Addis’ New Manager to focus on addressing injustice, good governance

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During a regular session held on Wednesday, the Addis Ababa City Council approved a total of eight appointments nominated by the Addis Ababa City Mayor for various posts in the city administration, including Tiratu’s new post.

These latest appointees include Meskerem Feleke (Head of Housing Development and Management Bureau), Ayalew H/Mariam (Enq.) (Head of Construction Bureau), Meskerem Mengistu (PhD) (Commissioner of Planning Commission), Mekonen Hagasa (PhD) (Head of Land Development and Management Bureau), Muhizak Habtu (PhD) (Head of Industry Bureau), Tefera Mola (Head of Labor

Pre-conditions impede Commission’s reconciliatory efforts

By Yonas Abiye

The Ethiopian Reconciliation Commission (ERC) disclosed that its efforts to mediate the current impasse between the Federal government and Tigray Regional State have been hampered by pre-conditions set by both parties before they sit at a round table.

Chairman of the Reconciliation Commission, Berhaneyesus Demere, Surafel (who is also the head of the Ethiopian Catholic Church), accompanied by his vice, Yetnebersh Negussie and Debebe Eshetu, briefed journalists on Thursday regarding the commission’s first quarter performance and responded to several outstanding issues raised by the media.

According to the Reconciliation Commission, over 370 traditional reconciliation and conflict resolution mechanisms were documented during the first quarter of the Ethiopian budget year.
The imperative to reform the political culture

Ethiopia has embarked on a journey to extricate itself from centuries of poverty and backwardness and steer on the path to modernity and prosperity. Needless to say, this aspiration may not be realized without a visionary generation and leadership as well as a broad consensus on matters having a fundamental bearing on the national interest. Though Ethiopia has a sizable youth population and a wealth of natural resources, they will count for nothing if it does not utilize them properly. It may play an influential role in East Africa and beyond insofar as its people come together as one in taking steps spurring growth on all fronts. Such unity can be forged primarily through a concerted effort aimed at reforming the country’s deeply flawed political culture that has long been characterized by historically unjust relationships. The signs being seen now help to ramp up this effort.

Modern Ethiopian politics has always been afflicted with animosity and intolerance, engendering conflicts that have destroyed the lives and livelihoods of millions. Most political parties lack any semblance of ethos governing their behavior and have made pell-mell false narratives their stock-in-trade, robbing them of credibility in the eyes of the public. All this is attributable to one and one factor only—putting party interests above the public interest. Invoking the public’s name in vain has become fashionable. The unending tug-of-war between parties for selfish political ends as opposed to doing everything possible to fulfill the needs of the people has made adversaries of forces that had set out together to bring about change. Although the problem has been festering for some time, it now threatens to put paid to the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that has come Ethiopia’s way. The dominance of the political landscape by actors devoid of governing principles has meant that they cannot engage in the dialogue needed to bridge their differences and take the country forward. This has to stop immediately.

There is no denying that unless Ethiopia manages to decisively tackle the raft of intractable challenges that continue to beset it, the fate of its over 110 million people is bound to be grim. Chief among the challenges are chronic unemployment, a crumbling level of both domestic and external debt, a spiraling inflationary pressure, the perennially high number of citizens seeking emergency assistance because of natural and manmade disasters, the inability to achieve food security despite the availability of vast arable land and considerable water resources, a weak manufacturing base incapable of substituting imported capital goods and food items, a widening trade imbalance, the debilitating socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the destructive desert locust infestation. Without the concerted effort on the part of the government and other stakeholders these challenges cannot be overcome. This effort may succeed as long as the government itself and each and every segment of society uphold the rule of law, transparency and accountability. Then there can be a shared understanding on the need to create a stable and inclusive political space.

The single most important factor in securing Ethiopia’s future is the forging of a compact between its children. One of the clearest examples to date of the futility of the enmity and interfighting blighting Ethiopian politics is the release of thousands of prisoners incarcerated in jails across the country and the return of exiled individuals, political parties and insurgents following the ascension of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (PhD) to power in April 2018. The opportunities Ethiopia wasted due to their exclusion from the political arena has exacted a heavy toll on its people. It’s paradoxical that these forces are the principal instigators of the unrest riling the nation during the transition underway. It’s not too late to see through the transition so that the democratization process is laid down on a strong foundation. The political space necessary to achieving this goal requires a genuine trust between the government and citizens. Intellectuals and the elite have an obligation to promote the free flow of constructive ideas and a culture of rational dialogue. It’s also incumbent on them to do their part to raise the political consciousness of the youth so that they develop into critical thinkers that are not easily incited by elements harboring sinister agendas in perpetrating violence against fellow countrymen. As they acquire knowledge and start to better understand the intricacies of the environment they live in they will not only become intellectually curious, but also generate solutions to society’s problems. Moreover, as their world outlook expands conditions for the prevalence of the rule of law, democracy, equality and good governance are apt to be favorable; there will be no place for tyranny and lawlessness. It’s time that the political space can be truly inclusive.

In the past couple of years there have been heated debates as to whether it’s ethnic politics or citizenry politics that is appropriate for Ethiopia. The propensity of the proponents of the two schools of thought to their differences degenerate into a destabilizing discord is a sign of impermanency. Why can’t the advocates of both ideologies agree to compete peacefully in their bid to garner public support instead of treating each other as sworn enemies? Is it impossible to address citizenship or ethniccentric issues without resorting to violence and other manifestly undemocratic means? In an environment where basic liberties are fully respected these competing beliefs can be espoused freely. As long as politicians recognize the cardinal principle that they can assume the reins of power the consent of voters as expressed through free and fair elections they need to abide by their decision. It’s for this very reason that reforming Ethiopia’s political culture is a task of the utmost importance.

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IMF projects Ethiopian growth to return to pre-pandemic rates by 2022

By Birhanu Fikade

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected Ethiopia’s economic growth to contract in 2020 and 2021, with the growth returning to pre-pandemic rates by 2022. With the annual IMF October meeting still in session, the fund launched its Global Economic Outlook 2020 report a few days ago. The report cites Ethiopia among the countries to be hit by an economic contraction and further notes that it is likely to have a huge decline in growth that has never been seen in decades. The IMF projection vastly depends on assumptions of COVID-19 impacts.

The Global Economic Outlook 2020 states: “The rural and subsistence-based agricultural sector has been relatively isolated, but the tourism and hospitality services have been hit very hard. The recovery is expected to start gradually in the fourth quarter of 2020, with growth returning to pre-crisis rates by 2022.”

During a briefing on Thursday, director of regional department for Africa with the IMF, Abebe Aemro Selassie said pre-pandemic conditions have less chances of normalization before 2023 or 2024. The same holds for Ethiopia.

Despite limited and declining testing capacities, the rise of COVID-19 cases in Ethiopia is considered as the aiding factor that makes it difficult to recover to pre-COVID-19 conditions.

In line with the claims by the government of Ethiopia, IMF has underscored that the late arrival of the pandemic in Ethiopia has spread the shock into the third quarter of 2020.

IMF also projected Ethiopia’s economic growth measured in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to contract to 1.9 percent as the Sub-Saharan Africa Region will likely see a three percent contraction this year.

According to IMF projections, both in 2020 and 2021, Ethiopia will further witness declines in its real GDP growth. In addition to the meager 1.9 percent growth set for this year, it is projected to experience a stagnant growth with no real change.

While the region experiences a three percent contraction in its real GDP growth, a five percent more contraction in real per capita income is what Abebe says will unfold in Sub-Saharan Africa, an adverse impact compared to other regions with higher per capita income status. Much of the hard-earned gains now put under greater risks, Abebe warned.

Since the pandemic hit, local economic experts have been projecting low economic growth for Ethiopia as long as COVID-19 continues to impact the lives and livelihood of people. Contrary to the projections of the IMF and local experts, the government forecasted GDP to grow by 8.5 percent in 2020.

AlemayeahuGeda (Prof.), a prominent economist, painted a dire look at the growth forecast set for the new fiscal year, predicting it will further contract and even dip into negative 2.7 percent. He pointed out that recovery is going to be sluggish and gradual despite the relatively small number of cases and deaths in Africa.

Back in August, Alemayehu cast his doubt over projections made by the government for the year 2021, on a lecture attended by the public. According to Alemayehu, that estimate is not clear as to whether it takes into account the impacts of COVID-19.

“It is not clear whether the possible impacts of COVID-19 have been taken into account in this forecast. If it is not, the government needs a growth rate of 16.7 percent to attain its 8.5 percent growth projection; and this is completely unrealistic,” Alemayehu said. Elaborating on what the 16.7 percent growth incorporates, Alemayehu said the impacts of COVID-19 would force the economy to witness an 11.2 percent contraction, if the virus lasts until the end of 2020. In the worst case, the contraction could further swell up to 16.7 percent.

Speaking to the House of Peoples’ Representatives (HPR) earlier during the week, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (PhD) said that the economy grew by 6.1 percent in 2020. Concomitant to earlier projections by the Planning and Development Commission (PDC), which estimated GDP growth to decline to five to six percent in 2020, the actual growth was at 6.1, against the pre-crisis projections set at nine percent.

Apart from the GDP growth scenarios, it is to be remembered that the IMF approved a USD three billion budgetary support for the Home Grown Economic Reform Program the Abiy administration has pursued for nearly two years.

The reform program seeks to adjust the macroeconomic imbalances, sectoral progress and structural changes of the economy. Privatization and liberalization being part of
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Tension rises as Tigray accuses Central gov’t of holding up funds

By Neamin Ashenafi

The Tigray National Regional State has accused the federal government of holding up 285 million Birr for the regional safety net program. The fund was expected to be disbursed as of October to be used for the coming three months. However, the federal government has suspended the money despite outcry from the regional state.

The regional communication office, in its latest statement issued on Thursday, October 23, 2020 titled “Both the people of Tigray and the regional government will not succumb to any measure by the dictatorial and unitary group,” also accused the federal government of travel restrictions on two Chinese designers who were going to engage in the construction of a water project in Mekelle City. The regional government described the decision as a brutal move to deprive residents of Mekelle city off clean water.

According to the statement, such repetitive measures are forcing the people of Tigray to draw themselves out of the Ethiopian federal structure. The regional state then called upon the international community to understand the current affairs and take all the necessary measures.

Approached by The Reporter regarding the suspension of the safety net money, Haji Ihsa, Director of Information and Communication of the Ministry of Finance, downplayed the claim.

He said, “There is nothing officially suspended. What we are now trying to do is changing the channel. The money will be disbursed to Weredas, Kebeles and Zonal administrations. Except for our effort to crosscheck whether or not the money is utilized for the intended purpose, there is no change.” Even though the director downplayed the claim made by the regional state, a Ministry of Finance letter dated October 20, 2020 circulating on social media shows that the Tigray Regional State is not among the list of regional states to receive finances for safety net from the Ministry.

It is to be recalled, the House of Federation (HoF) decided that the federal government should sever its relationship with the Tigray regional state assembly and the region’s highest executive body. The HoF statement also noted that the federal government would continue to work with local institutions in Tigray to provide “basic services” to the region, meaning the decision did not amount to a complete severing of ties.

Senior gov’t officials hope to complete WTO accession by next year

Ethiopia is working to complete its accession to World Trade Organization (WTO) by next year, Senior Policy Advisor and Chief Trade Negotiator at the Office of the Prime Minister, Mamo Mihretu, said on Wednesday.

In an exclusive interview with ENA, Mamo revealed that the negotiation towards accession to the WTO, which started 16 years ago, is making progress.

In a multilateral negotiation held last January with WTO member countries, Ethiopia had examined its trade and investment regime against WTO agreements and requirements.

For most part, the country’s trade regime is consistent with WTO rules and regulations, the senior policy advisor said, adding that “We believe that there will not be an important setback for Ethiopia to be part of the multilateral trading system.”

Similarly, significant progress was made during bilateral trade negotiations with 8 member countries in Geneva, last January.

“The main issue when it comes to bilateral negotiations is the tariff that we apply in our trading goods and the kind of investment or service sector that we open to foreign investors,” Mamo explained.

Over 170 thousand dwellers need response

About 172,000 dwellers have become vulnerable and in need of immediate response following the disaster caused by desert locusts on about 21,000 hectares of cropland in Oromia Special Zonal Administration of Amhara regional state.

Ebire Kebede, Deputy Head of the Zonal Administration, told the EPA on Wednesday that the swarm has impacted over 61 kebeles.

Around 14,400 hectares are reported to be severely damaged. The locust swarm has also devastated 12,421 hectares of animal fodder.

The ever-increasing invasion of the desert locusts has severely damaged 24,624 croplands of households and has made 172,624 people vulnerable and seeking support.

Noting that the government is undertaking various preparations to support vulnerable households, so far, more than 2,000 quintals of wheat and 360 quintals of nourishments have been shipped to the localities of the zone and are expected to be distributed within three days.

(ENA)

(The Ethiopian Herald)
Chinese support to Ethiopia’s fight against locust invasion “means a lot”

The Chinese support to Ethiopia’s fight against one of the worst desert locust invasions in the East African country’s recent history “means a lot to Ethiopia,” Ethiopia’s State Minister of Agriculture, Mandefro Nigussie, said on Tuesday.

Speaking exclusively to Xinhua, Mandefro stressed that the desert locust is causing “tougher” impact across five regional states and one city administration – Tigray, Amhara, Afar, Somali, and Oromia regional states and Dire Dawa city administration.

“It (the locust invasion) used to be on the lowland side of Ethiopia, where we have pastoralists not crop production; but these days, it’s in Southern Tigray, Eastern Amhara, and Eastern and Western Harerge. It is coming to the highlands, where we grow crops so the problem is getting tougher but we are also establishing our capacity, increasing our spraying capacity by introducing about nine spraying helicopters and aircrafts that can help us control the pest in a short period of time,” the State Minister told Xinhua.

(Xinhua)
Ministry Starts Mentoring Future Women Leaders

By Mihret Moges

The Ministry of Women, Children and Youth (MOWCY) is implementing a takeover mentorship program for adolescent girls as part of this Year’s International Day of The Girl 2020 celebration under the theme: ‘Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow.’ According to the Ministry, the program will help adolescent girls acquire knowledge from the experiences of Ethiopia’s women leaders and empower themselves to be leaders of the future.

During the mentoring program, the adolescent girls take on a leadership role in a political, economic, social, media, entertainment space and play the role of women government officials. They also engage in the daily routine activities of women leaders for one day or at least an hour.

Likewise, women government officials take the responsibility of mentoring adolescent girls working in their organization. Accordingly, Minister of Women, Children and Youth, Filson Abdulahi has taken the first initiative to mentor.

The Ministry noted that the program is expected to be taken up by other women officials within the next weeks. International Day of The Girl exists to recognize girls’ rights and the unique challenges girls face all over the world. It is also meant to promote the empowerment of young girls everywhere, while also advocating for the attainment of their basic human rights like education and physical independence.

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and Social Affairs Bureau) and Mulugeta Tefera (Head of Revenues Bureau).

In an exclusive interview with The Reporter, Tiratu outlined the priority areas he plans to focus on as Manager of the city; accordingly, addressing mal-governance, injustice, and sanitary problems such as water shortage make up the problems on top of his list.

He said: “I will have a strong position regarding taking serious measures on bad governance, while I also try to make every effort to ensure that Addis Ababa belongs equally to every citizen.” He also noted that he intends to duplicate Hawassa’s best practice in greening and beautification to Addis Ababa. He also plans to use his education and experience in water management to tackle water quality and development issues in the capital.

During his tenure as Mayor of Hawassa, The Reporter learned, Tiratu built a reputation for being ‘unfriendly and intolerant’ to corruption.

“He is not the kind of Mayor who is confined to his office,” a civil servant close to the Mayor’s office told The Reporter; adding, “This guy [Tiratu] never found it tedious to go into the villages and check the quality of cement in road projects or any other infrastructure that is under construction in Hawassa.”

Other top officials informed The Reporter that despite Tiratu’s effort determination to transform the city, they feel he has been pressured to leave office due to current ethnic sentiments and various individuals whose self-interests have been affected under his administration.

In related news, the Hawassa City Administration Council appointed Tsegaye Tike (Ass. Prof) as the new Mayor of Hawassa replacing Tiratu Beyene on the 2nd round of its 6th parliamentary term on Thursday October 22, 2020.

Siddama was one of the 12 zonal administrations in the Southern Nations, Nationalities and People’s Region (SNNPR).

This is the first Mayoral appointment since Hawassa became the capital city of the recently formed Siddama regional state following a referendum held last year.

Accordingly, Tsegaye is expected to run the fast growing town at least until the upcoming general election.

Before the appointment, he was Head of the Urban Development Bureau of the city. He also served as Dean at Hawassa University.

In addition to Tsegaye’s appointment, the council also appointed various officials and heads of bureaus under the city administration.

HORN IN BRIEF

A400M transports Griffon armored vehicle from Djibouti

As part of an operational trial, an A400M Atlas transport aircraft of the French Air and Space Force transported for the first time a Griffon armored vehicle from Djibouti to Orleans, France.

This was the first time that an A400M had loaded and transported a Griffon, the French Army’s flagship multi-role armored vehicle. Weighing 24.5 tones, and with outsized dimensions (7.5m x 2.54m x 3.50m), it is designed to support and transport combatants, as close as possible, to combat areas. Carrying ten men, it has a strong ballistic protection capability and a remotely-operated turret with 12.7 mm machine gun and a GALIX grenade launcher system, the French Army said.

During a flight lasting approximately 7 hours, the crew composed of three pilots and three flight engineers from the 61st Transport Wing (ET) and the Tactical Transport Aircraft (EM ATT) project team from Air Base 121 at Orleans transported the vehicle.

The operation proved tricky, considering the sheer weight (20.8 tones for 37 tones load capacity of the A400M Atlas) and the size of the Griffon.

Saudi to pay millions for Sudan to accelerate normalization with Israel

Sources in Sudan and Egypt have revealed that Saudi Arabia is to pay USD 335 million to the US in order to accelerate normalization of ties between the government in Khartoum and Israel, Safiq news agency reported on Wednesday.

According to media reports, Saudi Arabia’s de facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman, intervened after US President Donald Trump set a condition that Sudan has to pay compensation to American victims of terror before removing its name from the US list of States which sponsor terrorism. The compensation being paid is to go to the families and victims of the 1998 US Embassy bombing in East Africa and the attack on the USS Cole, a guided-missile destroyer, off the coast of Yemen in 2000.

On Monday, Trump tweeted: “GREAT news! New government of Sudan, which is making great progress, agreed to pay USD 335 MILLION to US terror victims and families. Once deposited, I will lift Sudan from the State Sponsors of Terrorism list. At long last, JUSTICE for the American people and BIG step for Sudan!”

(MEMO)
Federal police arrests 14 for drug trafficking

By Samuel Getachew

14 Foreign Nationals are in custody of the Ethiopian Federal Police Commission accused of trying to smuggle drugs to Hong Kong on Monday. All except one are from Nigeria and a woman in her 20’s had come to Bole International Airport from Sao Paulo, Brazil on transit heading to Hong Kong.

The latest arrest rounds out increasing arrests of suspected traffickers, 24 in total, caught in Addis Ababa with either cocaine or cannabis.

According to the Deputy Head of the Drug Monitoring and Operation Commission of Ethiopia, Mengisteb Beyene, the suspects hid the drugs in bags and in female undergarments.

The latest arrest comes as Ethiopian Airlines opens up its sky to travelers in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing its flights to China and Hong Kong, which are popular destinations to drug smugglers.

There have been many victims from the developing world, including from Ethiopia, caught trying to smuggle drugs to China and now face a possible death sentence with lethal injection. Such people are often victims to drug traffickers’ promise of easy money.

Such case was of a Civil engineer, Nazrawit Abera, who was caught while allegedly transporting drugs. Her family alleges she was framed. While her family has appealed to the Ethiopian government for assistance, she still faces a possible death sentence and her case remains unknown even to her family members.

The Chinese Ambassador to Ethiopia last year promised to hand a pamphlet with all Chinese visas rendered to Ethiopian travelers on the risks associated with drug smuggling.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (PhD) and the Ethiopian Ambassador to China, Teshome Toga, promised to advocate on behalf of the now 30-year-old but has since been overshadowed with Ethiopia’s aspirations to develop.

South Sudan records 15 new polio cases

South Sudan said Wednesday it has recorded 15 new cases of polio, although the country was recently declared free of the virus by the World Health Organization.

The cases have prompted the launch of a vaccination campaign which is set to begin at the end of October, George Awzenio Legge, director of the Expanded Program on Immunization at the Ministry of Health, told Anadolu Agency by phone.

“We have 15 cases in the whole country, 14 of which are in the greater Bahr el Ghazal region [in the country’s northwest],” he said.

The reported cases include five in Warrap State, seven in Western Bahr el Ghazal State and one each in Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Lakes states, as well as one in the city of Torit, the capital of Eastern Equatoria State, he said.

Plan to withdraw US soldiers sparks anxiety in Somalia

Plans by the United States to withdraw its troops from Somalia has caused anxiety among partners involved in the war against terror in the country, with appeals for Washington to reconsider its decision.

There were reports that President Donald Trump had asked his top security advisers to draw up a plan for the withdrawal of US troops from Somalia in order to fulfill a 2016 campaign promise to bring US soldiers home from places like Afghanistan, Syria, and Germany.

While the plan to withdraw from Somalia is not yet concrete, it could leave the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) less effective, given that the US troops have been providing essential aerial surveillance on Al Shabaab activities and helping in air bombardments using drones.

Somalia President Abdullahi Muhammed Farmajo tweeted that his government wants the US troops to stay. “The United States military support to Somalia has enabled us to effectively combat Al Shabab and secure the Horn of Africa. A victory through this journey and for Somali-US partnership can only be achieved through continuous security partnership and capacity building support,” he tweeted.

(The East African)
By Neamin Ashenafi

In line with its long history of attracting the attention of many international actors for reasons ranging from military strategy to humanitarian assistance, Somalia has once again been the focus of international dialogues this week. The “attention” was not towards the million or so refugees and Internally Displaced Persons, the severe malnutrition among the Somali population or the apparent humanitarian emergency devastating the country. No, it rather has to do with a move taken by the White House in election season.

The news that broke early last week indicated that US President Donald Trump told top advisers he wants to withdraw US troops from Somalia. The electoral campaign decision has sent tremors in the horn and beyond. It has been reported that the President is making good on promises made on the campaign trail to bring soldiers back home.

The country still remains a hotbed for Al-Shabaab, an al-Qaeda affiliated terrorist group. Different literatures in areas of governance, politics, peace and security raise Somalia as the ultimate example of a failed state or a portrait of fragile state. Despite the protracted efforts to ensure peace, stability and a government with monopoly of power, the government in Mogadishu still finds it hard to secure the territory on its own.

The need to strengthen the central government grew to some extent with a renewed threat in the form of terror, in the wake of the bomb attacks on US embassies in the capital cities of Kenya and Tanzania in August 1998. The attacks attracted countries such as the US to intervene in rebuilding the state. This increased concern; however, it did not solely originate from the desire to help the people of Somalia in particular and countries of the Horn of Africa in general. Rather, the surge in interest originated from its strategic location for transportation and its role as a safe haven for terrorists.

While such claims and accusations were vocal and some measures were taken in the country following the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers in New York in September 2001, Somalia was added to the US shortlist for a possible intervention. While operations by AMISOM successfully established a state apparatus, which was dismantled in 1991 after the overthrow of the central government.

Somalia has been without a functioning state ever since Siyad Barre’s, the then President of the country, ouster in 1991. None of the competing factions were strong enough to take his place as ruler of the country, producing first chaos, but gradually a form of a stateless order. International interventions have since failed and counter-productive intervention by the United Nations and the United States in the early 1990s exacerbated the situation rather than mitigating the problem.

While operations by AMISOM...
According to the US Africa Command, the US has 650 to 800 troops in Somalia, including Special Forces that are helping train Somalia’s army. All or almost all were sent during Trump’s presidency.

“Trump’s desire to pull his troops out of Somalia has created unease among experts in the region and warned that it could leave a power vacuum for groups to fill. Al Shabaab continues to carry out suicide bombings and other attacks in the Eastern African country despite being the target of frequent US drone strikes.”

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CRAWLING STEADILY TOWARDS SAFE SURGERY IN ETHIOPIA

Senait Bitew is a public health professional with a nursing background. She has worked in the health sector for more than 15 years and has managed programmes for the safer surgery non-profit - Lifebox - for the past three years. This month, she was appointed Lifebox’s Head of Programmes for East Africa, where she expects to deliver programmes and strategic plans for Lifebox across the region. The Reporter’s Samuel Getachew discussed with her the activities and impacts of Lifebox.

R. Share with me the highlights of Lifebox.

S. Lifebox is an international non-profit organization working to make surgery and anaesthesia safer on a global scale by investing in tools, training, and partnerships. Founded in 2011 by four of the world’s leading medical organizations and chaired by surgeon and writer Dr. Atul Gawande, Lifebox works across three core pillars of Safe Surgery - improving anaesthesia safety, reducing surgical infection rates, and strengthening surgical teamwork. The core of our work in 2020 has been to support partner healthcare providers respond to the COVID-19 pandemic with pulse oximeters, training materials, and technical guidance.

R. What have been some of its major activities in Ethiopia?

S. Lifebox began working in Ethiopia in 2016, partnering with the Federal Ministry of Health and its partners on Safe Surgery. Work started with the distribution of pulse oximeters - the medical device that clips to your finger to measure oxygen saturation in the blood - alongside safer anaesthesia training. Not only are pulse oximeters an essential monitoring tool when patients are undergoing anaesthesia during surgery, it is also one of the critical tools in the triage of COVID-19 patients. In total, Lifebox has distributed more than 1,700 pulse oximeters to hospitals across Ethiopia - more than a third of that has been to support our health system in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

We’ve also been partnering with other Ethiopian initiatives to combat the virus, such as collaborating with N9decon and the Optical Society of American Foundation, Addis Ababa Institute of Technology (AAIT) and St. Peter's specialized hospital to build and pilot a project testing decontamination using UV-C cabinets. This pilot project is to help the COVID-19 response in Ethiopia and other African countries to help in disinfecting N95 masks by killing or inactivating the microorganisms.

Another collaboration we invested on is the partnership with the Ethiopian COVID-19 Response Team (ECRT) - a group of 1,800 volunteers and Teglabäid Polytechnic College. Lifebox is supporting ECRT's and Teglabäid Medical Device Maintenance Project to repair existing medical devices at a critical time for healthcare facilities in Ethiopia.

Before the pandemic hit, Lifebox’s main area of work in Ethiopia was Clean Cut - a program that works to reduce the rates of infection occurring after a patient undergoes surgery by partnering with facilities to improve their infection prevention practices. Clean Cut works closely to engage members of a hospital’s surgical team - surgeons, anesthesia providers, nurses, sterile processing technicians, as well as hospital management.

The most exciting part is that the pilot project in Jimma University Specialized Hospital, Tikur Anbessa Tertiary Hospital, Menelik II Referral Hospital, St. Peter’s Specialized Hospital, and Finche General Hospitals saw the rates of surgical site infections reduce by 35%. These impressive results were published in the British Journal of Surgery last month. With the support of the Federal Ministry of Health, we’re building on this success by rolling this work out to hospitals across the country and beyond.

R. How many people has it helped so far and what has been its impact on the ground?

S. Over the last nine years, Lifebox has distributed more than 25,000 pulse oximeters with training in 116 countries and trained 10,000 healthcare providers. This work has made surgery safer for over 20 million patients. Our work now, in the reality of COVID, is pivoting our work to be implemented by local teams with online support from Lifebox clinical teams. Lifebox has just appointed Dr. Tihitena Negussie Mammo, an Ethiopian Associate Professor of Pediatric Surgery and a Consultant General and Pediatric Surgeon as its Global Clinical Director to help Lifebox scale its impact across East Africa and worldwide.

R. What is its long term vision?

S. Lifebox’s vision is a world where safe surgery is no longer a luxury. Five billion people in the world lack access to safe surgery. In some parts of the world, the risk of death following surgery can be 22 times higher than in a high-income country. Lifebox will continue its work in strengthening surgical systems through tools, training and partnerships to make surgery safer - for every patient, every time.

R. How are recipients selected?

Lifebox’s work is founded on the principle that needs are greatest and Lifebox - through its partnerships with health Ministries and networks - can make the biggest impact. This impact is definitely being felt here in Ethiopia through work such as Clean Cut.
Those who meet the aforementioned criteria/requirements can apply within 5 consecutive working days from the date of this announcement.

Address: -

We would like to employee a competent candidate for the following position:

- Good communication skill
- Basic computer skill, type writing skills are advantageous.
- Salary: Negotiable
- Place of work: Addis Ababa

Only short Listed applicants will be contacted by phone.

Location: TAMRIN International Trading PLC

Tel: +251 114 431 028
Fax: +251 911 259425
Mobile Phone: +251 911 259425
Email: hamte1964@gmail.com or abiye3002@gmail.com

TAMRIN International Trading PLC would like to invite qualified and experienced candidates for the Post of General Manager

TAMRIN International Trading Private Limited Company is a private business entity which was established by two brothers in 2009 who have sound experience in trading business with the great vision of becoming a leading trading and industrial company in Ethiopia, being competitive and wining in the business market.

The company is engaged in importing Automobiles & other Industrial products & distributing to the local market, Assembling jack automobiles & exporting a multiple of oil seeds, spices & pulses to the foreign market thereby in turn contributed to the foreign exchange earning of the nation.

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<td>Senior Assessor First degree in Business Administration/ Economics/ Marketing/ Leadership/Finance/Automotive Engineering</td>
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Salary and benefits: As per company scale
Duty Station: Addis Ababa
Term of Employment: Permanent

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their application with non-returnable CV. Cover letter and supporting documents from October 21-30 2020 between 8:30 am and 5:00pm from Monday to Friday to the address provided below or e mail it at hamte1964@gmail.com

Tamin International Trading PLC
Location: Gerj in front of Arab esa Garaj near to DHL office
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Mobile Phone: +251 911 259425

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AVERTING DANGER
THROUGH HOMESCHOOLING
The Coronavirus pandemic has forced some parents to explore alternatives when it comes to educating their children. Homeschooling on their own or with the support of a school has opened avenues unexplored by the country's rigid educational policy that leaves no room for altering a curriculum to the individual needs of a student.

As school reopening schedules are announced, parents’ concerns about their children’s welfare have yet to be appeased. With over 89,000 COVID-19 cases confirmed and over 600 people reportedly infected every day, the Coronavirus is still a major deterrent to things getting back to normal.

Parents have anxiously waited for the virus to abate so their children can return for the new school year. School openings had been delayed until mid-October with the Ministry of Education instructing each institution to comply with certain guidelines before they get the green light to accept students. Rules regarding mask wearing throughout the day, hand washing and reduced number of students in a classroom are expected to reduce the spread of the virus.

However, some parents are not sure these measures are enough. Imam Mahmoud Hassen is a parent to a first grader. After analyzing the situation in the country, he has decided to begin homeschooling. “I have old people in my family that are vulnerable to the virus. It’s hard to keep my child apart from them. I don’t want to risk my child bringing the virus from school,” he remarked.

Flipper School has allowed Imam’s child and other students the option of learning from home with online classes available twice a week and with the support of parents. Imam is an experienced university teacher with ample understanding on the type of support a first grader needs away from the typical classroom setting.

“There’s a high risk of transmission in schools. Social distancing or wearing masks inside a classroom are not a complete guarantee. Students go to their respective homes after gathering in this space. We’re still learning about the nature of the virus and how long it can live on surfaces. I don’t think we can control the situation while schools are open,” he reflected.

The lack of national framework for homeschooling has left schools and parents with the task of finding their own approach. According to Imam, Flipper School has decreased class sizes by half to 10 students per teacher, making it easier to trace infections if someone were to test positive for the Coronavirus.

Not many schools have the privilege of online classes or such small classrooms.

He went on to state: “I don’t think schools have the ability to control the virus right now. Some schools are asking students to bring water with them so they can wash their hands. How many schools are able to provide sanitizers?” This question is even more pressing when one considers the financial difficulties public schools are likely to face regarding COVID-19 procedures. Even with decreased classroom sizes and attendance in alternating shifts, public schools will still be crowded enough to risk the spread of infection. The behavior of kids darts any degree of vigilance on the part of teachers to ensure tight conformity with precautions. Testing and tracing methods have not been established for schools and the existing framework for contact tracing seems to have collapsed as the Ministry of Health is mainly attempting to deal with the already infected and those in vulnerable states. Imam plans to return his son to school once the situation becomes safer.

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# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Our company KIBISH CONSTRUCTION is a progressing first class General Contractor (GC-1) chartered in Ethiopia to provide services in civil work projects, mainly road construction and maintenance, building construction and maintenance, water works, airfield construction etc. We would like to invite competent applicants who can fulfill the below listed qualifications to apply for the following positions.

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<td>Project Fleet &amp; Plants Manager</td>
<td>BSC Degree in Mechanical Engineering/ Automotive Engineering</td>
<td>12 Years in construction equipment management, 4 years as equipment administration and maintenance head</td>
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<td>Equipment and Transport Dispatching and Coordination Officer</td>
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Interested applicants are required to submit their CV, application letter and non-returnable copies of their credential in person within 10 days from the first day of this announcement.

Address: Meskel flower behind Adolfin Hotel near to Miracle Hotel
Tel: 011- 470-1294/0902-570563

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

www.thereporterethiopia.com
EXTERNAL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

WAD No.040/20

Bank of Abyssinia (BoA) West Addis District Office invites qualified applicants for the following position:

1. Job Title: Branch Manager I
   - Salary: Very Attractive
   - Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

   How to apply
   Interested applicants who meet the above criteria are invited to apply within 5 working days from the date of this advertisement. Applicants shall submit their credentials only via the link:
      Or
   2. bankofabyssinia.com/vacancy

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

DB/Vacancy- 104/20

Dashen Bank SC is pleased to announce the following vacancies

1. Job Title: Branch Manager I
   - Qualification: Bachelor Degree in a business related field e.g. accounting, management, economics, business administration etc.
   - Experience: Minimum of seven (7) years relevant experience out of which one (1) year in supervisory post.
   - Job Summary: The Branch Manager will plan, organize, lead, and control the banking activities of a branch office. S/he will ensure that operating procedures, rules, and code of practices of the Bank and regulators directives and country law are adhered to by all staff. S/ he will also coordinate the sales/business development efforts of the branch.
   - Required Competencies
     - Understanding the basic mechanisms of general financial products and services.
     - Knowledge and experience in modern service delivery practices in medium to large banks to provide guidance on quality improvements and operational changes.
     - Good knowledge and effective application of all relevant banking policies, Processes, procedures and guidelines to consistently achieve required compliance standards or benchmarks.
     - Ability to respond to basic client enquiries and instructions and the capability of advising and resolving most issues and requests.
     - Good command of Microsoft Office package.
     - Good command of Core Banking System and other in house software.
     - Project management skills

   Place of Work: Butajira, Sansusi and Welete Branches

2. Job Title: Branch Relationship Manager IFB
   - Qualification: Bachelor’s degree in business administration, banking, finance or related field.
   - Diploma/Certificate in Islamic banking, finance or related field is an added advantage.
   - Experience: Minimum of Six (6) years relevant experience
   - Job Summary: The job holder is responsible to plan, organize, lead, and control business development activities within the branch team in the assigned region.
   - The Branch Relationship Manager IFB Medium Branches will be responsible for attracting, deepening and managing financial relationship to meet deposit and Interest Free Banking and Investment growth goals, achieve business growth for the Bank in the IFB market segment, promote and sell other products and services of the Bank to enhance value-add relationship with existing customers.
   - Required Competencies
     - Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of Interest Free Banking (IFB) operations, IFB Deposits & Investment products.
     - Good Knowledge of IFB mode of finance/investments, Short/long principles and associated risks.
     - Knowledge and experience in modern sales and marketing practices in financial services industry.
     - Networking skills to effectively leverage on relationships that will enhance customer acquisition and retention.
     - Extensive banking background, including understanding credit, risk management, and compliance requirements.
     - Project management skills

   Place of Work: Dashen Bank Gode Branch, Dege Habur Branch and Dashen Bank Harar Branch

3. Job Title: Customer Service Manager I
   - Qualification: Bachelor degree in a business related field e.g. accounting, management, economics, business administration
   - Experience: Minimum of Six (6) years of banking experience
   - Job Summary: The Customer Service Manager will support the Branch Manager in coordinating all activities of Customer Service Officers (Maker/Checkers) and Senior Customer Service Officer (Cash/Accounts) within the Branch and ensure operational excellence to deliver exemplary services for high customer satisfaction levels, supporting the Bank’s growth.
   - Required Competencies
     - Understands the basic mechanisms of general financial products and services.
     - Knowledge and experience in modern service delivery practices in medium to large banks to provide guidance on quality improvements and operational changes.
     - Good knowledge and effective application of all relevant banking policies, Processes, procedures and guidelines to consistently achieve required compliance standards or benchmarks.
     - Ability to respond to basic client enquiries and instructions and the capability of advising and resolving most issues and requests.
     - Project management skills

   Place of Work: Dashen Bank Jigjiga Branch and Dashen Bank Kebri Dehar Branch

How to apply
Interested and qualified applicants fulfilling the above requirements are invited to submit in person their application letter, curriculum vitae and copies of non returnable supporting credentials along with the original documents for verification at Dire Dawa District Office Found in Dire Dawa City or Dashen Bank Talent Management Department, located in the Bank’s Head Quarter Building 8th floor located in front of National Bank of Ethiopia, until November 03, 2020.
Divided We Stand

The words nationalism and patriotism are commonly bandied about to describe people’s entrenched political commitments, and both labels have made frequent appearances in the run-up to next month’s US elections. For a psychologist, however, these terms represent distinct but variable expressions of how humans identify with their society. In fact, the personality differences between nationalists and patriots seem to span across cultures, suggesting they are part of our common heritage as humans.

Although nationalists and patriots are both nominally devoted to their society, they relate to it differently. Patriots show pride in a shared identity and sense of belonging—sentiments that come naturally to native-born citizens and naturalized immigrants alike. With their passion directed toward their own group, patriots emphasize the quotidian needs of the community: food, housing, schools, and so forth.

By contrast, nationalists couch their identity in glorification. As concerned as patriots are with caring for their fellow citizens, nationalists are preoccupied with preserving what they perceive as a superior way of life, and with keeping their people safe from outside threats.

But patriots and nationalists also have divergent ideas about what constitutes “their people.” Nationalists prize those aspects of their identity that set them apart from others. Hence, they place great importance on demonstrations of loyalty, customary rules of order, obedience to recognized authorities, and the preservation of established social relationships. These values gained purchase as once-cohesive hunter-gatherer societies settled down and differences in individual and group prestige and power emerged.

Nationalists also give “their people” a high standing, but they regard that status as something to be earned rather than merely defended. By implication, patriots allow for the possibility of continual improvement.

Looking across the natural world, we find the closest parallels to nationalists shown by the ants, which stick tightly to what amounts to a colony flag: a particular scent that all members share as a kind of emblazon of the group’s identity. In humans, a patriot can become as ardent as any nationalist in displaying allegiance to emblems such as a flag or anthem; however, nationalists are especially sensitive to such symbols.

For nationalists, even a brief exposure to the national flag or a respected leader spurs an intense reaction, as does the absence of such a symbol when one is expected. This is exemplified by the uproar among American white nationalists over black professional athletes who kneel during the national anthem to protest police violence.

While nationalists are much more suspicious of diversity than patriots are, that doesn’t mean the latter are immune to prejudice. By reserving their ardor for fellow citizens or members of their own race or ethnicity, patriots may also end up discriminating, at times unwittingly, against those unlike themselves.

As it happens, the emergence of these conflicting perspectives may have been integral to our survival. After all, each mode of thinking can be beneficial in certain contexts. In my own work as a biologist, I’ve found that groups ranging from chimpanzees to termites tend to serve two overlapping purposes: to provide for community members and to protect them. Whereas protection focuses on outsiders, the provisioning role looks inward.

The patriot-nationalist dimension of our identities could be an adaptation to coping with these diverse needs. Similar balancing acts between responsibilities exist in other animals, too. Scientists have found that ant colonies contain not just individuals who boldly rush to the colony’s defense, but others who retreat from dangers while fastidiously tending the nest. Take away too many of the latter group, and the young will starve to death. Make too many of the former, and parasites will steal the colony’s resources.

While we think of healthy societies functioning through cooperation between their members, conflicts can be advantageous, too. Even people with opposing outlooks can seldom see eye to eye, the fact is that human societies with too few or too many people at either end of the spectrum will be vulnerable to catastrophe. Still, with recent years, external forces also can sow discord and pit groups within a society against one another. And even when an outside threat does not exist, nationalism is a powerful way of life, and with keeping their people safe from outside threats.

In any case, Americans with

How Our Education System Failed the Pandemic Test

By Aemro Worku

My name is Aemro Worku. I am a Marketing Management lecturer at Addis Ababa University, one of the four generation Universities built in the third growth and transformation plan of the Ethiopian government. The University is currently labeled as a comprehensive University by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (MOSEH) when specialization was assigned to all Universities as Research Universities, Applied Universities and Comprehensive Universities.

When I started teaching at the University two years ago, I expected to meet students with diversified language, culture and skills. However, the reality was different from my expectations. Most of the students were from the region that the University is in. I know how much this will hinder their learning of new perspectives in every line of life. Above all, I know more than 75 percent of the students in the region are below standard in terms of quality including those who attend their classes under tree shelters and locally made sheds.

I was assigned to teach courses like Electronic Commerce and Marketing Information System. I tried to guess how unfair talking about Artificial Intelligence, Online Brand Extension and Digital Payment Systems would be to follow who never touched a computer mouse in their lives and some who never wiped a touch screen device. It is not their fault if they perceive my lesson about buying a commodity from Europe using a mobile phone in Ethiopia as a miracle that stands in shoulders with Mosses crossing the red sea.

I tried to take things step-by-step and started giving them assignments like creating an email address and building a profile on job websites in consecutive semesters. When things were progressing, the first case of COVID-19 pandemic was confirmed in Ethiopia on March 13, 2020. Movement restrictions were put in place in some towns; 15 days later, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education decided to close all Universities for an indefinite period of time.

The Ministry then recommended that all Universities continue teaching via e-learning. We then created Telegram channels and uploaded different instructional materials to stay connected with our students. Then, we conducted a follow-up assessment about how many of our students were accessing the materials, how many of them understood them and we found that less than 30 percent of them managed access to the channel.

The students were supposed to have graduated and probably could have been working somewhere. Unfortunately, things have not been that smooth. I and my colleagues are preparing to re-admit their students, finish the whole syllabus in 45 days and release them to the job market. This is a loss to the country. This is a loss to the country.

Ed’s Note: The writer can be reached at: werkuaemro@gmail.com. The views expressed in this article do not necessarily reflect the views of The Reporter.
### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**NYALA MOTORS S.C.** is an Exclusive Supplier of Nissan Motors Vehicles, UD Trucks, Eicher Trucks & Buses, Unicarriers Forklift and Macpower Auto battery with ample parts supply and dependable after sales services. We are inviting qualified applicants for the following immediate vacant positions.

#### 1. Position: Senior Tender Sales Representative

- **Qualification:** Degree in Automotive Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Marketing or other related field from recognized University.
- **Experience:** Minimum 6 years of relevant experience in sales & marketing area preferably in Automotive Industry out of which 2 years’ experience in tender sales.
- **Skills:**
  - Proficiency in written and spoken English
  - Strong Interpersonal skills
  - Self-motivated and proactive
  - Good Negotiation skills
  - Good Team Player.
  - Valid driving license

#### 2. Position: Tender Sales Representative

- **Qualification:** Degree in Automotive Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Marketing or other related field from recognized University.
- **Experience:** Minimum 4 years of experience in tender sales preferably in vehicles, trucks or machineries sales.
- **Skills:**
  - Good English Communication skills
  - Strong Interpersonal skills

#### 3. Position: Tender Assistant

- **Qualification:** BA Degree in Management or Accounting.
- **Experience:** Minimum 2 years of experience in tender sales preferably in vehicles, trucks or machineries sales.
- **Skills:**
  - Good English Communication skills
  - Strong Interpersonal skills
  - Self-motivated and proactive
  - Good Team Player.

**Duty Station:** Addis Ababa

**Salary:** As per the salary scale of the company with attractive benefits package.

**Term of Employment:** Indefinite period (Permanent)

**Closing Date:** November 5, 2020

**How to apply:** Qualified applicants fulfilling above credentials may send application/covering letter including Curriculum Vitae and copies of relevant supporting documents to the address below.

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**Nyala Motors Share Company**

P.O.Box: 1194, Addis Ababa, Tel No.: 011-6-61 27 11 Addis Ababa

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**Notes:**

Interested Applicants are required to Submit their CV, Application Letter and Non-returnable copies of their credentials within 5 (Five) working days of this announcement.

**Address:**

1 Km from CMC Square along Summit Street Around Safari Square. Next to Kaldis Coffee.

Tel: 0118 93 27 10
**Colourised Photos From Over 160 Years Ago To Show The Horrors Of Life For Those Living Under Slavery**

Black History Month is observed in October in the United Kingdom, and throughout February in the United States of America. The civil rights struggle is alive throughout the world, and recent events have fuelled the conversation about our shared history and the uncomfortable truth that for centuries our nations have thrived due to the suffering of others.

Growing up in the UK, I've never been taught about the American Civil War, or really much history about the nineteenth century outside of the Industrial Revolution. So, when researching into the background of these photos, I learnt a considerable amount about how much the trade in human beings built the modern world.

The technology did not exist to capture the British slave trade on film, but the final years of slavery in the USA were recorded. Therefore the photos in this article were all taken in America, from the 1850s to the 1930s and they show the horrors of life for those living under slavery and the accounts of those who survived into old age as free as they were allowed to live under a still highly segregated society.

I have colourised these photos as a means to share some of the stories of those pictured. From past experience, I know how often a black and white photo is ignored in a news feed, and how much more engaging a colour version can be for many readers. I believe that colourising a photo opens a window into another time, and with the world the way it is, it’s important to revisit the stories of these people in order to better understand the world today.

(Bored panda)

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**Facebook is working on Neighborhoods, a Nextdoor clone based on local groups**

Using social networks to connect with neighbors and local services has surged during the Covid-19 pandemic, and Facebook — with 2.7 billion users globally — is now looking at how it can tap into that in a more direct way. In the same week that it was reported that Nextdoor is reportedly gearing up to go public, Facebook has started to test a Nextdoor clone, Neighborhoods, which suggests Facebook-generated Neighborhood groups (with a capital N, more on that below) local to you to join to connect with people, activities and things being sold in the area.

"More than ever, people are using Facebook to participate in their local communities. To help make it easier to do this, we are rolling out a limited test of Neighborhoods, a dedicated space within Facebook for people to connect with their neighbors," said a spokesperson in a written statement provided to TechCrunch.

Facebook said that Neighborhoods currently is live only in Calgary, Canada, where it is being tested before getting rolled out more broadly.

The feature — which appears in the Menu of the main Facebook app, alongside tiles for Marketplace, Groups, Friends, Pages, Events and the rest — was first seen widely via a post on Twitter from social media strategy guy Matt Navarra, who in turn had been tipped off by a social media strategist from Calgary, Leon Grigg from Grigg Digital.

From Grigg's public screenshots, it appears that Neighborhood groups — that is, local groups that are part of this new Neighborhood feature — are like those on Nextdoor, based on actual geographical areas on a map.

(TechCrunch)
**Windows 10 October 2020 Update is now available with an updated Start menu and more**

Microsoft is releasing its Windows 10 October 2020 Update to over a billion users today. Much like last year, this second Windows 10 update of 2020 is more of a Service Pack than a major release. Microsoft has, however, made some interesting tweaks, including a refreshed Start menu, some Alt Tab changes, and the bundling of the new Chromium-powered Microsoft Edge.

The biggest visual change is, of course, the updated Start menu. Microsoft’s new design kills off the solid color behind app logos and adds a transparent background to tiles instead. The end result is a Start menu that’s functionally the same, but that’s a lot easier to scan to find your apps.

Microsoft’s second significant change is how Alt Tab works. Traditionally, you use Alt Tab to cycle through desktop apps that are open in Windows, but the list now includes all open tabs in Microsoft Edge. Microsoft is allowing Windows 10 users to switch back to the classic Alt-Tab experience, though.

The final important addition is related to PC gaming. Microsoft has never made it easy to set up and control monitor refresh rates in Windows, leading to many forgetting to enable 144Hz or higher modes on their monitors. Microsoft’s other improvements to Windows 10 with this October 2020 Update are even more minor. Notifications now include app logos at the top, making them easier to manage and identify, the taskbar has been decluttered for new Windows 10 users, and tablet mode no longer shows a notification if you’re using a 2-in-1 laptop.

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**Amazon launches a program to pay consumers for their data on non-Amazon purchases**

Amazon has launched a new program that directly pays consumers for information about what they’re purchasing outside of Amazon.com and for responding to short surveys. The program, Amazon Shopper Panel, asks users to send in 10 receipts per month for any purchases made at non-Amazon retailers, including grocery stores, department stores, drug stores and entertainment outlets (if open), like movie theaters, theme parks and restaurants.

Amazon’s own stores, like Whole Foods, Amazon Go, Amazon Four Star and Amazon Books do not qualify.

Program participants will take advantage of the newly launched Amazon Shopper Panel mobile app on iOS and Android to take pictures of paper receipts that qualify or they can opt to forward emailed receipts to receipts@panel.amazon.com to earn a $10 reward that can then be applied to their Amazon Balance or used as a charitable donation.

Amazon says users can then earn additional rewards each month for every survey they complete. The optional surveys will ask about brands and products that may interest the participant and how likely they are to purchase a product. Other surveys may ask what the shopper thinks of an ad. These rewards may vary, depending on the survey.

(TechCrunch)
Immunization is the Best Weapon against Poverty

By Anuradha Gupta

A recent poll found that one in three Americans would not be willing to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, while anti-vaxxers have reportedly gained at least 7.8 million new social media followers since 2019. Like the pandemic itself, anti-vax misinformation and rumors know no borders. The bigger tragedy is that the resulting vaccine hesitancy threatens to hurt people the most.

The poor have already been hit hardest by the pandemic, losing lives, livelihoods, and access to nutrition and health care. Increasing numbers of women and children from marginalized populations are falling outside the reach of public services, as reflected in the increased incidence of gender-based violence, the rise in teenage pregnancies, and the decline in skilled birth attendance. One million more children could die in the next six months because of the pandemic’s knock-on effects, with the bulk of these deaths occurring among the poor.

Vaccines protect up to three million lives every year. That is because they are often the first and only health service to reach poor households. People living in squall conditions benefit from basic sanitation, safe drinking water, hygiene, cleansing agents, and adequate nutrition are most at risk of contracting and dying from vaccine-preventable diseases. And when ill, they often lack the financial means to access health care. Therefore, preventing them from catching these diseases, and reduce preventable child deaths, is therefore their best bet for survival.

By spreading misinformation, anti-vaxxers are increasing the risk of deaths among poor children. An explosion of vaccination-related falsehoods in the Philippines is a major reason why the country’s childhood immunization rate has plummeted from 87 percent in 2014 to 68 percent today. This resulted in a resurgence of polio and measles cases last year, with the poor bearing the brunt.

Similarly, in Cameroon, false rumors that the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine causes sterility is scaring parents into refusing it for their daughters. This has put millions of girls at risk of a virus that causes up to 90 percent of all cases of cervical cancer, which kills 311,000 women every year, primarily in low-income countries. Girls from poor communities need this vaccine the most, because they often have no access to cervical cancer screening, and their doctors are often biased against the vaccine. The HPV vaccine is their best protection.

Most women who die of cervical cancer are in the prime of their youth, and leave behind families and children. Their deaths thus have profound social and economic costs, especially in poorer settings. Do anti-vaxxers consider these implications?

The threat posed by misinformation is not confined to HPV vaccines. Equally dangerous anti-vaxx theories, often circulated via social media, make it hard for children vulnerable to other highly preventable diseases and threaten to prevent the world from benefiting fully from COVID-19 vaccines when they become available.

The pandemic has upended the entire world, raising the common uncertainty and anxiety. The development of COVID-19 vaccines – rapid, safe, and equitable access to them – is the only way to end this crisis swiftly. But it won’t end unless and until we boost people’s resilience to false and misleading narratives and build confidence in vaccines. Achieving this will require positive and fact-based information campaigns from trusted sources, and cooperation with social media platforms, so that their algorithms are not abused to propagate harmful narratives.

Besides burying the flow of dangerous misinformation, we need to remind people that they have a right to be protected with vaccines. Historically, the wealthiest got preferential treatment, while the poor had to wait decades. With the establishment of Gavi, the Alliance for Health, and the stark inequity began to the pandemic, rich and poor have almost equal access to life-saving vaccines.

In many countries, India, anti-vaxxers thwarted the introduction of life-saving vaccines. Over the past year, millions of lives from these diseases did not have the money to buy vaccine protection.

The anti-vaxxers filed a legal petition in court to stop us from vaccinating children. On behalf of the government, I argued that the petitioners are not against vaccines but against free vaccines for the poor.” The court concurred. This paved the way for the introduction of new vaccines and saved lives, particularly among the most vulnerable.

That episode raised the question of how do we stop this from happening again. How might institutions be reformed to ensure greater equity for all?

We have also learned that public trust in science is not as robust as we once thought. The pandemic has called into question basic understanding of risk and uncertainty. Without public buy-in, there will be little chance of effective political management of future crises. Misinformation, widely disseminated with the help of today’s information and communication technologies, has created an “infodemic” that endangers public trust in science and making it far more difficult for public-health officials to contain the virus. How can we combat false or misleading narratives and communicate scientific findings more effectively with policymakers and the public?

Although our celebrations of this year’s Nobel laureates will indisputably continue virtually, they no less enthusiastic than in the real world, despite the pandemic. And most people’s appreciation of science has grown during this time. But what do we do together like never before to help address the needs of a world in pandemic and meet the other global challenges we face, we must follow their example – and...
Africa’s WTO Moment
By Kingsley Chiedu Moghalu

The selection of the World Trade Organization’s next director-general has entered its final phase, with two candidates left in the running: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, a former Nigerian finance and economy minister and a former managing director of the World Bank, and Yoo Myung-hee, South Korea’s trade minister. In view of the WTO’s current challenges, Okonjo-Iweala is the better choice.

The WTO faces two major crises: an institutional crisis caused by the great-power rivalry between the United States and China, and a crisis of globalization – of which the WTO, as the overseer of global trade rules, is a major symbol.

Sino-American trade tensions have paralyzed the organization, with the US blocking the appointment of new judges to its appellate body, which rules on trade disputes among member countries. Moreover, the COVID-19 crisis, another source of global power tension, has prompted many firms to consider reshoring production in order to reduce their reliance on pandemic-hit Chinese suppliers, thus disrupting the global supply chains that are critical to world trade.

If chosen to head the WTO, Okonjo-Iweala has the leadership credentials to restore relevance to a broken organization. The WTO needs a tested global leader who is well versed in the role of trade in development, rather than a trade bureaucrat who might lack the broader view. With her experience at the World Bank (where the US and China are major players) and as a reformist finance minister in Nigeria, the Harvard and MIT-educated Okonjo-Iweala has a rare combination of political leadership skills and proven technocratic competence.

The WTO needs a leader who can build consensus, because the organization’s design does not allow for top-down leadership. And Okonjo-Iweala has the proven ability to build bridges between the US and China, on the one hand, and between the WTO and Africa, on the other.

Despite being widely regarded as the world’s next frontier for investment and development, Africa is essentially an onlooker in the world trading system, accounting for a mere 2 percent of global exports. Although the continent is a growing market for the products of globalization, it does not benefit much from world trade, owing to its limited presence in global value chains. Instead, Africa trades mainly in agricultural goods and natural resources, whereas most world trade is in manufacturing and services.

Africa needs to trade with the world on the same basis that other regions do, but the global trading system is keeping the continent underdeveloped. In particular, industrialized countries levy low tariffs on imports of African raw commodities, but have imposed finished African goods – higher, in fact, than for similar goods imported from other regions (23).

Today’s world trade is thus rigged against Africa. To help redress this imbalance, the WTO’s special and differential treatment provisions for least-developed countries should be used to permit African governments to provide temporary tariff protection for infant domestic manufacturers within WTO rules – to call such necessary and temporary measures “smart protectionism.”

More generally, it is time to make the WTO work for all member countries, not just for the great powers or countries whose global economic success was built on trade protectionism but now seek to “kick away the ladder” for the rest of the world’s economies.

This structural rebalancing, which will expand the global sphere of prosperity, is best mediated by a WTO leader who is not from a major trading power.

Furnishing, African countries currently do not use the WTO’s dispute-settlement system, because they are too weak to take on donor countries, whether Western powers or China. So, Chinese products, for example, have been “dumped” in African markets with no consequences. Okonjo-Iweala has the gravitas to build a consensus on giving Africa a fairer shake in the global trading system.

Much will also depend on the outcome of the US presidential election on November 3. President Donald Trump believes that China has gained an unfair trade advantage at the expense of US national interests, while China thinks America has rejected the WTO’s rules-based regime. Resolving this tension will not only require both powers to find the political will to compromise. It will also require a global development leader such as Okonjo-Iweala, who has served on the executive committee of development commissions with current and former presidents, to facilitate a rapprochement.

But regardless of who wins on November 3, the COVID-19 pandemic will inexorably weaken globalization as the US and other countries seek to shorten and localize supply chains.

Meanwhile, the importance of world trade to human development will again become apparent when billions of doses of COVID-19 vaccines become widely available in 2021. As chair of the board of the Vaccine Alliance, Okonjo-Iweala has played an important leadership role in making sure that vaccines are widely available in developing countries.

The WTO’s predecessor, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, was originally conceived as part of the Bretton Woods System.

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The Time Bomb at the Top of the World
By Mario Molina and Durwood Zaikle

SAN DIEGO – It is hard to imagine more devastating effects of climate change than the fires that have been raging in California, Oregon, and Washington, or the procession of hurricanes that have approached – and, at times, ravaged – the Gulf Coast. There have also been deadly heat waves in India, Pakistan, and Europe, and devastating flooding in Southeast Asia. But there is far worse ahead, with one risk, in particular, so great that it alone threatens humanity itself: the rapid depletion of Arctic sea ice.

Recalling an Alfred Hitchcock movie, this climate “bomb” – which, at a certain point, could be more than double the rate of global warming – has a timer: 25 years. By 2100, it is being guided with growing anxiety. Each September, during the extent of Arctic sea ice reaches its lowest level, before the lengthening darkness and falling temperatures cause it to begin to expand again. At this point, satellites compare its extent to previous years.

The results should frighten us all. This year, measurements from the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colorado show that there is less ice in the middle of the Arctic than ever before, and just-published research shows that winter sea ice in the Arctic’s Bering Sea hit its lowest level in 5,300 years in 2018 and 2019.

Over the entire Arctic, sea ice reached its second-lowest extent ever on September 15. Amounts vary from year to year, but the trend is inexorably downward: the 14 September with the least sea ice have all been in the last 14 years.

But sea ice is not only covering less area; it is also thinner than ever. The oldest sea ice (more than four years old), which is more resistant to melting, now comprises less than 1 percent of all sea ice cover. First-year ice now dominates, leaving the sea cover more fragile and quicker to melt. Scientists now expect the Arctic Ocean could be almost ice-free in late summer within a decade or two.

The effects would be catastrophic. In the extreme scenario, which could happen within decades, loss of all ice during the entirety of the sunlit months would produce global radiative heating equivalent to adding one trillion tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. To put this in perspective, in the 275 years since the Industrial Revolution began, 24 trillion tons of CO2 have been added to the atmosphere. About 30 percent of the Arctic warming has already been added to the climate because of ice lost between 1979 and 2016, and more warming follows likely as that even more of the remaining ice is lost.

This extreme scenario would drive climate change forward by 25 years, and perhaps forever. Just last month, a block of ice about twice the size of Manhattan broke off from the largest remaining Arctic ice shelf, in Northeast Greenland, after record summer temperatures.

Meanwhile on land, the Greenland Ice Sheet is also in peril. With Arctic warming occurring at least twice as fast as average global warming, Greenland’s rate of melting has at last tripled over the last two decades. It is believed that this will become irreversible in a decade or less. Eventually, this melting will cause sea levels to rise by up to seven meters (23 feet), drowning coastal cities, though this peak may not occur for several centuries.

Compounding the problem of accelerating Arctic warming is the self-reinforcing feedback risk of permafrost thawing. Rapidly reducing CO2 emissions is necessary, but not nearly sufficient. In fact, studies show that even rapid cuts in CO2 would mitigate only about 0.1-0.6°C of CO2 warming by 2050.

That is why it is also vital to slash emissions of so-called short-lived climate pollutants: methane, black carbon, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), and tropospheric ozone. Any action could mitigate six times as much warming. Adding reductions in CO2 emissions by 2050.

Overall, eliminating emissions of these super pollutants would halve the rate of overall global warming and reduce potential Arctic warming by two-thirds.

Some progress is being made. Almost four years ago, in Kigali, 197 countries adopted an amendment to the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer. (Already, the Montreal Protocol has facilitated the phaseout of production of HFCs. (Already, the Montreal Protocol has facilitated the phaseout of production of HFCs.)
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Anti-vaxxers’ irresponsible misinformation ignores those with the most to lose by not vaccinating: the poorest and most vulnerable. It also ignores those who risk dying or sliding into medical impoverishment if they or their loved ones get sick. For much of the world’s population, vaccination means inoculation against poverty. Ed’s Note: Anuradha Gupta is Deputy G0 of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. The article is provided to The Reporter by Project Syndicate: the world’s pre-eminent source of original op-ed commentaries. Project Syndicate provided inclusive perspectives in our changing world by those who are shaping politics, economics, science and culture. The views expressed in this article do not necessarily reflect the views of The Reporter.

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**By Tsion Taye**

**Greater than the Sum**

Group work is not something that would cheer many of my Ethiopian students, I remember back as a student abroad. Sadly, that also included myself.

I personally prefer to handle an assignment on my own taking all the blame if unsuccessful and all the credit if successful. One needs to be an excellent team player to be able to work in a group setting. This is particularly true if the team is composed of individuals with all sorts of characteristics, behavior, background, and capacity.

In my numbered experience with group assignments back as a bachelor student in one of the local universities, I remember there were two types of students in a group. On one hand, we have the few who work hard and commit to the successful delivery of the assignments to protect their high grades from falling. On the other, we have the majority who work only behind the few hard workers and wait for them to complete the assignments by making the least amount of contributions. Not all groups had hard working students though. I remember that some groups that are composed mainly of weak students made it their task to fully copy the answers of a better performing group and submit that to the instructor because they felt that they or she will not be reading the assignments. Submission of a copy was enough to get the instructor satisfied! Now that I think about it, this kind of faulty behavior is a reflection of the very weak importance given to group work in the Ethiopian education system. This is particularly true in public schools, which I suspect the majority of the student population comes from.

As a university student abroad, one of the main differences I observed with our education system was in how group work was common there. This was something that many Ethiopian students used to struggle with. On top of having very limited experience with group work at school, communication with students of very different cultural backgrounds showed to be a real challenge. The way I see it, working effectively in a team or group setting requires one to have good communication skills, language skills, a good tolerance of differences of opinion, the ability to coordinate efforts, an ability to listen, a good ability to express oneself, an ability to let go of your ego and accept the views and opinions of others, an ability to tolerate when your ideas are rejected, and an ability to focus your mind on the common goal and not on yourself.

I often feel that many of our problems get to do with our difficulty to work as a team. Maybe our education system contributes a lot to this. From a young age, if given the opportunity to learn the skills to effectively work as a group, we would not be seeing as many problems as we are witnessing today in our country. From a young age, children should learn to deliver assignments as a group. Trying to solve problems as a team, and striving for common goal and common success is in my opinion a key skill to be learned.

Today, we would not be seeing as many political parties if we knew how to work together for the common good, which is the welfare of our people. We would not need to call different numbers for the police in an emergency, if you name it, if we were able to coordinate all efforts and enable callers to call on a single number like the 911 we know on movies and get the help needed. We would not be witnessing the failure of so many government projects as a result of weak coordination between the concerned government agencies and other concerned parties. We need to teach our children that the sum is greater than its parts, and do so right from a very young age.

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The Bank would like to invite competent and qualified employees to apply for the following positions.

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     - Undertake an audit examination,
     - Review transaction and the proper functioning of the internal control procedures throughout the Branch,
     - Conducts special investigation when needed,
     - Perform other related duties as assigned by supervisor.
   - **Job Requirements**
     - BA Degree in Accounting, Banking & Finance, Business Administration. Management and any other related fields with 3.5 years of experience in internal/external auditing, preferably in banking industry.
     - **Place of Work**: Adama & Jigjiga

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   - **Essential Functions**
     - Receive and deliver physical cash from and to customer,
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     - Collect/pay cash and debit/credit the respective accounts,
     - Receive and deliver physical cash from and to customer,
     - Conducts special investigation when needed,
     - Review transaction and the proper functioning of the internal control procedures throughout the Branch,
     - Perform other related duties as assigned by supervisor.
   - **Job Requirements**
     - BA in Accounting, Accounting & Finance, Banking & Insurance, Marketing, Business Administration, Management, or other related fields with 1.5 year of experience or Diploma (Level 4) in the same fields with 3 years of experience in banking operation, customer service operation in banking industry.
     - **Place of Work**: Addis Ababa

3. **Job Position: Administrative Assistant**
   - **Essential Functions**
     - Undertake all secretarial and administrative work of the office,
     - Handles incoming and outgoing telephone calls and faxes
     - Handles email correspondences,
     - Undertakes all office management activities,
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     - Performs other duties as required by the supervisor.
   - **Job Requirements**
     - Diploma/10+3/Level 3 and above in Secretarial Science and Office Management and any other related fields with 2 years of relevant experience preferably in banking industry.
     - **Place of Work**: Addis Ababa

**Salary:** As per the Bank’s scale

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

The Bank has the right to cancel the post advertised.

Interested applicants fulfilling the above requirements are invited to submit their applications and CVs with photocopies of non-returnable supporting credentials up to October 31, 2020 only through 18401 postal address of the Bank.

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<td>Senior Change Management Officer</td>
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- Terms of employment: Permanent basis except for position stated on serial number 8,
- Salary & Benefit Packages: As per the salary scale and benefit package of the Bank,
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- Only short-listed applicants will be contacted,
- Applicants who do not meet the above requirements shall not be considered.

Therefore, interested and qualified applicants fulfilling the above requirements can submit their non-returnable application letter, CV, and copies of supporting credentials with its original in person to HRM Department, OIB Building located at Bole, Afrika Avenue, adjacent to Getu Commercial Center, 11th floor. Office No=1101, or mail through the following address.

Oromia International Bank S.C (OIB)

HRM Department, P.O.Box 27530/1000, Addis Ababa

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UN Day at the ECA

Marking the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the UN, this year’s UN day was commemorated at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) on Friday, October 23, 2020. President Sahle-Work Zewde, Foreign Minister Gedu Andargachew and a few invited dignitaries joined Vera Songwe (PhD), executive secretary of the UNECA, in the commemorative event. Surrounded by her highly paid staff members who claim pride in being international civil servants, Songwe bowed in front of some of the medical professionals in attendance in tribute to the heroic sacrifices they are making in saving lives during the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa and beyond.
**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

TNT Construction & Trading, a Grade 1 General Contractor, would like to invite competent Candidates for the following positions:

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<td>Project Equipment Administrator</td>
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<td>Surveyor</td>
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<td>Project Store Keeper</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>TVET College Diploma in Supplies &amp; Purchasing Management</td>
<td>3/2 years &amp; above (Female applicants are appreciated)</td>
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**NB:**
- Interested qualified applicants are advised to apply in person by attaching their non-returnable application and CV with all credentials in 10 (Ten) Working days from the date of this announcement. (On Saturdays, our office is open before noon only).
- For all positions, construction companies work experience is mandatory.

For more information visit our web site [WWW.TNTCONSTRUCTIONANDTRADING.COM](http://www.tntconstructionandtrading.com)

Address: Addis Ababa around Ayat Square on the way to Tafo, TNT Construction & Trading 2nd floor, HR & Administration Department
Telephone No. 0118619669  Email: tnthrm@gmail.com  P.O.Box 190038
**FLOWER CONSTRUCTION PLC**

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Our company FLOWER CONSTRUCTION PLC invites qualified applicants for the following vacant position:

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<td>Project Manager</td>
<td>BSc Degree in Civil Engineering With 4 years’ experience in road Construction and at least one year as project manager or Construction/Material Engineer. Or Advance Diploma in Civil Engineering With 6 years’ experience in road Construction and at least three years as project manager or Construction/Material Engineer.</td>
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<td>Quarry Foman</td>
<td>Diploma/ Advance Diploma in Construction OR Road at least 3 years’ experience in quarry production OR related fields.</td>
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<td>As Per Company Scale</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Purchaser</td>
<td>BA degree In Purchasing / management 2 years of experience. Or Diploma in related fields and at least 4 years of experience in the field respectively.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Store</td>
<td>BA Degree in Purchasing / Logistics Management 2 years or Diploma in related fields and at least 4 years of experience in the field respectively.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Executive secretary</td>
<td>Diploma &amp; above in secretarial science, office management, business administration or related field with minimum 5 years direct work experience of which 2-3 years worked in management area / position. - Efficient in computer utilization - Good in communication skill - Fluent in speaking and writing English language. - Diligent and capable of working at high work load.</td>
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**Terms of Employment:** Permanent

Interested & Qualified applicants can submit their application letter with CVs and Non-refundable relevant credentials to FLOWER CONSTRUCTION PLC within 7 days in person.

**Address:** Beklobet In Front of Global Hotel  
**Tel No:** 0114 66 52 30 / 0930078271.

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**Job Vacancy**

**Position:** Finance Assistant  
**Position No:** 32 (One)  
**Location:** Ethiopia  
**Division:** BDD  
**Contract:** PMI-VectorLink  
**Supervisor:** BDD Finance & Admin Manager

**Abt Associates,** a major American business and government research, technical assistance, and consulting company, manages the USAID-funded Vector Control Task Order 1. Task Order 1 will support the U.S. President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI) and USAID to plan and implement an integrated vector control approach with the overall goal of reducing the burden of malaria. Abt has implemented indoor residual spraying (IRS) for PMI since 2011, delivering high-quality IRS programs and gathering the most comprehensive vector control entomological data in the world. Under this contact, Abt will expand entomological monitoring to guide programs focused on insecticide-treated mosquito nets and IRS and continue to assist PMI in reducing the burden of malaria through IRS and capacity building in 22 African countries where malaria is endemic. Abt also will continue to support PMI in IRS monitoring and evaluation, as well as environmental compliance.

Under the supervision of the Country Finance & Administration Manager, the Financial Analyst/Accountant collects, records project financial transactions, posts to appropriate projects, and tasks, and prepares periodic financial statements and reports, and keeps the records of the accounts books up to date.

**Specific duties and responsibilities include the following:**

- Records expenditures, income, and any other related transactions, in the books of accounts.
- Prepares payment vouchers and corresponding checks.
- Prepares payroll and other payments with due consideration to deductions (for advances, loans, taxes, etc.).
- Prepares bank reconciliations.
- Checks petty cash payments and periodically reconciles petty cash balances.
- Ensures that the books of accounts are up to date at all times, orderly, well kept, and readily available for reference and audit, when required.
- Prepares the monthly ROV in accordance with Abt Associates procedures and policies.
- Ensures that government taxes are paid on time.
- Ensures that periodic inventory of the fixed assets (properly) of the company is conducted.
- Assists the Finance & Administration Manager in the implementation of the internal control system and financial procedures manual of the company.

**Qualification requirements include the following:**

- Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting, Finance, Management, Business, or other relevant field.
- At least eight (8) years of professional experience in Accounting and Program Financial Management.
- Experience working at international development programs, with experience at USAID-funded programs highly desirable.
- Experience in payroll management, petty cash management, financial reporting, and budget tracking.
- Experience in inventory management is desirable.
- A self-starter that is able to perform under pressure is preferred.
- A strong command of financial and other computer applications such as MS Word, Excel, Quicken, Access, etc.
- English language capability.

**Application Instructions:**

- Application deadline is November 15, 2020
- All candidates should apply using the this link: https://career4.successfactors.com/abtcareer/job/vacancy?jobId=70301&company=AbtPROD
- Documentation required to be considered includes a cover page, CV, Biodata form, pay slip from the most recent position held, copies of educational certificates/degrees, and contact information at least 3 references we can contact (must include email addresses and phone number).
- Applications that do not follow these instructions, or that don’t meet the stated minimum qualification requirements, will not be considered.
Your Zodiacs

Aries
Raise your self-esteem and your confidence if you want to get back into the mainstream again. Problems with fire, gas, or oil may cause disruptions and annoyances. Get out and enjoy some entertainment.

Taurus
New relationships will surface through work relate events. You may want to stay in the background this week. You can make gains if you look at long-term investments. You will have a problem with your boss if you haven't done your job.

Gemini
Don't push your rate if you want to keep this union going. You're apt to make a move or experience changes at home. Don't agree to make any of those cosmetic alterations you've been considering.

Cancer
Expect some friction. Your high energy and discipline will enable you to complete any seemingly insurmountable tasks. Do not sign your life away. You're in the mood to spend money.

Leo
Your boss may be on the rampage and you certainly don't want to be the one to take the brunt of a bad situation. You may have been too agreeable to someone who just wanted the brunt of a bad situation. You may have been too agreeable to someone who just wanted your life away. You're in the mood to spend money.

Virgo
Partnerships with creative people could enable you to bond closer to them. Take time to do things with children that will clear up overdue projects. Partnerships with creative people could lead to financial gains.

Libra
Sudden changes regarding friendships are likely to occur if you have tried to change others. You need to pamper yourself for a change. You are best to work at home, clearing up overdue projects. Partnerships with creative people could lead to financial gains.

Scorpio
Try to do things with children that will enable you to bond closer to them. Take time to catch up on overdue correspondences. Partnerships with creative people could lead to financial gains.

Sagittarius
Think about your priorities. Insurance pay may seem your life away. You're in the mood to spend money.

Capricorn
You could lose a good friend because of it. Family trips or projects should be on your mind. Minor health problems will flare up if you don't take care of yourself.

Aquarius
You will be a real chatterbox this week. Your home environment may be hectic, which could result in emotional upset if you aren't well organized. Think of starting a new business or emotional partnership.

Pisces
It's a favorable time for real estate, investments, and moneymaking opportunities to be successful. Self-deception about relationship problems is a problem. Get busy on those home improvement projects that you've been procrastinating about. Lighten up your serious attitude.

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Crossword puzzle

ACROSS
1. Implant 50. Cuts off
2. Eye layer 51. Delimit
3. A group of lions 52. Test
4. A financial examination 53. Beers
5. Excessively dramatic 54. Test
6. Type of sword 55. Constant
7. Plain 56. Cuts off
8. Auspices 57. Delimit
9. A breathing disorder 58. French for "Black"
10. The thin fibrous bark 59. Annoys
11. A group of lions 60. Drill
12. A group of lions 61. Weight to be borne
13. Change 62. Countercurrent
21. Cunning 63. Drill
22. Assistant 64. Test
24. Grumble 65. Cuts off
25. Constellation bear 66. Border
27. Apiary 68. Unit of capacitance
29. Prognosticator 70. Mining finds
30. Cuts off 71. Squalid
31. Arrive (abbrev.) 72. Untainted
32. Adriatic resort 73. Small freshwater fishes
33. Teller of untruths 74. Wings
34. Drugs that relieve 75. Annoys
35. Rapacity 76. With hands on hips
36. Storage cylinder 77. French for "Black"
37. At the peak of 78. Avoid
38. Causics 79. Mix together
39. Supervise 80. Drill
40. Blend 81. Mix together
41. Agile Old World viverrine 82. Untainted
42. Exclude 83. Slowly losing life
43. Expunge 84. Avoid
44. Decorative case 85. Slowly losing life
45. Raise 86. Untainted
46. ___ vera 87. Namens
47. White aquatic bird 88. Untainted
48. With hands on hips 89. Namens
49. Chemist's workplace 90. Drill
50. Cuts off

DOWN
1. Type of sword 1. Type of sword
2. Coquette 2. Type of sword
3. Not straight 3. Not straight
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NEW TO NETFLIX
1. Move
2. Bronx
3. Menendez: The Day of the Lord
4. HolidaTE
5. Secrets of the Saqqara Tomb
6. Blood of Zeus
7. Sarah Cooper: Everything's Fine
8. Guillermo Villas: Setting the Score
9. Barbarians
10. The Queen’s Gambit

Kuncho Comments

Hey Kuncho, how are you gearing up to go to school? About what, boy?

About you, dad! Why are you concerned?

I’m okay dad. But I’m concerned!

About you, dad!

Who are you concerned?

You will go to school to study more languages.

Your family and friends have been considering.

You've been considering. to make any of those cosmetic alterations or experience changes at home. Don't agree to make any of those cosmetic alterations you've been considering.

Can you spot the 12 differences between the two pictures?

SOLUTION

Embroy Dadah Nig pik

Enjoy our puzzle and keep reading!

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The Ethiopian national team, the Walias, have commenced preparations ahead of the upcoming 2021 African Cup of Nations (AFCON) qualification third round match. The Walias are set to face Niger on November 9, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused cancellations or postponement across all sports. The suspension of the Ethiopian Premier League meant that players had to stay home for the last 7 months. Following the 2021 AFCON qualification matches, the Walias have commenced their preparation at the CAF academy a couple of weeks ago. The recently appointed new Coach Webetu Abate has called-up 41 players for the third round qualifiers match against Niger.

From the players called-up, only five were unable to join regular training due to positive COVID-19 tests while two players playing abroad were not included. Two other players were excluded from the squad due to injury.

On Wednesday, the Ethiopian Football Federation (EFF) called a press conference to brief media about the overall preparation of the national team. During the press conference, Webetu announced that the players are fit to face Niger, putting to rest rumors of players gaining weight following the long stay home period that accompanied the advent of the pandemic in Ethiopia. He further noted that settling in the CAF academy has helped the team curb the possibilities of contracting the virus.

The Walias were set to travel to Bahir Dar for their preparation; however, the plan was revoked and replaced by preparations in Addis Ababa following the onset of the pandemic in Ethiopia. To aid their preparation, the Walias played Zambia in a friendly match at Addis Ababa Stadium on Thursday and lost 3-2 to the visitors. The two sides will also face each other off once again on Sunday. This will be crucial to determine players' fitness, since the Ethiopian national team had not played a competitive match since its 2-1 win over Ivory Coast on November 19, 2019. It was a home match for the AFCON qualifiers in Bahir Dar international stadium.

“It has been a long time since the national team players played any match due to the stay home measures. We are preparing twice a day to get our players in shape. The friendly match will also help us evaluate the fitness of players going into the main match,” Coach Webetu said.

Abraham Mehrahu was in charge of the national team until his contract expired on August 6, 2020. It is then that the EFF appointed Webetu as Coach of the national team under a two year contract. He is well known for his 2011 EPL title win with Ethiopia Coffee.

Ethiopia is currently second in its qualifying group with three points following a draw against Madagascar and a win over Ivory Coast.

The Walias preparing for the 2021 AFCON third qualifier matches against Niger

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**EAF awards Half Marathon athletics team**

**By Dawit Tolesa**

The Ethiopian Athletics Federation (EAF) awarded the World half marathon team following their results in the 24th edition of the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships staged in Gdynia, Poland. The EAF handed out over 280,000 birr to the athletes.

Ethiopia concluded the Championship in second place on the medal leaders' board with a single gold, silver and two bronze. The EAF gave 45,000 birr to 2,000 birr to the athletes based on their results. Members of the team were also awarded for their achievements with the team. Kenya amassed two gold and two silver medals in the same competition finishing first on the medal table. The championships were held on October 17, 2020.

The result is expected to further streamline the high morale that Ethiopian athletes have garnered following the recent good performances registered by their fellow athletes in different races. In the 2018 World Athletics World Half Marathon Championships, the Ethiopian national team managed to finish first with three gold medals and Kenya followed second via one gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

The World Athletics Half Marathon Championships is a biennial international half marathon competition. It was launched as the World Athletics World Half Marathon Championships in 1992 and held annually until 2010.

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