

Three new cardinals for Africa

Of the 21 newly appointed cardinals, three are from Africa, the continent where the Church has grown in recent decades. They are: Stephen Brislin, Archbishop of Cape Town (South Africa), Protase Rugambwa, Co-Adjutor Archbishop of Tabora (Tanzania) and Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla, Archbishop of Juba in South Sudan, which Pope Francis visited earlier this year. The appointment of cardinals from around the world is meant to express the universality of the Church. Cardinals serve as advisors to the Pope on matters of doctrine, administration and finance. One of their most important tasks is to elect the next pope in a secret conclave. 12.07

Kenya: Right to sue

Scotland's highest civil court has ruled that a group of Kenyan farm workers can proceed with their multi-million pound compensation claim against James Finlay Kenya Ltd. Up to 2,000 workers argue they have suffered "musculoskeletal injuries" because of the working conditions (12 hours a day without a break, six days a week, on low pay). JFK, which is based in Aberdeen, denies the allegations and maintains that the case should not be heard in a Scottish court. Founded in Aberdeen in 1750, the Finlay Group operates on five continents and is one of the world's largest tea and coffee producers; Starbucks is also one of its customers. 12.07.2023

Engineer receives most important innovation award

Anatoli Kirigwajjo (Uganda) is the founder and CEO of Yunga, a local digital security network that increases security between neighbours. Yunga connects neighbours to each other and to the police within a 20 km radius - via a physical device, smartphone app or SMS service - providing security at low cost. So far, Yunga has prevented more than 180 cases of crime in the community, with plans to expand to other African markets such as Ghana, Kenya and Nigeria. Kirigwajjo was awarded the Africa Prize for Engineering Innovation, which is dedicated to promoting African innovators. 12.07

Madagascar: Rainforest should grow again

In just two decades, Madagascar has lost 25% of its rainforest, largely through illegal commercial logging. A former logger wants to regrow the forest by providing health services and receiving tree seeds and saplings as payment. The community, much healthier than before, is also taking care of the 50 hectares of new forest. Madagascar's forest is also receiving help from the Lokange Forest project, in which violin makers from Switzerland and Germany and the Beethoven Orchestra Bonn are helping to plant 80,000 trees with the local population, including the local tonewoods for musical instruments, a contribution to nature conservation, improved living conditions and a cultural bridge between the continents. 11.07.2023

Animal Farm receives Shona translation

The quote "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others" from George Orwell's satirical novel has found great resonance in Zimbabwe because it says so much about the reality of Zimbabwe. Already the English version was a favourite, taught in schools and published in a local newspaper. Now, in her translation, author Petina Gappah has made the narrative in standard

Shona but had the animals speak in the different dialects to reflect the power struggles. "Animal Farm is a microcosm of the political developments in post-independence Zimbabwe." (Nyarota). Despite political changes, and the fall and death of Mugabe, Zimbabweans still recognise the parallels, as inflation makes survival almost impossible and another election is due in August, overshadowed by threats against government critics. 10.07.2023

Malaria vaccine made available

18 million doses of the malaria vaccine will be allocated to 12 African countries (Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Niger, Sierra Leone and Uganda) over the period 2023-2025. The allocations were made according to the principles of the Framework Agreement on the Distribution of Limited Stocks of Malaria Vaccine. According to this, doses are prioritised for distribution to areas where the needs and risk of malaria disease and child deaths are highest. This allocation round will use the stockpile of vaccine doses available to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, through UNICEF. The first doses of the vaccine are expected to arrive in countries in the last quarter of 2023, ready for roll-out in early 2024. 10.07.2023

Algeria: University curricula for green hydrogen

The government presented "a project to create curricula in the field of green energy in the form of a thematic network, which at the same time ensures continuous training for the employees of business enterprises. This project concerns some universities and specialised secondary schools in collaboration with foreign universities." 10.07.2023

Angola: Giraffes from Namibia

14 giraffes from Namibia arrived in Angola this week. They are part of the programme to restock this species in Yona National Park. Poaching has severely depleted the giraffe population. Yona Park, which was proclaimed a reserve in 1937 and officially declared a national park in 1964, is the largest in Angola and is located in the south-west of the country, in Namibe. With its 50 000 km², it has two shifting sand dunes, vast plains and rugged rocky mountains and is home to various animal species such as oryx gazelles, ostriches, zebras and reptiles.

Rebirth of the largest planned hydropower plant

President Cyril Ramaphosa and his Congolese counterpart Felix Tshisekedi have agreed to revive Congo's giant Inga 3 hydropower project, which South Africa hopes will help solve its crippling electricity crisis. The \$14 billion Grand Inga Dam project is a series of seven planned hydropower plants on the Congo River. Inga 3, announced in 2013 with World Bank support, was to provide 11 GW of electricity, mainly for export to South Africa and for mines in eastern Congo. However, the World Bank cancelled its participation in 2016. Congo's President Felix Tshisekedi said he had held talks with potential new partners, including China, in recent weeks.

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Zimbabwe: Warning of the Bishops' Conference