supporters. I did not expect I would get this much love."

The midfielder said: "The moment I signed the contract, the moment they unveiled me, the love that I am getting from social media is huge and I have to pay them back."



Tanzanian attacker Simon Msuva (C) that was turning out for Morocco's Wydad Athletic Club, speaks to reporters in Dar es Salaam yesterday about winning his case against the outfit which has been asked to pay the footballer more than 1bn/- for breach of contractual agreement. He has been flanked by his consultant Yasmin Razack (R) and the press conference's coordinator, Sunday Mwakanosya. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT JUMANNE JUMA

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18:00 eNewz
18:30 SKONGA
19:00 EATV SAA 1
20:00 DADAZ (r)
21:00 Friday Night Live
23:00 Kurasa (r)
23:05 EATV SAA 1 (r)

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06:00 Supa Breakfast
10:00 MAMAMIA
12:00 Kipenga Xtra
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