

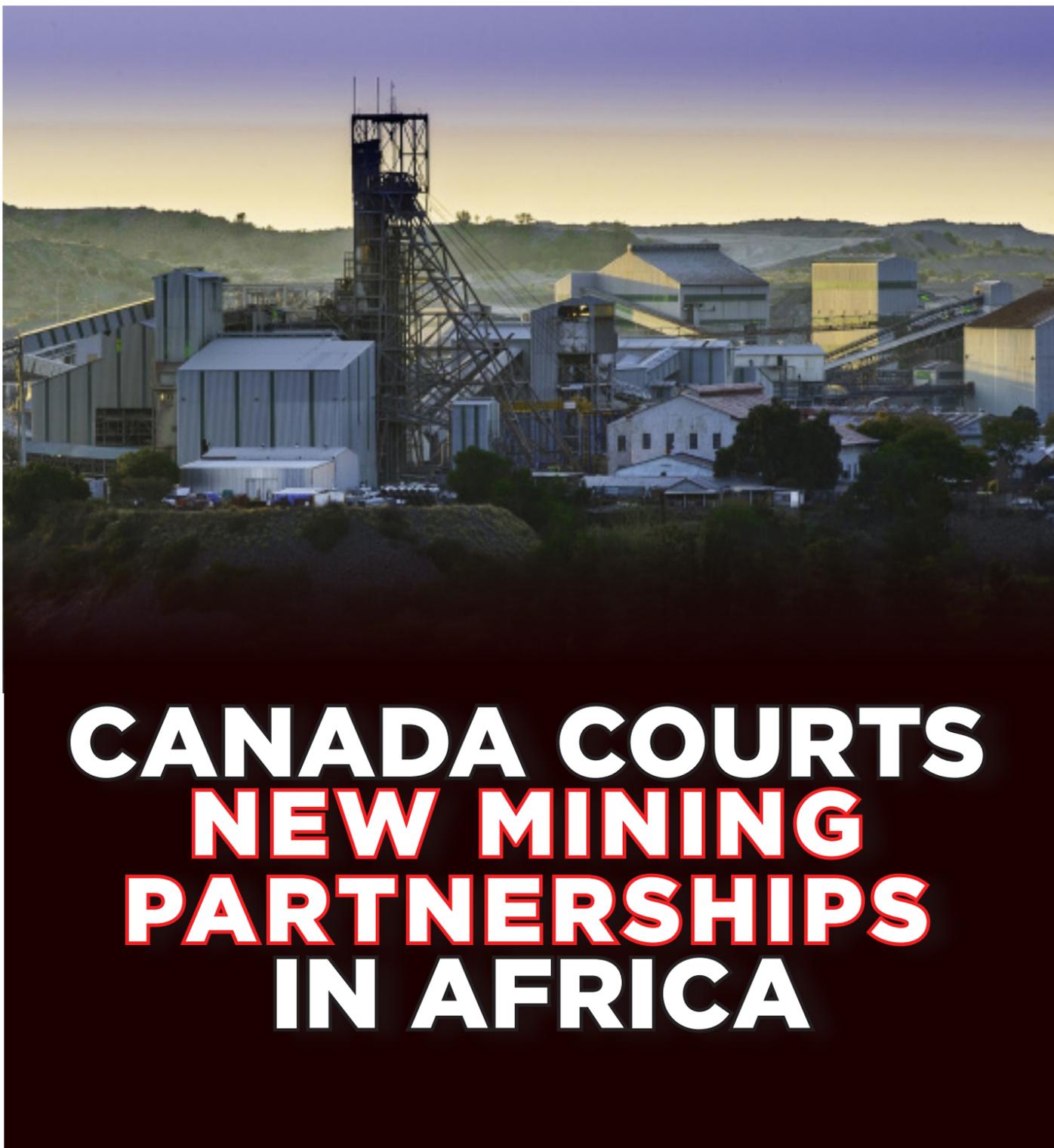
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Canada courts new mining partnerships in Africa

Canada's private sector leaders in mining and the government, including leaders in African mining, exploration, leaders in African mining, exploration, financing, development, operations and public policy are assembling from today for the virtual The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business 22nd Annual Mining Breakfast & MineAfrica's 19th Annual Investing in African Mining Seminar.

The event will take place from tomorrow, March 9 until Thursday March 11 during the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention - the largest mining investment show in the world, which runs from March 8-11, 2021.

This will be one of the few major mining events that have been held since the outbreak of Covid-19, and it is expected set a tone and lay a foundation for the industry's recovery.

There will be a number of African ministers responsible for mining at the event, which Canada has joined at the highest level, its Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade Mary Ng.

The Chief Executive Officers of major companies Barrick, B2Gold and IAMGold will also amongst the keynote speakers among many other African leaders in mining.

"Canada is committed to strengthening and building new partnerships with the many

diverse nations of Africa. We know that by collaborating, we can help grow our economies and create new and exciting opportunities for the businesses and people in our countries," minister Mary Ng has said.

"Working with our industry partners, we can build a more sustainable and inclusive global recovery and lay the groundwork for a brighter future for all." Some of the African Mining Ministers that will be in attendance include Angola's minister of Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas: Diamantino Pedro Azevedo; Botswana's minister of mineral Resources, Green Technology & Energy Security Lefoko Moagi; Democratic Republic of the Congo's

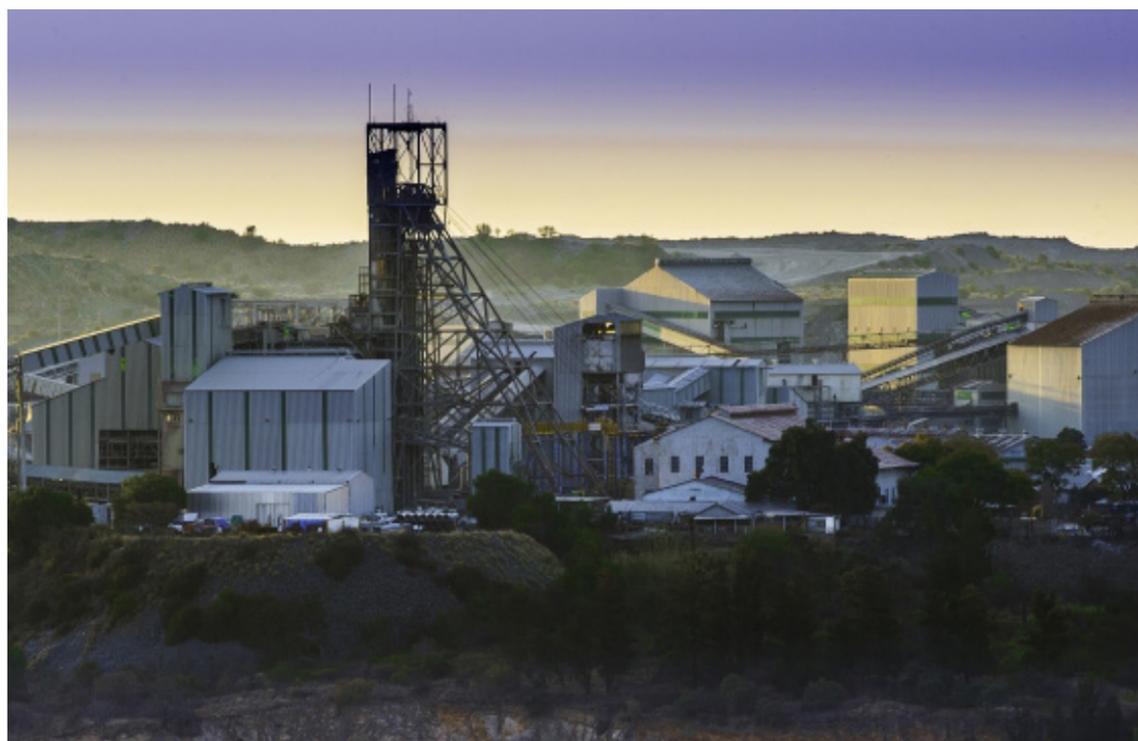
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Canada is a global leader in the development of African mining sectors,' says Garreth Bloor, President of The Canada-Africa Chamber of Business. 'The

industry has laid a foundation for Canada's broader economic engagement with Africa and is thus vital a blueprint for Canada's trade diversification, of which Africa is an integral part - as the Business Council of Canada correctly noted last year during Prime Minister Trudeau's visit to Africa.'

"Our online format allows for greater flexibility, reach, and more cost-effective participation for sponsors, presenters and attendees, as reflected in our 2021 tagline - The biggest African mining event in North America just got bigger. Virtually." says Wayne Floreani, Vice President of MineAfrica.

(APO and MinesAfrica)



Zambian VP distances ruling party from 'money flaunting' videos

Zambia Vice President Inonge Wina has charged that there is a possibility that people appearing in videos circulating on social media platforms flaunting huge amounts of money could be members from opposition political parties trying to tarnish the name of the ruling party. Speaking during the VP's question time in parliament this past week, Wina distanced the party from the purported Patriotic Front (PF) cadres seen in the said videos and stated that law enforcement agencies are already investigating the matter and the nation will be informed of the findings at an appropriate time.

Wina has however indicated that she will not be surprised if investigations reveal that the individuals in the videos are members of other political parties masquerading as PF members. She was responding to Mapatizya Member of Parliament Clive Miyanda who wanted to know what government is doing over videos of suspected PF cadres flaunting huge sums of money on social media.

Wina has reiterated that government is not shielding any senior police officer in the shooting to death of prosecutor Nsama Nsama and UPND supporter Joseph Kaunda in December last year when UPND leader Hakainde Hichilema appeared before police for questioning. She said the former Lusaka Province Police Commissioner Nelson Phiri who was cited by the human rights commission yesterday for giving orders to officers to shoot UPND supporters has already been relieved of his duties as a result. Meanwhile, Home Affairs Minister, Stephen Kampyongo has disclosed that law enforcement agencies have been activated to investigate the circulating videos of perceived PF members showing off huge amounts of money.

Kampyongo said his ministry has noted the social media videos and that the Zambia Police and Drug Enforcement Commission are actively on the ground investigating the matter. Addressing the media in Lusaka Wednesday morning, Kampyongo explained that the careless showing off of money is a breach of the law and has warned those behind this act that their days are numbered. He adds that the ruling PF cannot condone such from genuine members of the party further warning that those engaging in such practices will face the

wrath of the law. And Inspector General of Police Kakoma Kanganja has warned that all individuals seen dishing out money to the electorate will soon be brought to book. Kanganja told Phoenix News that

investigations into the matter where some perceived PF members are showing off money in online videos are underway.

(Phoenix news)



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President Lungu calls on police to address concerns of conduct

President Edgar Lungu has said there is urgent need for the Zambia Police to address concerns that have been raised by members of the public on their conduct as the country prepares for the 2021 general elections for the public to regain confidence in the institution.

Lungu further said the conduct of the police is critical before,

during and after the August polls.

Speaking at State House when he swore in Patrick Mutale as Police Public Complaints Commission Chairperson, the President challenged him to work at ensuring that the lost public confidence in the Zambia Police is regained especially that the service is again under the spotlight as the country heads

towards the August 12th polls.

President Lungu called on Mutale to ensure the commission deals with people's complaints fairly and firmly.

The Head of State has reminded the new appointee that he is taking over the presiding of the commission at a critical time when the political mood in the country is already focused on

the general election.

President Lungu also swore in Brigadier General Dr. Fridah Kazembe as chairperson of the Zambia Correctional Service Commission.

On another unrelated matter, Economist Highvie Hamududu has charged that President Edgar Lungu is being misled by people advising him to embark on

price controls as a solution to escalating commodity prices on the market.

Hamududu has since advised government to desist from pursuing that agenda as it is destructive to businesses. He is surprised that government can ignore the bank of Zambia's revelations that the high prices are as a result of cost push inflation but opt to accuse the private sector of being behind it.

Speaking when he featured Phoenix FM's Let the People Talk Program last week, Hamududu said while businesses may collude when fixing prices, government needs adequate evidence before it can accuse the private sector of sabotaging the economy.

But the Motherland and Democracy Defenders Coalition is calling on the President to come up with price hike interventions that will protect Zambians from exploitation by selfish business cartels.

Speaking on behalf of other members at a joint media briefing in Lusaka today, Zambia Institute of Governance and Civil Liberties Advocacy Platform, Chief Executive Officer Francis Chipili says private businesses must focus on running fair and ethical business instead of passively engaging in political scheming.

Mr Chipili notes that the unjustified increase in prices of goods and services is worrying and unbearable hence the need price control measures.

(Phoenix news)



South Africa negotiates with AU for COVID-19 shots for 10 million people

South Africa is negotiating with an African Union (AU) platform to buy COVID-19 vaccines for at least 10 million

of its people, a senior health official said on Friday.

The country was provisionally allocated 12 million doses

developed by AstraZeneca, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson (J&J) in an AU vaccine plan, but it was unclear how many

vaccines it would seek to buy after it halted plans to use the AstraZeneca shot.

Sandile Buthelezi, Department of Health director-general, did not say which vaccines the country would order via the AU in comments to parliament.

South Africa has reported the most infections and deaths on the African continent and suffered a severe second wave of cases driven by a more contagious variant of the coronavirus.

Like other African countries, it has lagged wealthier parts of the world in immunisations. So far, it has administered some 90,000 doses of J&J's shot in a research study targeting up to 500,000 healthcare workers.

The government put AstraZeneca vaccinations on hold last month because a small local trial showed the drugmaker's vaccine offered minimal protection against mild to moderate illness caused by the 501Y.V2 variant.

Buthelezi said on Friday that South Africa was trying to reach an agreement with the AU, Afreximbank and the Serum Institute of India to sell AstraZeneca doses it had ordered from Serum to about 18 other African countries.

Explaining why it had not yet received doses from the COVAX vaccine scheme co-led by the World Health Organization, Buthelezi said: "Their allocation was heavily biased towards AstraZeneca ... Then we told them 'hold on guys, we can't take the AstraZeneca as is, for now let's consider other vaccines, either the Pfizer or the Johnson & Johnson,' hence the delay."

South Africa is expecting to receive 117,000 Pfizer doses this month via COVAX.

Stavros Nicolaou, an executive at local pharmaceutical company Aspen which will be making J&J doses, said the country faced big challenges in its vaccination campaign.

South Africa is only due to receive vaccines for around 6 million people by the end of the second quarter, he said, as it heads into winter and a third wave of infections is expected.

It will also have to scale up daily vaccinations from around 5,000 in the J&J study to around 250,000 to hit its target of immunising 40 million people, or two-thirds of the population, over the next year, Nicolaou added.

(Reuters.)

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IDM Hosts A Webinar On The Impact Of Covid19 On Higher Education



As education remains the bedrock for human empowerment, inclusive of prosperity and progressive development, institutions continually strive to provide quality education. With the advent of the COVID19 pandemic, the emerging 'new normal' calls for a paradigm

shift in educational trends and provisions. As a result, forward-looking educational institutions are taking radical measures to revamp their systems to remain relevant to the 'new normal' and the anticipated future.

The Institute of Development Management (IDM) last week

brought together educationists in Botswana and around the world to discuss the impact of Covid19 on tertiary education. Facilitated by the Human Resource and Organizational Development programme under the theme Impact of Covid19 on higher education; challenges and prospects for the future. IDM invited experts and practitioners in higher education to engage in a cross-fertilization of ideas on mitigating the impact of COVID19 on higher education learning environments during the crisis.

Speakers at the event challenged higher education institutions to accept reality and pursue the new normal of online education.

The keynotespeaker, a renowned education expert who has served the higher education sector for more than three decades and also represented South Africa and the UN in education-related projects in Africa and around the world Professor Roy Du Pré focused on 'Linking theme to movement towards knowledge-based economy, technology and

human resource.'

Professor Du Pré revealed that despite the pain it has caused, COVID19 offers the world with opportunities for creation of innovations to address humanity's problems and push the knowledge society agenda. Citing the impact of Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg, who neither invented the computer nor the Internet, he noted that both have made tremendous impact on the use of devices and platforms associated with those inventions. "COVID19 should serve as a platform for inventions with universities playing a major role," he emphasized.

Sharing on 'Pedagogy and preparation of teachers today,' Professor Richard Tabulawa of the University of Botswana submitted that teachers should focus on ways of organizing content more, and in the process, use technology, rather than remain on their traditional teaching turf. He averred that teacher's knowledge and methods are value laden, but relevance and review are key in pushing the boundaries of teaching in the

age of COVID19.

For his part, Mr Asalepele Tobedza, Principal of Francistown College of Technical and Vocational Education shared the experience of using technology at the College, noting its positives as well as the challenges.

In conclusion, Professor Gbolagade Adekanmbi of Botswana Open University said the world has taken a new turn towards online learning.

"There is no going back. Africa must aim for higher tertiary enrolment levels and universities must constantly train their staff in all aspects of online teaching and learning. African higher education systems must be at the forefront of scientific developments to respond to future pandemics and pursue collaborative initiatives in all areas. The need for constantly rethinking ways of doing business and managing the human resources in higher education is vital. Developing strategies for promoting and managing working from home policies in the academia is crucial," he said.

Speakers were welcomed to the webinar by IDM Country Director, Dr Onalenna Seitio-Kgokgwe who called on all the key players to put hands on deck and respond to the challenge brought about by the pandemic with hope and success.

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Post-COVID-19 economic recovery in Africa – lessons from Nigeria

By Emmanuel Allotey

Due to the impact of the coronavirus, Sub-Saharan African economies have been forecasted to contract by 3.3% in 2020, plunging them into the worst recession in years and threatening to reverse the economic progress made in 25 years. Governments have implemented different strategies to mitigate the impact of the virus

and drive sustainable economic recovery and growth. Nigeria, Africa's largest economy with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of over \$470 billion, emerged out of two quarters of economic decline, despite the impact of the coronavirus on commodity prices such as oil which is the Nigerian governments main source of revenue.

A recession is defined as two consecutive quarters of economic decline in key metrics such as

gross domestic product (GDP). African nations are heavily reliant on commodities such as oil, diamonds, gold as a source of revenue due to their natural mineral wealth. It is through a diversified sustainable, resilient and inclusive economy that nations can weather unforeseeable disruptions in the economy. Nigeria's economic rebound was bolstered by growth in agriculture and telecommunications industry

to offset a sharp drop in oil production. This demonstrates the growing importance of a well-diversified economy and the contribution of the non-dominant sectors to economic recovery.

Globally, economic recovery in 2021 is expected to be weak. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates a growth of 1.5% in 2021 with the country expected to reach pre-pandemic levels only in 2022.

Government interventions to accelerate the path to recovery are underpinned by effective coordination of fiscal and monetary policies as well as the mobilization of other financing instruments to ensure that their strategies are sufficiently funded while maintaining financial sustainability. A combination of the reduction in bank rates to stimulate spending and an increase in indirect tax has a mixed effect on the economy.

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the largest free-trade area in the world by the number of participating countries, will play a key role in Africa's economic recovery. According to a World Bank report, the implementing the African Continental Free Trade Agreement would boost Africa's income by \$450 billion by 2035. Diversified exports, competitive integrating into the global economy, increased foreign direct investment, increased employment opportunities and incomes, and broadened economic inclusion are just a few of the positive economic outcomes AfCFTA can bring.

Whilst government spending to secure the COVID-19 vaccination and protect their citizens remains top priority, their economies can move further toward post-coronavirus growth and recovery through the adoption of successful strategies being implemented in other nations.



Banking needs for Small Businesses in Africa

By Emmanuel Allotey

Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME) play a significant role in the economic activity in Africa. From job creation to innovation and diversification of the economy, SMME's are at the forefront. Financial literacy, formal banking and access to finance remains one of the main obstacles to the development of Small Medium and Micro Enterprise

(SMEEs) in Africa.

Despite the progress and initiatives by financial institutions to support nascent SMMEs through different initiatives, many SMMEs are unable to meet the requirements to access formal banking services due to complex technical and bureaucratic requirements.

SMMEs require convenient, affordable, practical banking services that facilitate the smooth operation of their business. With

the rapid adoption of technology SMMEs are being left behind due to the cost associated with setting up a digital payment system that will allow their customers to transact without cash.

This is one of the major reasons why African economies have not transitioned from cash to digital payments. The opportunity lies with innovative fintech's that are able to offer affordable alternatives to traditional payment setups.

Financial Institutions have an important role to play in the creation of bespoke banking solutions that eliminate complex technical and bureaucratic requirements and embrace the simplicity of SMMEs. This will rapidly increase financial inclusion and participation of the unbanked population.

Every small business owner need banking support, including ways to grow their money and have a wholistic view of their

financial position. Majority of SMMEs operate informally without formal company and businesses registration, trading name and license and most importantly without a tax recognition. The absence of these formalities and requirements hinder financial institutions from offering banking services.

Every small business needs to answer the following questions when looking to identify their banking needs: Do I need to regularly pay employees or suppliers? Do my customers want to pay via cheque, debit/credit card, mobile money, electronic transfer, or in cash? Will I need to deposit cash regularly? What is my loan or line of credit needs? Once the needs have been identified you can comprehensively evaluate services being offered by Financial institutions and the cost associated to make an informed decision.

Financial literacy training should be the pre-requisite for every SMME embracing banking solutions. Financial institutions should implement mandatory training sessions to formally equip every business owner with the skills and knowledge required to manage the finances of a business.

IMF says will continue talks with Zambia, progress made

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Thursday that headway had been made in three weeks of talks over a programme for Zambia and discussions would continue, though a number of challenges remained.

The southern African copper producer became the continent's first pandemic-era sovereign default after missing a coupon payment on a dollar bond in November.

"Significant progress has been made and discussions are expected to continue in the next few weeks, following additional technical work on the appropriate policy package," the IMF said in a statement.

The IMF said work towards implementing fiscal reforms to correct large fiscal imbalances, ramping up revenues and improving governance was still needed, however.

Zambia's debt load was considered unsustainable even before the pandemic. That debt includes around \$3 billion in outstanding Eurobonds and another \$3 billion owed to China and Chinese entities. Tensions between those two groups of creditors have so far stymied attempts to restructure Zambia's debt.

In a separate statement on Thursday, Zambia's finance minister Bwalya Ng'andu said his government was committed to securing an IMF programme.

"We value the work we have embarked on with the IMF and will pursue our discussions on detailed policy measures to return our economy and public finances to a sustainable trajectory," he said.

Creditors welcomed the announcement but were cautious about the speed of progress ahead.

"I think this (is) enough to keep the bonds supported for now as it suggests talks will continue, but we all know that reaching an agreement will take time given the track record of Zambia when it comes to negotiations with the Fund," said one investor holding the bonds.

Lusaka asked for a programme with the Fund in December and requested debt relief in January under a new common framework backed by the Group of 20 major economies and designed to help the world's poorest countries tackle their debt burden.

Zambia's 2027 bond traded 0.4 cents higher at 58.667 cents in the dollar, while the 2024

issue was flat at 59.26 cents, Tradeweb data showed. (Reuters.)



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ITB Berlin is the world's leading travel trade show held in Berlin, Germany annually, organised by Messe Berlin. It is the largest tourism Business-to-Business (B2B) trade fair, where the first two days are trading days and the last two days are open to consumers. The companies and NGO's represented at the fair include hotels, tourist boards, tour operators, system providers, airlines, and car rental companies.

This year ITB Berlin will host the trade show as an entirely virtual event trademarked **ITB Berlin NOW**. This global, virtual event format targets the B2B community, comprising of exhibitors, trade visitors and buyers from every segment of the global tourism value chain, as well as journalists and travel bloggers. The virtual platform will present expert discussions, exhibitor presentations, business partner suggestions, networking features, inspiration, and business-enhancing functionalities. The virtual trade fair will therefore enhance business linkages with the local and international markets and accord them an opportunity to market their services.

Despite the suppressed Tourism market due to the COVID 19 pandemic, LEA continues to provide targeted capacity development and support services to SMMEs in Botswana. The ITB Berlin sponsorship comes after the **Tsosoloso** workshop that was recently held in Gaborone by LEA specifically for the Tourism industry. LEA organised Tsosoloso workshop with the intent to resuscitate businesses and devise strategies with clients on how they can recover from the COVID 19 adversities.

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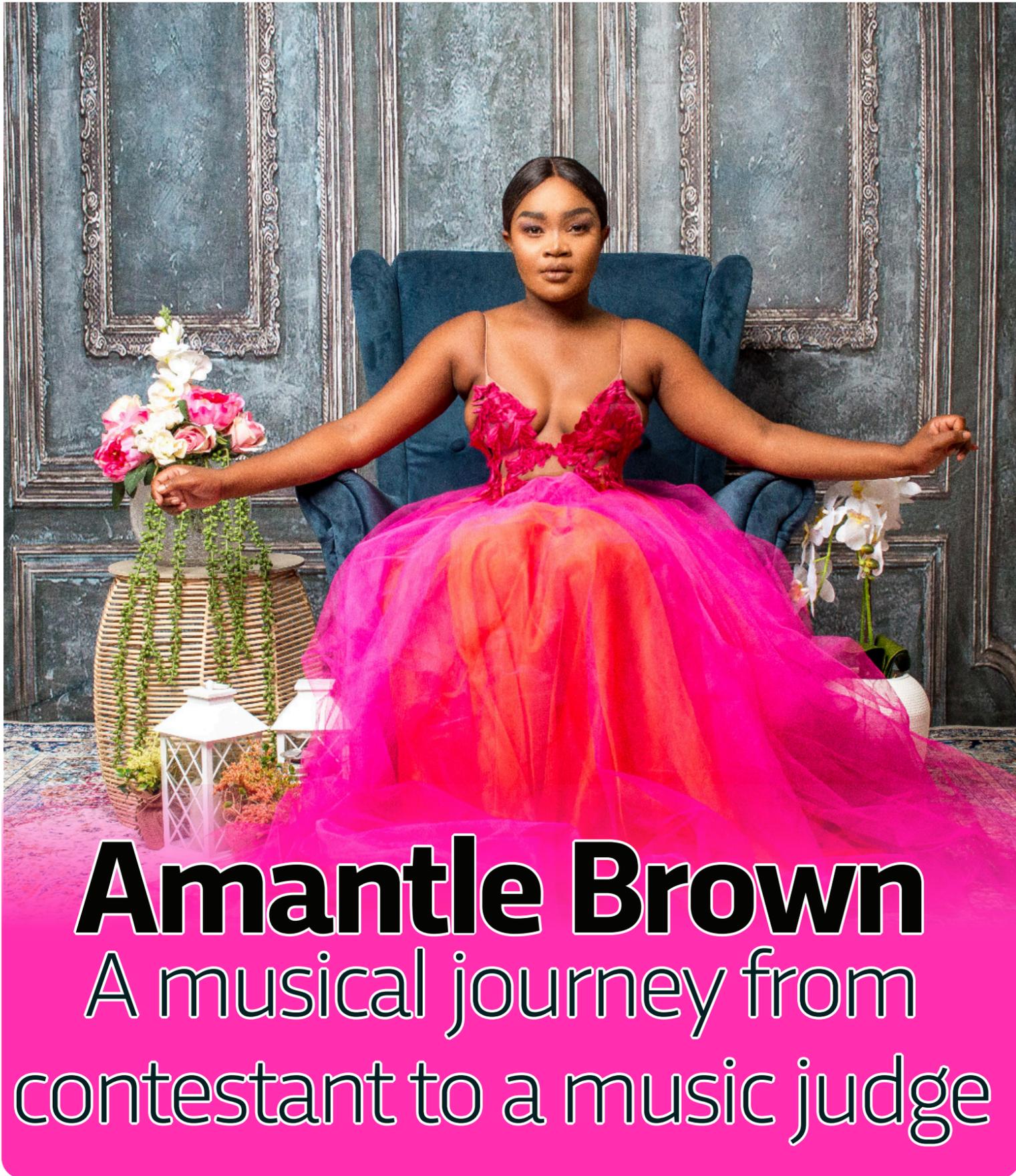
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Amantle Brown

A musical journey from contestant to a music judge

By Ryan Blumton

In this week's Echo Arts, we speak to an artist and television judge who hardly needs an introduction, the incomparable Amantle Brown. But for readers who may somehow still be unfamiliar, Amantle Brown is a tour de force of Botswana's music industry and a personality like no other.

"My name is Amantle Brown and I am not from a very well privileged family. No one else knows how to sing in my family, I am the only person (she says with a chuckle) who is into this and I am the only person who can really hold a note. I am from Morwa, I am 28 years old and I am a singer, songwriter, producer and a judge on My Star," Amantle introducing herself.

Amantle's journey in music began, as far back when she was a contestant in the popular music talent show My Star and

got eliminated on the ninth spot, she got so angry and felt that she needed to show the judges what she was made of.

She started going from one studio to another trying to find somebody who can make music for her. On her third year she paused school, she had been doing mineral engineering, to give music her attention for a year.

"It was my target that if a year was going to end without anything happening, I was going to go back to school and then 'Black Mampatile' happened and I never went back to school, it's been six years and counting now and I love my job" Brown said.

Amantle has said like all the other artists Covid-19 grounded her in a way its hard to explain and had to work on her emotional stability and focus on the things that really matter, particularly her the creative aspects of her music

"I just thank God that Covid happened at that time. I am not saying that Covid is okay, Covid-19 has affected a lot of people's lives but as for my life it has really gave me that whoosa moment, to pause and reflect." Brown added.

Amantle has become such an established figure, dominating the airwaves, trending and making headlines. She has shared some of what she thinks has been vital to her success.

"I just think people are drawn to me, my music and my brand because they can see that I am a strong woman, they can see that I strive for what I really want and I strive for standing out. That energy spreads just how I command that respect, my facial expressions like how I express my nose or pull my nose or just how I speak. It becomes evident to people that this person is going for what they really want and they can see the struggles I go through, it's right there in front of them

and they see me getting out of the struggles. I guess that's why they are attracted to me, it's the force, the force is intense."

Amantle says that she feels that her brand is fancier than whom she is, as a 'chilled' person adding that she is down to earth and likes the simple things but her brand

is extravagant, and she says that she doesn't recall how this came to be because she grew up as a tomboy.

"I want my brand to represent strength for women, I want my brand to represent moving forward, I want my brand to represent 'anything is possible' and I want my brand to represent hope, love and humanity, that we can relate to this as human beings and that we can see this girl's heart, that she is all about humanity." Brown said.

As a musical judge, Brown has many insights for the aspiring artist.

"Through My Star, I noticed that many people don't understand how spiritual music is. People want to do music for the fame and being given credit but there is spirituality behind it and when you have a song, you panic at first but the experience you gain as you get drawn into music's ups and downs makes you realize that you need to relax. So many brands want to stand out and when they stand out they forget where this came from and then they come under pressure and mess it up, which is exactly what I did. I had 'Black Mampatile' I got confused, I panicked, I felt under pressure and I got to realize late that you need to relax, breathe and look to what you really need," Brown said.

Brown concluded by speaking of an exciting development she has coming saying, "I feel that so many people think they really know me as a person but I don't think anybody really knows me personally, so we have been shooting a documentary about Amantle Brown. It's called A mile in my shoes with Amantle Brown and there will be twelve episodes highlighting my history, the real truth behind Amantle Brown and the documentary is so interesting because we are having everybody who has contributed in my journey and I am so excited about it, I can't wait for it to premiere."





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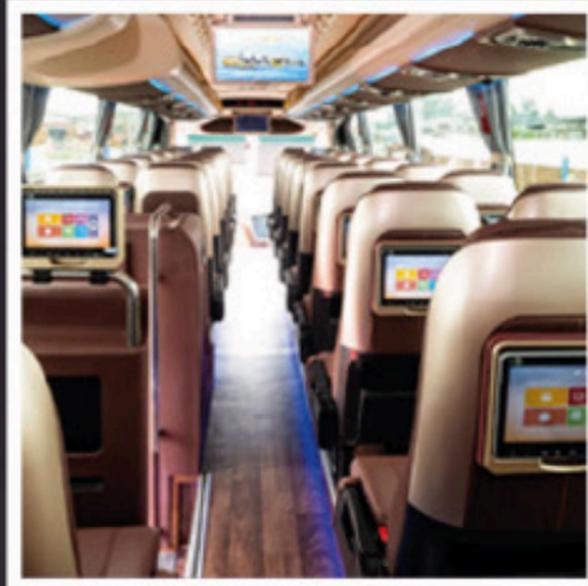
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Recreational hunting, conservation and livelihoods: no clear evidence trail

In sub-Saharan Africa, almost 1,400,000 km² of land spread across many countries – from Kenya to South Africa is dedicated to “trophy” (recreational) hunting. This type of hunting can occur on communal, private, and state lands.

The hunters mainly foreign “tourists” from North America and Europe target a wide variety of species, including lions, leopards, antelopes, buffalo, elephants, zebras, hippopotamus and giraffes.

Debates centred on the role of recreational hunting in supporting nature conservation and local people’s livelihoods are among the most polarising in conservation today.

On one hand, people argue that recreational hunting generates funding that can support livelihoods and nature conservation. It’s estimated to generate US\$200 million annually in sub-Saharan Africa, although others dispute the magnitude of this contribution.

On the other hand, hunting is heavily criticised on ethical and moral grounds and as a potential threat to some species.

Evidence for taking a particular side in the debate is still unfortunately thin. In our recently published research, we reviewed the large body of scientific literature on recreational hunting from around the world, which meant we read and analysed more than

1000 peer-reviewed papers.

We used this vast body of information to summarise the diverse implications of hunting for nature conservation and the livelihoods of people.

We found that studies quantified the revenues generated by hunting, but they often stopped short of determining on how these revenues benefited conservation and local people.

Likewise, there is only a little research documenting the effectiveness of recreational hunting areas for conserving ecosystems, and who really benefits from the revenues generated.

Ultimately, we still do not have enough evidence to answer the pressing questions of where and how hunting contributes to sustainable conservation efforts that also benefit local people. While it is not self-evident why this is so, it is important that future research addresses these gaps.

The impacts on the populations targeted by hunters varied among species. For example, red deer hunting appears to be sustainable, while there is evidence that reindeer hunting has caused some populations to decline. Hunting did not cause population declines in studies of 17 African hoofed mammal species, with only eland declining due to hunting.

Evidence shows that while lion hunting is well-regulated and sustainable in some places – such as Niassa National

Reserve in Mozambique – in other places it is detrimental to local populations. For example, the lion population in Zambia’s South Luangwa National Park declined from 125 lions in 2009 to 94 in 2012. Trophy hunting was the leading cause of death, with 46 males harvested. These declines resulted in a trophy hunting ban in 2013.

Hunting has also negatively affected carnivores elsewhere in the world. For example, puma (cougar) populations in North America and brown bears in Europe.

Unfortunately, we also found that while the literature is extensive, there were biases toward certain continents and either “charismatic” species, or species that are not under imminent threat of extinction.

Far less research has been done to measure the broader impacts of hunting on ecosystems. Or how hunting contributes to, or detracts from, the livelihoods of local people.



poaching and agricultural encroachment.

These constraints have meant the revenue generated from trophy hunting are not enough to cover the costs needed to manage hunting blocks effectively. Trophy hunting, for example in Cameroon, wasn’t enough to provide a meaningful contribution to local communities.

In terms of the broader impacts of hunting on ecosystems, we found evidence for some benefits from North America, Europe, and Africa.

Most evidence suggests that habitat management for game birds is positive for many other species in agricultural landscapes. For instance, in North America, fees from waterfowl hunters have made it possible to conserve or restore more than 50,000 km² of wild bird habitat.

However, recreational hunting can also mean that predators are killed to make way for popular game species kept at artificially high densities via breeding and introduction programs.

In South Africa, benefits generated from trophy hunting of white rhinos incentivised landowners to conserve and restore this species across more than 16,000 km². This helped conserve other species and ecosystems.

Even though the literature on recreational hunting is extensive, research must be extended towards less-charismatic species and to all continents where recreational hunting happens. For example, we need a lot more evidence to support or debunk some claims that hunting increases the quantity and quality of conservation interventions.

Likewise, there is still only limited research addressing questions pertaining to the sustainability of recreational hunting, who benefits from it, and how local people feel about it. Assessing the role of recreational hunting in diverse contexts is essential to develop equitable ecosystem conservation and restoration practices, while simultaneously contributing to the livelihoods and aligning with the values of local people.

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Botswana commits compliance with CAF club licensing regulations



Accompanied by a CAF club licensing instructor Kabelo Bosilong, Muhammad Sidat (Senior Club Licensing Manager) led the operations which resulted in commitments being made between CAF and BFA, the latter represented by Acting CEO Thabiso Kebotsamang, and members of the executive committee. At the end of a week, the culmination of which was a round table organized on Friday at Lekidi Football

Center in Gaborone.

"We are here to provide a proper roadmap for club licensing, more importantly is to implement the club licensing regulations. Thus far, the BFA is aware of the objectives of the club licensing system," Muhammad Sidat said during the meeting.

Other stakeholders at the meeting included Botswana Football League (BFL) chairperson, Jagdish

Shah, BFA's Club Licensing coordinator, Olebile Pilara as well as the BFA Legal and Compliance, Pako Moakofhi.

The Botswana FA has been selected as one of the pilot projects for the online CAF Club Licensing compliance. When welcoming the CAF duo to the BFA headquarters and Botswana, BFA First Vice-President Marshlow Motlogelwa said club licensing is an integral part of standardizing football.

He said to have a proper implemented club licensing structure is vital for Botswana FA hence the request to seek support mission from CAF.

"We are at around 60% with regards to club licensing as the FA. We therefore want to close gaps in this process. Compliance is very fundamental and therefore with today's mission support from CAF we are hopeful that we will achieve our set goals. We have reached a critical stage where we have to fully induct our clubs on club licensing which I think we will tap from your skill. We are looking for a partial and transparent report on our process by far," said Motlogelwa.

The CAF Club Licensing Senior Manager, Muhammad Sidat said the request by the Botswana FA shows how the secretariat is taking a leap towards making sure that all leagues and clubs

are run professionally.

"CAF has developed 5 criteria for club licensing however, from country to country, the federation may add to what works for their leagues. The BFA needs a proper strategy to implement club licensing, the elite has been granted autonomy to run its affairs. It will be imperative to have a criterion to be implemented for the BFL to be compliant. It is highly recommended that the strategy has timelines," said Sidat.

Furthermore, the BFL's chairperson, Jagdish Shah said it is important for all the stakeholders to sit together and fully understand the club licensing tool. He said after three years of trying to adopt the tool, many clubs are still lacking in the process. He acknowledged the efforts by the BFA for seeking help from the CAF Club Licensing Unit adding that this will surely speed up club licensing.

(Cafonline.)



Uganda's Kakooza eyeing U-20 AFCON stardom

When Charles Sempeja got a fracture that ended his football career, the mantle was handed over to his son, Derrick Kakooza. Sempeja, a striker of stature in his days at Masaka Football Council FC looked at his son and in him saw a potential replacement.

"My father told me that because he could no longer play, he hoped that I could take football as a career and I represent him to reach where he could not reach. That was such a huge motivation for me. He was a striker and so naturally, I also became a striker. He told me to take over from him," Kakooza told Cafonline.

He added; "My parents have really supported me. They believed in me from the beginning and gave me enough support. They bought me boots, took me to different academies to train and always gave me advice."

Almost a decade and a half later, Kakooza is doing his father proud and scored Uganda's first ever goal at the Total Under-20 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in Mauritania as the Hippos beat Mozambique 2-0 in their opening match last Monday.

"It was a huge honour for me to become the first Ugandan to score at this tournament. It was the culmination of hard

work since we began training. This has really motivated me to work even harder for the remaining matches and I am sure my dad was excited as well. I represented him well," stated the 18-year-old striker.

Kakooza started his football career at the Naguru Police Academy before joining the Police FC junior team. It didn't take long for his talent and eye for goal to be noticed and was promoted to the Police FC Senior team in 2017 while still at the St. Mary's Kitende

High School.

On his debut, he scored the lone goal that earned Police a 1-0 win over Kirinya FC (Now Busoga United) in a league match.

"It was a dream debut for me because people were saying I was too young, I should not be in the senior team but my coach Abdallah Mubiru trusted me and gave me that chance. He encouraged me and told me that I could do it," further adds the forward.

In the Ugandan Premier

League this season, Kakooza has scored two goals in three matches for Police and has continued his scoring form in Mauritania where he hopes to continue scoring. The 18-year old also hopes that the AFCON U20 can be a breakthrough tournament for him.

"I want to advance my career and maybe this tournament can offer the breakthrough for me. I want to keep working hard and my target is to become the top scorer. I also hope I can help my team move from the

group stages to the next level and hopefully we can finish the tournament in a respectable position," he added.

Kakooza looks on to Gabonese captain Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang as inspiration and he hopes he can reach the same heights as the Arsenal star.

"I like him as a person and I like his style. I like how he plays and he inspires me a lot. One day I would want to reach where he has reached in his career," states Kakooza.

He also hopes his performance in Mauritania will offer him a platform to earn a probable call up to the senior national team, Uganda Cranes.

(Cafonline).





Path clearer for Motsepe to become CAF President

While a decision on the appeal against a five-year ban by Confederation of African Football President Ahmad Ahmad is expected by today (Monday), the path now looks clear for South African billionaire Patrice Motsepe to replace him.

Ahmad was handed the ban last November for corruption, but it was lifted while he appealed to the Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport.

They heard his appeal on Tuesday and Wednesday and will deliver their verdict by Monday, sources have told Reuters, five days before CAF's presidential election.

If the appeal were to be upheld, Ahmad would likely be allowed to stand for re-election at the CAF Congress in Rabat.

But the race to replace him dramatically narrowed on Friday after an agreement brokered by FIFA president Gianni Infantino, who spent a fortnight crisscrossing Africa to forge the deal.

In an arrangement reached with the four candidates seeking to replace Ahmad, Motsepe - one of the richest

men in Africa - would take over the presidency with Augustin Senghor and Ahmed Yahya, two of his opponents, to be appointed vice presidents.

Senghor is president of Senegal's football federation and Yahya heads the federation in Mauritania. Motsepe owns the South African club Mamelodi Sundowns but has no previous experience in football politics.

"We have decided to accept the proposal submitted to us by FIFA in the name of the best interests of the unity of African football," Senghor said in a statement, detailing the agreement.

Former FIFA executive committee member Jacques Anouma, who was a fringe candidate, withdrew on Friday, telling Ivorian radio: "After several reflections and consultations, I decided to abandon my candidacy."

Yahya has not yet announced his withdrawal, but it is expected to follow in the next few days, almost certainly leaving Motsepe, 59, to be elected unopposed at the congress on Friday.

"The withdrawal of my candidacy in favour of another



candidate will not be approved by all, of this I am aware. But I think it's a good decision, the right decision," added Senghor, whose said in his statement that the manifesto of all four candidates would serve as a roadmap for the future of the African game.

Publicity-shy Motsepe, who made his fortune in mining and is the brother-in-law of South Africa president Cyril Ramaphosa, is seen as

a leader with the potential to lift African football out of a spiral of controversy and into a new commercial era. He was

not immediately available for comment.

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