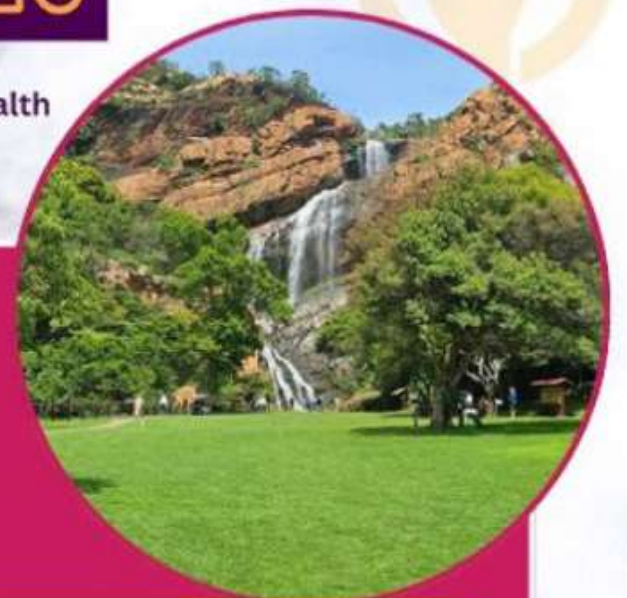


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Fifa 2026 World Cup: Opening Round Of Matches Is Truly A Global Spectacle

DSE Sports News

Two weeks into the biggest World Cup ever staged, the group stage has already delivered goals, surprises, emerging stars, and history-making performances.

Here are ten fascinating facts from the tournament so far.

1 Mexico Makes Early Tournament History

Mexico became the first nation to secure advancement from the group stage after consecutive victories over South Africa and South Korea. In a tournament featuring 48 teams and 12 groups, being the first team through is a significant achievement and has energized home supporters across North America.

2 Newcomers Prove They Truly Belong

One of the biggest stories has been the strong performances from debutants and smaller football nations. Teams such as Curaçao, Jordan, Uzbekistan, and Cape Verde have shown they can compete on the world's biggest stage. Even when results have not gone their way, they have demonstrated that the expanded tournament has increased competitiveness rather than diluted it.

3 Goals Continue Flowing Everywhere

The tournament has already produced several high-scoring encounters. Germany's 7-1 victory over Curaçao stands as the most explosive performance so far, while Sweden's 5-1 triumph over Tunisia and Canada's remarkable 6-0 demolition of Qatar have highlighted the attacking nature of this World Cup.

4 Traditional Giants Face Early Tests

Several football powers have discovered that there are no easy games anymore. Brazil were held to a draw by Morocco, Spain were frustrated by Cape Verde, Belgium

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5 Sweden Emerges As Dark Horse

Before the tournament, few experts ranked Sweden among the leading contenders. Yet their emphatic 5-1 victory over Tunisia and the form of strikers Alexander Isak and Viktor Gyökeres have transformed perceptions. Their clash with the Netherlands has become one of the most anticipated matches of the group stage.

6 North American Hosts Enjoy Spotlight

The unique three-country hosting arrangement has created a festival atmosphere. Matches have been played across Canada, Mexico, and the United States, exposing teams to different climates, travel demands, and stadium environments. Fans have embraced the tournament's continent-wide scale.

7 England Starts With Statement Victory

England's thrilling 4-2 victory over Croatia announced their intentions early. The six-goal contest ranks among the most entertaining matches of the tournament so far and reinforced England's reputation as one of the favorites to challenge for the trophy.

8 Group Stage Travel Becomes Crucial

The enormous geographical scale of the tournament has emerged as an unexpected storyline. Teams are managing long-distance travel across North America while

maintaining fitness and tactical preparation. Coaches have repeatedly emphasized recovery and squad rotation as critical factors in group-stage success.

9 Every Goal Carries Extra Value

Because eight third-placed teams advance, goal difference has become more important than ever. A late goal in a seemingly settled match could determine whether a nation reaches the Round of 32 or heads home. The result is that teams continue attacking even when the outcome appears secure, creating more excitement for supporters.

10 A Group Stage Already Rich With Drama

The 2026 FIFA World Cup group stage has already justified the tournament's historic expansion. Established powers have stumbled, newcomers have impressed, goals have flowed, and qualification races remain wide open. With several groups still unresolved and knockout places on the line, the most dramatic chapters of this remarkable group stage may still lie ahead.

Only A Few Footballers Can Match The Achievements Of **Luka Modrić**

DSE Football News

Few footballers have enjoyed a career as long, successful, and influential as Luka Modrić. From his first major tournament appearance in 2006 to his participation in the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the Croatian maestro has become a symbol of excellence, leadership, and consistency.

Across four World Cups and six European Championships, Modrić has carried the hopes of an entire nation while establishing himself as one of the greatest midfielders in football history. These are the ten greatest tournament achievements of his remarkable international career.

1. Teenage Dream Begins In Germany

The 2006 FIFA World Cup marked Luka Modrić's arrival on the biggest stage in football. At just 20 years old, he was part of Croatia's squad in Germany and gained invaluable experience competing against the world's elite. Although Croatia exited in the group stage, the tournament introduced Modrić to international audiences and laid the foundation for everything that followed.

2. European Breakthrough Against Continent's Best

Euro 2008 was the tournament that announced Modrić as a rising star. He scored Croatia's opening goal of the competition against Austria and helped lead his country to three consecutive group-stage victories. Croatia's exciting football captured attention across Europe, and Modrić emerged as one of the tournament's standout midfielders despite the heartbreaking quarter-final defeat to Turkey.

3. Carrying Croatia Through Euro 2012

By Euro 2012, Modrić had become Croatia's most important player. Competing in a difficult group featuring Spain and Italy, he delivered several outstanding performances and showcased his growing ma-



turity. Although Croatia narrowly missed out on the knockout stages, Modrić proved he could dictate games against the strongest teams in Europe.

4. Leading Generation At Brazil 2014

The 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil saw Modrić enter his prime years. Croatia showed promise during the tournament, but injuries limited his impact and contributed to an early exit. Nevertheless, his leadership and technical brilliance were becoming increasingly important to the national team, setting the stage for future success.

5. Captain Inspires France Euro Campaign

Euro 2016 marked the beginning of Modrić's era as Croatia's unquestioned leader. He scored a spectacular long-range goal against Turkey and guided Croatia to the top of their group ahead of Spain. Although Croatia suffered a painful defeat to Portugal in the Round of 16, Modrić's influence as captain was evident throughout the tournament.

6. Golden Ball At World Cup

The 2018 FIFA World Cup in

Russia remains the crowning achievement of Modrić's international career. He captained Croatia to the first World Cup final in the nation's history, producing masterful performances throughout the tournament. His goals against Nigeria and Argentina, combined with his control of midfield battles, inspired Croatia's incredible run. Although France won the final, Modrić received the Golden Ball award as the tournament's best player.

7. Veteran Leadership During Euro 2020

Delayed until 2021 because of the pandemic, Euro 2020 demonstrated Modrić's enduring class. He scored one of the goals of the tournament against Scotland and became the oldest Croatian player to score at a major championship. Croatia reached the Round of 16, and Modrić once again showed his ability to perform on football's biggest stages despite advancing age.

8. Historic Bronze At Qatar 2022

At the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, many believed Modrić's greatest days were behind him. Instead, he delivered another unforgettable campaign. Croatia reached the semi-finals and defeated Morocco in the third-place

playoff, securing a second World Cup medal in four years. Modrić's composure, intelligence, and leadership helped Croatia achieve one of the finest periods in its football history.

9. Record Breaking Presence Euro 2024

Euro 2024 added another milestone to Modrić's extraordinary résumé. By appearing in his sixth European Championship, he joined an elite group of footballers with unmatched longevity at the international level. Even in his late thirties, he remained Croatia's captain and central figure, continuing to inspire teammates and supporters with his professionalism and determination.

10. Unprecedented Longevity Reaches World Cup

The 2026 FIFA World Cup represents perhaps the most remarkable achievement of all. Twenty years after making his major tournament debut, Modrić remains part of Croatia's World Cup squad. His appearance in a tenth major tournament is a testament to his dedication, fitness, and world-class ability. Very few outfield players in football history have maintained such a high level across two decades, making this achievement one of the greatest examples of longevity the sport has ever seen.

Great Footballer

From a talented youngster in Germany in 2006 to a respected veteran at the 2026 FIFA World Cup, Luka Modrić's journey is one of football's greatest stories. He has inspired generations of Croatian players, won the Golden Ball at a World Cup, captained his country to historic success, and remained among the world's elite for twenty years.

His ten major tournaments tell the story of resilience, excellence, and leadership. Regardless of what happens at the 2026 World Cup, Luka Modrić's legacy as one of football's all-time greats is already secure.

DSE News Network: Music

The sad news on the DSE News Network: Music and Entertainment Page this week is that: South African jazz giant **Abdullah Ibrahim** has died at the age of 91 after a short illness.

He was widely regarded as the leading figure of Cape Jazz, and his music became strongly intertwined with South Africa's struggle against apartheid.

While jazz doesn't have "hit songs" in the same way as pop music, the following are generally considered **Abdullah Ibrahim's** most important and celebrated compositions/recordings:

1. Mannenberg (Is Where It's Happening)

A defining Cape Jazz masterpiece, Mannenberg became an anti-apartheid anthem. Its memorable piano motif, township rhythms, and emotional depth inspired generations worldwide.

2. African Marketplace

This sweeping composition evokes bustling African markets through layered rhythms, vibrant melodies, and ensemble interplay, showcasing Ibrahim's ability to paint musical landscapes.

3. The Wedding

A tender, melodic piece celebrating love and human connection. Its graceful simplicity and emotional warmth exemplify Ibrahim's lyrical approach to composition.

4. Nisa

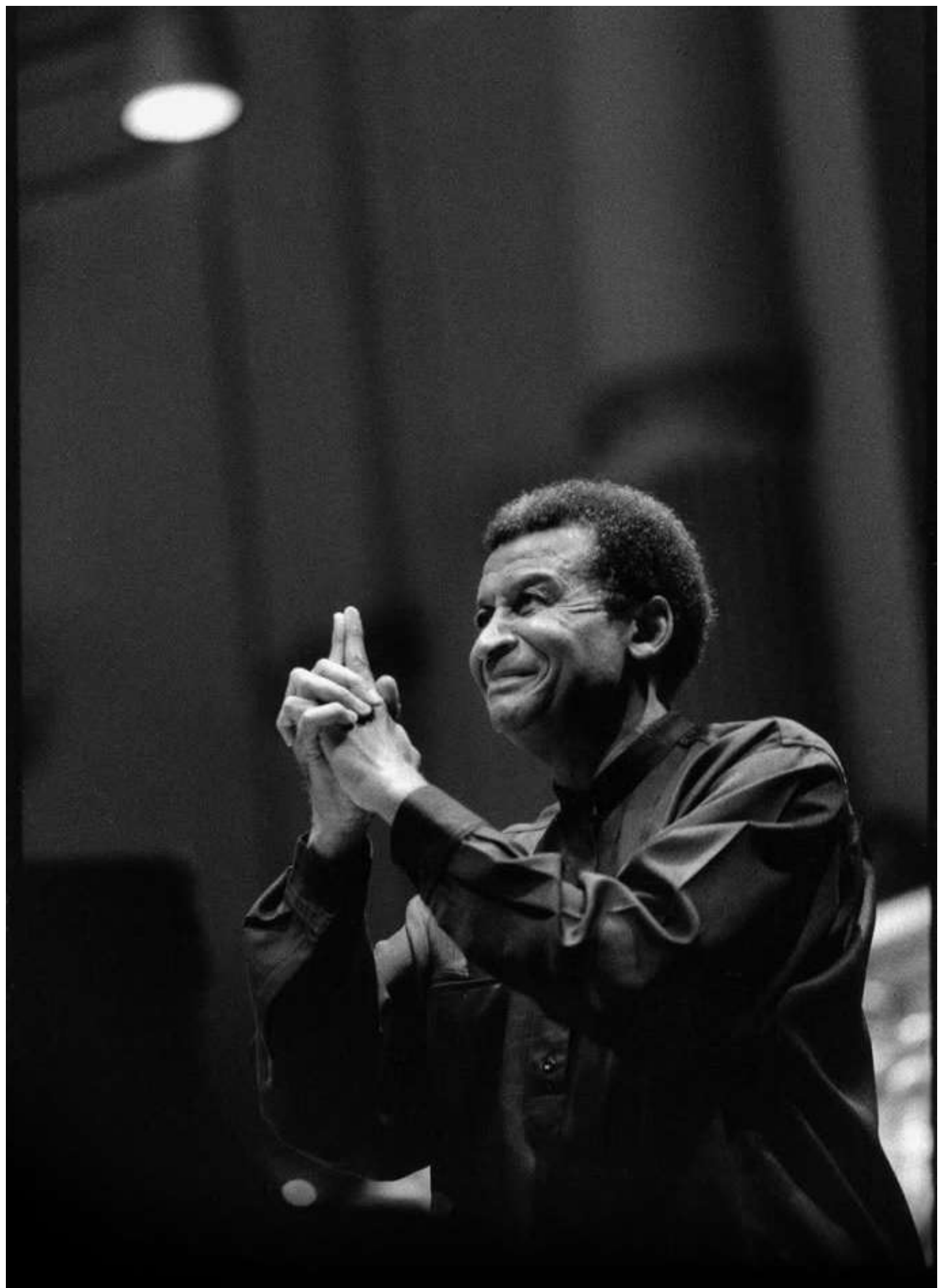
An intimate solo piano meditation featuring delicate phrasing and reflective moods. The composition reveals Ibrahim's spiritual depth and mastery of musical restraint.

5. Water from an Ancient Well

Drawing on ancestral memory and African heritage, this composition blends tradition and jazz, creating a timeless reflection on culture and identity.

6. African Herbs

A lively Cape Jazz classic combining infectious rhythms, soulful melodies, and rich harmonies. It reflects Ibrahim's deep roots in South African traditions.



Abdullah Ibrahim's Most Celebrated Compositions And Recordings

7. Soweto Is Where It's At

Inspired by Soweto's resilience, this piece celebrates community, courage, and cultural pride through energetic rhythms and uplifting, memorable musical themes.

8. Scullery Department

An early Jazz Epistles-era composition blending bebop influences

with South African sounds, marking Ibrahim's emergence as an innovative and influential jazz voice.

9. Jabulani (Joy)

A joyful composition filled with uplifting melodies and rhythmic vitality. It expresses celebration, optimism, and the communal spirit central to Ibrahim's music.

10. Cape Town Fringe

A musical portrait of Cape Town, blending local traditions with jazz sophistication. The composition reflects memory, place, diversity, and belonging.

Rest In Peace, Mighty One

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CAB3 And The Soul Of Democracy: What The Debate And The Drama Reveals About Zimbabwe's Political Future



Kennedy Mapesa Mandaza

For the past three weeks, Zimbabwe has witnessed one of the most dramatic and emotionally charged legislative processes in recent memory. The debates on Constitutional Amendment Bill Number 3 (CAB3) were not merely technical exchanges over constitutional clauses; they became a revealing portrait of Zimbabwe's political conscience, its strengths, its contradictions, and its unresolved historical questions.

This was more than a legislative exercise; it was a revealing moment of Zimbabwe's democracy, moments that exposed the tensions between principle and power, history and ambition, public interest and political survival.

Inside Parliament, the quality of debate was striking. On both sides of the House, many contributions were well researched, grounded, and delivered with conviction. Some parliamentarians spoke with genuine passion, representing the voices of the people who entrusted them with power in 2023.

They spoke as custodians of public will, not as beneficiaries of political privilege. Yet, in the same chamber, others spoke from a different place, not the heart, but the stomach, especially where the amendment promised personal political advantage.

The sessions were punctuated by laughter, heckling, and the familiar "Point of order, Mr Speaker Sir." The Speaker's repeated admonitions, "do not mislead the House," "provide the evidence," became a rhythm of their own. And the colourful interjections, from "kana iwe usingadye nguruve siya isu tidy" to "I stand guided by your wisdom," "rova," reminded us that Parliament is not only a legislative arena but a theatre of political personality.

Yet beneath the humour lay profound disagreements.

Many who opposed CAB3 did so not based only on specific provisions, such as the proposed two year extension of the current term, but on the principle of process. They argued that any amendment affecting the tenure of elected officials should ultimately be subjected to a referendum, as the Constitution requires.

They questioned challenged the narrative that CAB3 would cure political

toxicity, insisting instead that the real antidote lies in genuine electoral reforms, not in adjusting term limits.

Supporters of the bill leaned heavily on the argument of developmental continuity. They claimed that ongoing national projects require more time and stability to reach completion, and that extending Parliament's life would safeguard progress.

Opponents countered that development is not the property of individuals or parties; it is a national endeavour that should outlive any single leader. They pointed to global examples where leadership changes have not derailed development but strengthened it.

A deeper ethical dilemma emerged: can parliamentarians legitimately preside over the extension of their own mandate, a mandate granted by the electorate? For many, this remains a troubling contradiction. Before the final vote, Parliament descended into scenes that will be remembered for years. Heated exchanges, procedural disruptions, and emotional appeals created an atmosphere thick with tension. It was democracy in its rawest form, messy, loud, and unpredictable.

But the drama was not confined to the chamber.

Outside Parliament and across social media platforms, Zimbabweans engaged in unprecedented levels of commentary, speculation, satire, and interpretation. From a distance, the divergent narratives painted contrasting pictures of the same events. Some saw chaos. Others saw awakening. Still others saw manipulation or political theatre.

This raises an important question: Could this turbulence, this explosion of public engagement, be interpreted as a deepening of democracy and freedom?

In a society where silence once dominated, the sheer volume of voices may itself be a sign of political evolution.

Despite the drama of the past three weeks, CAB3 was ultimately passed by an overwhelming majority in the House of Assembly after the third reading. The numbers were decisive. The outcome was clear. But clarity of outcome does not erase the complexity of the journey.

The passage of CAB3 now becomes part of Zimbabwe's constitutional and political history, a moment that will be analysed, debated, and interpreted for years to come.

As I listened to the debates, deeper historical questions surfaced. What did our parents and grandparents fight for during the liberation struggle? Was it not the principle of one person, one vote, the right of citizens to choose their leaders freely and regularly?



Were the 1980 elections not conducted under a negotiated constitution that carefully outlined how leaders were to be chosen? When today's leaders reinterpret or selectively invoke history, are they honouring that legacy or reshaping it for political expediency?

Across the debates, three forces seemed to shape the arguments: self interest, representation of the people, and loyalty to political party. These forces are not new; they have always influenced political decision making.

But CAB3 has brought them into sharp focus. Whatever one's view of CAB3, one truth remains: In constitutional matters, the legitimacy of the product is inseparable from the integrity of the process that produces it.

A constitution is not merely a legal document; it is a social contract. And in politics, the people's voice, expressed through a referendum, carries a moral weight that no parliamentary vote can substitute.

CAB3's passage may resolve a legislative question, but it does not resolve the deeper democratic questions it has raised.

The Constitution of Zimbabwe is a mirror, the question is, 'What Will Zimbabwe Choose to See?'

CAB3 is more than an amendment; it is a test of Zimbabwe's democratic maturity. It forces us to confront uncomfortable questions about power, history, and the meaning of representation. It challenged parliamentarians to choose between personal gain, party loyalty, and the national interest. And it invited citizens to reflect on the values for which so many sacrificed their lives.

The drama of the past three weeks, inside Parliament, outside Parliament, and across social media, may signal a society becoming more vocal, more engaged, and more politically conscious. If so, then even turbulence can be a sign of democratic growth.

In the end, constitutions endure when they are shaped by broad consensus, not narrow advantage. They inspire trust when they reflect the will of the people, not the preferences of the powerful. Zimbabwe now stands at a crossroads where process and principle matter as much as outcome.

The question that remains is simple yet profound: "Will CAB3 strengthen the democratic legacy we inherited, or reshape it in ways future generations may question?"

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Pressure Mounts Ahead Of June 30 Deadline For Undocumented **Foreign Nationals** To Leave SA

IOL News

Pressure is mounting ahead of the June 30 deadline set by some groups for undocumented foreign nationals to leave the country, as protests continue to spread across several provinces.

Communities have voiced frustration over jobs, housing pressures and safety concerns, with more demonstrations expected as the date draws closer.

The past week has seen marches in Tembisa, Pietermaritzburg, North West and Cape Town, with community leaders in Tembisa taking their grievances to the local police station.

About 10 000 Malawian nationals are continuing to leave South Africa, with officials coordinating bus departures from the Sherwood Hall temporary shelter in Durban as part of an ongoing repatriation process.

Authorities say about 10 buses have already crossed into Malawi and stress the process is being managed in an orderly way, while rejecting claims that government has imposed a June 30 deadline for foreign nationals to leave.

What was intended as a temporary holding and assistance space for foreign nationals seeking repatriation has, in recent days, become a site of uncertainty and mounting anxiety. There were also clashes when authorities wanted to move some of them to another site.



Some of those interviewed said there was confusion over timelines and procedures, while others say fear of confrontation in surrounding communities pushed them to seek shelter at the facility.

Border Management Authority (BMA) and Home Affairs have also ramped up enforcement by repatriating 1 596 undocumented foreign nationals through the Beitbridge Port of Entry during a 13-hour operation.

The group included 1 129 Malawian nationals and 467 Zimbabwean nationals, with BMA Commissioner Dr Michael Masiapato describing the Malawian operation as the largest single-day processing exercise of its kind.

Yet for many residents, the deportations have done little to ease concerns over what they describe as the social and economic impact of undocumented migration.

In Cosmo City, some residents say the issue has become intertwined with crime, housing pressures, local businesses and community safety.

One community member alleged that financial interests have discouraged some residents from speaking out.

"It has come to my attention that once someone report the wrong doings of Makula or the issue of undocumented foreigner members of groups never engage... it's because it touches their monthly income from these people as their tenants," the resident said.

The resident argued that some landlords fear losing rental income should undocumented tenants leave, even as other community members call for stricter enforcement of immigration laws.

Another resident raised concerns about products allegedly being sold in some local shops and the potential risks to children.

"Oh no we can't sit as community and do nothing about these shops, if we reached this point then we must stand up close all the shops imagine, my 5 years old would swallow that pill and think its a sweet... angeke bahlali awawalwe amakula before konakala too much," the resident said.

Security analyst Willem Els of the Institute for Security Studies warns that perceptions, rather than verified data, are driving behaviour on the ground, noting that "whatever the statistics say, the person in the township will act on what they believe is happening," and adding that migration pressure is often shaped by South Africa being seen as "a Europe in Africa," which continues to attract people despite economic strain and rising unemployment.

President Cyril Ramaphosa said government recognises that South Africans have genuine concerns about illegal immigration and its impact on communities.

"We are responding to real concerns communities have about the effects that unchecked illegal immigration has on jobs and economic opportunities. We know that some companies employ – and exploit – undocumented foreign nationals in violation of the law. There is also a perception that spaza shops owned by foreign nationals are squeezing out local traders in communities," Ramaphosa said. - News Reporting By IOL News

Ten Reasons Why Trillionaire **Elon Musk** Redefined The True Meaning Of Wealth: Through That IPO

DSE News Technology

Elon Musk remains one of the most influential and closely watched figures in technology, business, space exploration, and artificial intelligence.

This week has been particularly significant, with developments surrounding SpaceX, Tesla, AI initiatives, and Musk's personal fortune making global headlines.

Here are the ten biggest reasons why Elon Musk is in the news - right now.

1. SpaceX Makes Musk Historic Trillionaire

The biggest story of the week is Elon Musk becoming the world's first trillionaire following the successful public listing of SpaceX. The company's valuation surged after investors rushed to buy shares, pushing Musk's personal net worth past the trillion-dollar mark. The milestone represents a moment unlike anything previously seen in modern business history and highlights the enormous investor confidence in the future of commercial spaceflight.

2. Record-Breaking SpaceX IPO Stuns Markets

SpaceX's long-awaited initial public offering has become one of the largest and most successful IPOs ever conducted. Demand for shares far exceeded expectations, and the company's valuation quickly climbed into the ranks of the world's most valuable corporations. Analysts say investors are betting not only on rockets but also on satellite communications, defense contracts, and future Mars-related technologies.

3. Mars Vision Gains New Momentum

With SpaceX now backed by unprecedented capital, attention has shifted once again to Musk's long-term vision of building a human settlement on Mars. Company executives have suggested that additional funding from public markets could accelerate Starship development, deep-space missions, and technologies designed



for long-duration human space travel. What once sounded like science fiction is increasingly being discussed as a realistic strategic goal.

4. Tesla Leadership Strategy Draws Attention

Musk's influence at Tesla remains a major topic of discussion. Recent moves to increase his voting control have generated debate among shareholders and corporate governance experts. Supporters argue stronger control allows Musk to pursue long-term innovation without interference, while critics worry about concentrating too much power in a single executive. The discussion has renewed focus on Tesla's future direction in electric vehicles, robotics, and autonomous driving.

5. Artificial Intelligence Expansion Accelerates

Artificial intelligence remains central to Musk's business strategy. Investors are closely monitoring the relationship between his AI ventures and his larger technology ecosystem. Many believe AI could become as important to Musk's future empire as electric vehicles or space exploration. Industry observers are particularly interested in how AI technologies may be integrated into robotics, transportation, communications, and scientific research.

6. SpaceX Challenges Traditional

Aerospace Giants

The success of SpaceX has fundamentally altered the global aerospace industry. Established competitors are now facing pressure to innovate faster and reduce costs. The company's reusable rocket technology has dramatically lowered launch expenses while increasing launch frequency. Industry analysts increasingly view SpaceX as the dominant force shaping the future of space transportation and satellite deployment.

7. Starlink Continues Global Expansion

Another major story is the continued growth of SpaceX's Starlink satellite internet network. The service now reaches millions of users worldwide and continues expanding into underserved regions. Governments, businesses, and consumers increasingly rely on satellite-based connectivity, making Starlink one of the most commercially successful parts of Musk's business empire. The network's strategic importance has also increased during emergency and disaster-response situations.

8. Tesla's Next Generation Products Awaited

Investors and consumers continue speculating about Tesla's upcoming product roadmap. Expectations remain high regarding advancements in autonomous driving, robotics, battery technol-

ogy, and next-generation vehicle platforms. Every public statement from Musk is scrutinized for clues about future announcements. Market analysts believe Tesla's ability to maintain growth depends heavily on successfully introducing new technologies beyond its current vehicle lineup.

9. Debate Over Extreme Wealth Intensifies

Musk's trillionaire status has reignited discussions about wealth inequality, taxation, and the role of billionaires in society. Supporters argue that his wealth reflects value creation through innovation, entrepreneurship, and technological progress. Critics contend that such extraordinary concentrations of wealth raise important social and economic questions. The debate has spread across political, academic, and business communities worldwide.

10. The Future Of Musk's Empire

Perhaps the most fascinating story is the growing realization that Musk's various companies increasingly complement one another. Tesla, SpaceX, Starlink, AI ventures, robotics programs, and energy initiatives are no longer viewed as separate businesses. Instead, analysts see an interconnected technology ecosystem designed to address transportation, communications, energy production, artificial intelligence, and even human expansion into space. This broader vision helps explain why investors remain so interested in Musk's long-term plans.

Why This News Matters

The significance of these developments extends beyond Elon Musk himself. SpaceX's success demonstrates the growing importance of the commercial space industry. Tesla continues influencing the global transition toward electric transportation. Artificial intelligence initiatives are shaping debates about the future of work and technology. Meanwhile, Starlink is redefining how internet access can be delivered around the world.

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Sue Nyathi: Ten Reasons Why Top Writer Is Rocking The Waves On Netflix

DSE News Network

The DSE News Network is never far from the news, and this week's newsmaker is Sue Nyathi, born Sukoluhle Nyathi, a Zimbabwean-born author based in South Africa.

Here are the ten things that define why Sue Nyathi is in the news - right now

1 Zimbabwean Author Behind Hit Story

Sue Nyathi first made her mark on African literature with *The Polygamist*, a novel published in 2012 that became a bestseller and established her as one of the continent's most recognisable contemporary fiction writers.

Since then, she has written several successful novels, including *The Gold Diggers*, *A Family Affair*, *An Angel's Demise* and *Rubies and Rain*.

2 Novel Inspired Groundbreaking Netflix Adaptation

The success of Nyathi's debut novel has now reached a global audience through Netflix's adaptation, *The Polygamist*. The streaming giant transformed the book into a 22-episode South African "supernovela", bringing the story's themes of love, betrayal and power to television. The series premiered globally on 12 June 2026.

3 Series Has Become Instant National Phenomenon

Within days of its release, *The Polygamist* became one of South Africa's most talked-about television shows. Reports indicate that it climbed to the number one position on Netflix South Africa within four days, sparking widespread discussion on social media and in homes across the country.

4 Story Explores Power And Betrayal

At the centre of the drama is Jonasi Gomora, a wealthy self-made businessman whose seemingly perfect life begins to collapse



under the weight of his secrets. As his affairs and hidden relationships come to light, the women around him challenge his authority and expose the emotional consequences of his choices.

5 Polygamy Debate Dominates Public Conversation

Although the title focuses on polygamy, the story goes much deeper than multiple marriages. Nyathi has described her work as an examination of relationships, power and responsibility rather than a celebration of polygamy. The series has reignited debates around traditional marriage practices, cultural expectations and modern family structures.

6 Women Drive Narrative And Conflict

One of the strengths of both the novel and television adaptation is its focus on women's experiences. The story unfolds through the perspectives of several women connected to Jonasi, each with her own ambitions, struggles and motivations. Rather than portraying them as passive victims, Nyathi presents them as complex characters making difficult choices in challenging circumstances.

7 Star Cast Brings Characters Alive

The television adaptation is led by S'dumo Mtshali as Jonasi Gomora and Gugu Gumede as Joyce

Gomora. The cast also includes Kenneth Nkosi, Celeste Ntuli, Kwanele Mthethwa and several other well-known South African performers.

8 Award Winning Creatives Led Production

The series was produced by Gugu Zuma-Ncube and her team at Stained Glass Productions, while acclaimed filmmaker Akin Omotoso served among the directors. The adaptation was written by a team led by head writer Busisiwe Zwane, ensuring the novel's emotional intensity translated effectively to the screen.

9 Series Tackles Major Social Issues

Beyond romance and family drama, *The Polygamist* addresses a range of issues affecting contemporary African societies. Viewers have engaged in conversations about infidelity, patriarchy, domestic violence, class inequality, transactional relationships and the impact of absent fathers on children. These themes have helped elevate the series beyond conventional soap-opera entertainment.

10 African Storytelling Reaches Global Audiences

The success of *The Polygamist* highlights the growing international appeal of African stories. What began as a self-published novel by Sue Nyathi in 2012 has evolved into one of Netflix's most ambitious South African productions. Its popularity demonstrates that stories rooted in African realities can resonate with audiences both at home and around the world.

The bottom line: Sue Nyathi's *The Polygamist* has moved from the pages of a bestselling novel to a Netflix sensation, generating debate on culture, relationships and gender while showcasing the power of African storytelling on a global stage.

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How The Founders **Envisioned** The International Women's Multisector Conference

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Dr Miriam Mukorombindo is the director for Hearts Unlimited, an organisation based in Zimbabwe whose mandate is to bring women together and cross-pollinate ideas while growing in all facets emotionally, economically, and socially.

Diana Musara is one of the directors at Yes We Can Business Network, a South African-based organisation that promotes growth for women in all facets. It helps women to network for growth, and membership is drawn across industries with various activities throughout the year.

These two ladies came together to form the international women's multisector conference, an initiative aimed at networking on a broader scale.

Established in 2024, the first conference held in South Africa was a huge success, ushering a new wave of intentional networking.

Guests included entrepreneur Dr Divine Ndhelukula, whose book *Entrepreneurial Success: Insights on Growing Business in a Fluid Economy* was where she drew her presentation.

Learning from her life story was motivation for the attendees drawn from Zimbabwe, Zambia, and SA as well as virtual attendees from the US. Some presentations focused on AI use for efficiency, the media personality, agriculture, and value addition.



The dream grew when people converged in Harare, Cresta Lodge, for the second instalment. This conference drew people from the UK, the USA, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Positive feedback has been seen by changes in the way people are operating their business, planning for their retirement, and networking with each other

This year people converge in SA again with a conference that promises to be bigger and better as its focus is on collaboration and funding related programs. It also includes a wellness aspect, which is topical in today's world - where the demands of business and entrepreneurship often over ride the health and fashion side of success.

The dream the two visionaries planted

seems to be growing at a fast pace with actual feedback showing positive results in business, professional and personal lives, adding new aspects to the best in both worlds affording women in executive positions spaces and platforms to support each other emotionally and to maintain positive energy.

"Being the director of ceremonies at this conference over the past two years has earned me a growth in my speaking business as it opened other global opportunities," said media personality Sympathy Mangwenya.

Yes We Can Business Women Network (YWC) will host the third Annual Multi-Sector International Conference under the theme "Capital Without Borders: Unlocking Cross-Border Opportunities, Social Impact & Sustainable

Wealth for Women."

Taking place in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 31 July to 2 August 2026, the conference is expected to attract entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers, academics, development practitioners, corporate leaders and ecosystem builders from across the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region and beyond.

The event is supported by the Rotary Club of Morningside and Hearts Unlimited, and the three-day event aims to provide practical solutions, strategic connections and investment opportunities for women and youth-led enterprises operating in an increasingly complex global economy.

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Rotary Club of Morningside All Set To Host International Women Multisector Conference, Targeting Economic Empowerment For Women And Youth

Sympathy Mangwenya

News this week on the DSE News Network is that the Rotary Club of Morningside is set to host the International Women Multisector Conference, Targeting Economic Empowerment for Women and Youth.



The Rotary Club of Morningside has partnered with the Yes We Can Business Women Network and Hearts Unlimited to host the upcoming International Women Multisector Conference, an initiative the club says aligns directly with Rotary International's area of focus on Economic and Community Development.

Rotary believes "sustainable communities are built when people are equipped with the skills, opportunities, networks and resources they need to create economic growth and improve their quality of life," the club said in a statement.

Globally, Rotary members support entrepreneurship, vocational development, financial literacy, and community-led economic initiatives, with a particular emphasis on women and young people.

Locally, the Rotary Club of Morningside has made the upliftment of women and youth entrepreneurs a key priority within its service area.

The event also carries special significance for the club's leader-

ship. Incoming President Jennifer Greffen, the first female President-elect of the Rotary Club of Morningside, has adopted women and youth empowerment as one of her key focus areas for the year ahead.

"We recognise that entrepreneurship is one of the most effective ways to address unemployment, create sustainable livelihoods and build resilient communities," Greffen said. The conference is designed to bring together entrepreneurs, professionals, investors, policymakers and development partners to share knowledge, create partnerships and unlock new opportunities.

The club is urging potential attendees not to miss the opportunity: "My message to anyone considering attending is simple: invest in yourself and your future.

The conference offers practical insights, access to industry experts,

networking opportunities, funding discussions and valuable connections that can help accelerate your personal, professional and business growth," she reiterated

Organisers of the event say the platform will cater to a broader audience, from aspiring entrepreneurs to established business owners, professionals and young leaders.

"Whether you are an aspiring entrepreneur, an established business owner, a professional or a young leader, there will be opportunities to learn, connect and be inspired," the IWMC spokesperson added.

The partnership underscores Rotary's ongoing commitment to driving economic development from the community level up.

"Together, we can create stronger businesses, stronger communities and a more prosperous future for women and youth across Africa," the club said.



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Ten Reasons Behind The Call For **Inclusive AI Language** Projects On The Continent Of Africa

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On the DSE News Network, the Continent is battling with why and how many African languages remain underrepresented in the datasets, tools, and AI systems that power today's digital economy.

To address this challenge, this week we report that Microsoft AI for Good Lab, the Gates Foundation, Masakhane African Languages Hub, and Google.org have launched LINGUA Africa, an initiative offering funding, cloud credits, and technical support for projects focused on underrepresented African languages.

The initiative aims to encourage the creation of language resources, AI models, tools, and real-world applications that can serve African communities more effectively. Below are ten key reasons why there is a growing call for inclusive AI language development across the continent.

1 Preserve Africa's Linguistic Diversity Today

Africa is home to more than 2,000 languages, representing one of the world's richest linguistic landscapes. Many of these languages face the risk of digital exclusion because they lack sufficient online content and language resources. Inclusive AI projects can help preserve linguistic heritage by creating datasets, speech recordings, translations, and digital tools that ensure African languages remain relevant in the digital age.

2 Expand Access To Digital Services

Millions of Africans are unable to fully benefit from digital services because many platforms operate primarily in global languages such as English, French, or Portuguese. AI systems that understand local languages can make digital services more accessible, allowing people to interact with technology in the language they know best.

3 Improve Educational Outcomes Across Communities



Education remains one of the most promising areas for language-based AI innovation. Students often learn more effectively when educational content is available in their native language. Inclusive AI can support multilingual learning tools, translation systems, tutoring applications, and educational resources that improve learning outcomes across diverse communities.

4 Strengthen Healthcare Communication And Access

Healthcare information can be difficult to understand when it is delivered in unfamiliar languages. AI-powered translation tools, voice assistants, and health information systems can help patients access critical healthcare guidance in their preferred language. This can improve understanding, increase trust, and support better health outcomes.

5 Support Farmers With Local Knowledge

Agriculture remains a major source of livelihood across Africa. Farmers frequently need timely information about weather conditions, crop diseases, market prices, and farming techniques. AI tools that communicate in local languages can help farmers receive practical advice and make informed decisions that improve productivity and food security.

6 Promote Financial Inclusion

For Everyone

Many people remain excluded from formal financial services due to language barriers and limited access to financial information. Inclusive AI can support multilingual banking services, digital payment platforms, financial literacy tools, and customer support systems that help more people participate in the formal economy.

7 Enable Better Government Service Delivery

Governments are increasingly using digital platforms to provide public services. However, language barriers can prevent citizens from accessing important information or completing essential processes. AI-powered language technologies can improve communication between governments and citizens by making services available in multiple local languages.

8 Reduce Bias In Artificial Intelligence

Most AI systems are trained on data from a relatively small number of dominant languages. This can result in bias and reduced performance when systems are applied to underrepresented languages and cultures. Building high-quality datasets and language resources for African languages helps create more equitable AI systems that better reflect the diversity of human experiences.

9 Empower Local Innovation

And Research

African researchers, entrepreneurs, and developers are uniquely positioned to create solutions that address local challenges. However, many lack access to the resources needed to build language technologies. LINGUA Africa seeks to address this gap by providing funding, cloud computing credits, and technical expertise that enable local innovators to develop impactful AI solutions.

10. Create Sustainable Community-Led Technology Ecosystems

Inclusive AI is most effective when it is developed with the active participation of the communities it serves. The LINGUA Africa initiative emphasizes community engagement, collaboration, and open resources that can be reused by researchers, developers, and organizations. This approach helps create sustainable ecosystems where knowledge, tools, and data continue to benefit communities long after individual projects are completed.

Building Africa's Inclusive AI Future

The launch of LINGUA Africa reflects a growing recognition that the future of artificial intelligence must include all languages and communities.

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Door-Step To The Financial Process: Your Starter Guide To Structured Financial Planning



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What is Financial Planning?

Financial planning is the process of assessing a person's or business's current financial position, identifying financial goals, and developing strategies to achieve those goals. It involves analysing various aspects of finances, including income, expenses, assets, liabilities, risks, investments, taxation, retirement planning, and estate planning. The ultimate objective of financial planning is to ensure that financial resources are used efficiently to support both short-term needs and long-term aspirations.

Professional financial planners in South Africa generally follow a six-step financial planning process. The process begins with an initial consultation between the financial planner and the client. During this stage, the planner explains the services offered, fees, responsibilities, and scope of engagement. The client also outlines their financial concerns, priorities, and expectations. Trust and transparency are critical at this stage because financial planning requires the sharing of sensitive personal and business information.

Gathering Financial Information

The planner collects detailed information about the client's financial situation. This includes:

Income and expenditure, assets and liabilities, investments, insurance policies, retirement savings, tax position, estate planning, and business financial information. The accuracy of the financial plan depends heavily on the quality of the information collected.

Once the information has been gathered, the financial planner analyses the client's financial health. This involves evaluating cash flow, debt levels, savings patterns, risk exposure, investment performance, and future financial obligations. The analysis helps identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and potential risks that may affect the achievement of financial goals. Based on the analysis, the planner develops tailored recommendations designed to help the client achieve their objectives.

Implementing the Financial Plan

After discussing and agreeing on the recommendations, implementation begins. This involves establishing investment portfolios, purchasing insurance products, creating retirement savings strategies, drafting wills and trusts, restructuring debt and implementing tax-efficient strategies. Financial planning is not a once-off exercise. Personal circumstances, legislation, tax laws, investment markets, and business conditions change over time.

Regular reviews ensure that the financial plan remains relevant and aligned with the client's evolving objectives. Most financial planners recommend annual reviews or more frequent assessments when significant life or business events occur. A comprehensive personal financial plan in South Africa typically includes cash flow and budget planning. Effective financial planning begins with understanding income and expenditure patterns.

Risk Management and Insurance Planning

Risk management protects individuals and families against financial losses arising from death, disability, critical illness, or loss of income. Appropriate insurance solutions include: life insurance, disability cover, income protection, severe illness cover, and medical aid and gap cover

Investment Planning

This sector focuses on building wealth through suitable invest-

ment vehicles. The investment strategy should align with one's goals, risk tolerance, and time horizon. Common investment options include: Unit trusts, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), retirement annuities, tax-free savings accounts and direct equity investments

Retirement Planning

Retirement planning aims to ensure that individuals accumulate sufficient capital to maintain their desired lifestyle after retirement. Key considerations include: Retirement age, projected retirement income needs, retirement funding shortfalls, and tax-efficient retirement savings strategies.

Tax Planning

Tax planning seeks to legally minimise tax liabilities while maximising after-tax wealth. Strategies may include making use of retirement fund contributions, tax-free savings accounts, and appropriate investment structures.

Estate Planning

Estate planning ensures that assets are distributed according to the individual's wishes upon death while minimising estate costs and taxes. Estate planning typically includes: Wills, trusts, beneficiary nominations, estate duty planning, and liquidity planning.

Financial Plan for Businesses

Businesses require specialised financial planning to ensure sustainability, growth, and continuity.

Business Risk Management

Businesses face numerous risks that can threaten operations and profitability. A financial plan should address:

Key person risk

This includes aspects like business interruption risk, liability exposures, asset protection, succession risks.

Business Succession Planning

Succession planning ensures conti-

nity when owners, shareholders, or key executives retire, become disabled, or pass away. This often include areas like: Buy-and-sell agreements, shareholder agreements, key person insurance, ownership transition strategies, and employee benefits planning.

Employee Benefits

A well-designed employee benefits programme assists in attracting and retaining skilled employees. Benefits may include: Pension and provident funds, group life cover, disability benefits, medical aid arrangements, and corporate investment planning.

Businesses often accumulate surplus cash reserves that can be strategically invested to support future growth, acquisitions, or expansion projects.

Tax-Efficient Wealth Extraction

Business owners require strategies to extract wealth from their businesses efficiently through a combination of salaries, dividends, retirement funding, and investment structures.

Business Continuity Planning

Business continuity planning ensures that the organisation can continue operating during unexpected events. This involves contingency funding, liquidity management, and disaster recovery planning.

Conclusion

Financial planning is a proactive process designed to help individuals and businesses achieve financial security, growth, and peace of mind. In dynamic economic environment, effective financial planning has become essential for managing risks, building wealth, preparing for retirement, protecting families, and ensuring business continuity. By following a structured financial planning process and regularly reviewing financial goals, both individuals and businesses can make informed decisions that improve their long-term financial wellbeing.

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From Technical Support To Running In South African Hills: Visitor Mashushire's Feat Of Endurance

By Sithembeni Tanya Madziwa

For many 52-year-olds, the goal is to slow down but not with Visitor Mashushire who has proved that serious and consistent commitment can decode the ultimate ultra-marathon.

Fresh off the gruelling ribbons of asphalt between Durban and Pietermaritzburg, Visitor sat down to reflect on his monumental journey completing South Africa's legendary Comrades Marathon 2026.

This is a brutal, ultimate test of human will which has been culminated by over a decade of a well-disciplined lifestyle.

"I started running and jogging consistently, usually in the morning, end of year 2010 and started participating in local events in 2018."

Visitor recalled how it all started and giving credit to Zimbabwe's vibrant running scene that offered the perfect proving ground which included, the Old Mutual, Econet Victoria Falls, CBZ, ZB, Zimbabwe School of Mines, Pretoria Portland Cement (PPC), Joshua Nkomo Peace marathon events.

It's these events that helped him build the much need physical stamina where he pushed himself to the absolute limit and it also gave him a confidence booster to register for the most challenging marathon, the Comrades Marathon 2026.

For this event, it was more than being confident, but he had to be in survival mode for the hills he had to conquer, hence he had a strict routine, balancing training and work.

Mondays were strictly for rest, Tuesday-Friday before heading to work was for a 10 to 15 km run with gruelling Saturday sessions of over 25km followed by 10 km recovery run for Sundays.

As a member of Fitness First Club, Bulawayo, the club organised 4 ultra-marathon events which helped him in levelling up the distance



and terrain in South Africa. In April 2026, he also trained with a Gweru club that organised another ultra-marathon from Gweru to Chachacha, about 60km.

To mimic the legendary South African elevation changes, Visitor sought out the most unforgiving topography closer to home.

"There is a place called Danger. It is about 33km from Bulawayo on your way to Masvingo or Beitbridge. I trained there several times this year." He paired these gruelling hill climbs with targeted body workouts designed to strengthen core muscles.

With this kind of training he knew that he would conquer the South African terrain. "There was no difference between the training I did back home and the actual race day," Visitor said confidently. "I never regretted and never wished I had done more." Yet, nothing completely prepares the human mind for the raw landscape of the Comrades route.

"The problem was the terrain", Visitor admitted. "It was uneven and unforgiving." Despite the refreshment points being fully stacked with water, juices,

food, and salt, the true enemy was the elevation. The route featured the notorious 'Big Five' hills, which saw him slow down at the infamous Polly Shortts. "Of course I had heard about the big 5 hills.

After my Comrades Marathon preparation I was confident and felt adequate. I knew I could endure the pain.

But I openly admit that Polly Shortts was the most difficult. It was run then walk, walk then run on this hill." In that moment of immense physical pain, his years of accumulated mileage became his shield, he physically conquered not only Polly Shortts but the event.

"I learnt that preparation for marathon events is very important," he added.

Despite the pain, his immense discipline culminated in triumph, and he crossed the finish line in a spectacular 9 hours, 39 minutes, and 45 seconds, earning the highly respected Robert Mtshali Medal. When asked to describe the moment he secured his place among the finishers, the ICT specialist was temporarily short of words.

"I do not have the right words to describe how I felt," he said, with the excitement still fresh. "To describe the mood, the excitement... I was ecstatic, to me, this achievement symbolises endurance."

Having walked the talk, Visitor had powerful words for aspiring long-distance runners looking to follow his footsteps. He refused to sugarcoat the reality of the sport. He bluntly said, "I have heard messages like 'There is no short-cut to fitness' and 'You cannot cheat on fitness' during marathon events. To my fellow colleagues I say it's achievable, with immense, serious commitment."

However, beyond the immense mental grit, Visitor highlighted the stark financial hurdles facing independent athletes in Zimbabwe. "We face many challenges as runners. We need financial resources, that is registration, travel, accommodation and food for both local and international marathon events, to buy performance tracking devices like a sports watch or phone, to buy sports gear, especially the running shoes.

"We need running shoes designed for runners, and they are more expensive than other shoes."

Yet, according to Visitor, the heaviest battle isn't physical or financial but it's the one fought in the mind before the sun comes up.

"The serious challenge you face as a runner is the temptation to sleep, and to rest because waking up early in the morning is not easy." But for this 52-year-old ICT technician, every early alarm, every aching muscle, and every steep incline at Danger or the 'Big Five' hills was worth it. He proved to the world that with enough commitment, the human machine can endure more.

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Sky Sports News

Serena Williams will partner Karolina Muchova at this week's Berlin Open - live on Sky Sports - as the 23-time Grand Slam champion re-debuts at 593rd in the doubles rankings.

Williams' comeback in the HSBC Championships at Queen's Club ended prematurely after her doubles partner Victoria Mboko was forced to withdraw with a left knee injury.

After nearly four years away, Williams will continue her comeback in Berlin - live on Sky Sports Tennis at around 4.30pm on Tuesday - and could seek a wildcard for the Wimbledon championships.

The 44-year-old American great will partner world No 10 Karolina Muchova in the women's doubles against Giuliana Olmos and Erin Routliffe with the match scheduled for Tuesday at the Steffi Graf Stadion.

The winner of that clash will take on third seeds Melichar-Martinez and Sara Errani or Chinese duo Jiang Xinyu and Xu Yifan in the second round while top seeds Anna Danilina and Aleksandra Krunic could await in the semi-final.

Second seeds Elise Mertens and Zhang Shuai are the headline draw in the lower half of the draw and they kick their campaign off against Tereza Mihalikova and Olivia Nicholls with fourth seeds Ellen Perez and Demi Schuurs projected semi-final opponents.

"Every tournament I add to my schedule right now feels special, and Berlin is no exception," the American said about playing in Berlin.

"I'm excited to compete in front of the German fans and continue building momentum throughout the grass-court season."

Neither Williams or the All England Club have confirmed whether she'll play Wimbledon later this month.

"It's just a day at a time," Williams said in regard to playing the season's third major. "I still have a little time to decide, and they have been great about giving me that space and time to decide."

"I'm not sure that anybody expected her to come back when she re-



Serena Williams Set To Partner Karolina Muchova In Doubles Return At This Week's Berlin Open

tired, I think it was back in 2022," she told Sky Sports.

"She has her two children now, but she's been playing a load; she's obviously got herself into really good shape, fit, ready to compete again. "I'm guessing she probably missed it a lot, as well.

"I saw a clip where she was saying

that it was really important to her that her kids saw her playing, so they knew who she was and what she did.

"I absolutely loved the fact that her husband and her kids were court-side and greeted her when she came off.

"But she showed that she's still

playing at a remarkably high level, playing doubles with Victoria Mboko at the WTA event in Queen's, and winning her first match!

"And huge crowd support there, and huge fan base behind her, it's great, another mum coming back into the game successfully, brilliant."

Why **Ronaldinho Gaúcho** Announced 'Return' To Football With Italian Club

DSE Football News

Football fans around the world were stunned this week when reports emerged that Ronaldinho could be making a sensational return to the game. While the Brazilian legend retired years ago after one of the most entertaining careers football has ever seen, the idea of seeing him back on the pitch has sparked excitement and curiosity.

Of course, any comeback at this stage would be more about fun, entertainment, and passion than trophies and statistics. Equally, the Italian club reportedly interested in bringing him back would be signing more than just a footballer. They would be signing a global icon capable of creating unforgettable moments.

These are the ten fun reasons why Ronaldinho is returning to football and why an Italian club would love to welcome him back.

1. Smiles Still Win Football Matches

Ronaldinho has always believed football should be fun. Throughout his career he played with a smile that became as famous as his skills. A return to football would allow him to spread that joy once again and remind fans that the game is ultimately about entertainment and happiness.

2. Fans Crave One Final Show

Many supporters never had the chance to watch Ronaldinho play live during his prime years. An Italian club would know that thousands of fans would buy tickets simply to witness one final chapter in the story of one of football's greatest entertainers.

3. Magical Skills Never Truly Disappear

Speed may fade with age, but technique often remains forever. Ronaldinho's first touch, vision, and creativity could still produce moments of brilliance. Supporters would arrive at every match hop-



ing to witness another outrageous pass, flick, or piece of improvisation.

4. Social Media Loves Football Legends

Modern football is driven by global attention. Every appearance by Ronaldinho would dominate social media platforms, generating millions of views and interactions. The Italian club would gain worldwide exposure far beyond what a normal signing could provide.

5. Dressing Room Needs Extra Laughter

One of Ronaldinho's greatest qualities was his personality. Former teammates regularly described him as someone who lifted spirits and created a positive atmosphere. His presence could help younger players relax, enjoy themselves, and play with greater confidence.

6. Sponsors Dream Of Nostalgic Magic

Commercial partners love stories that capture the imagination. Ronaldinho's return would generate headlines across the globe and attract sponsorship opportunities. For the club, signing him would be about creating excitement both on and off the pitch.

7. Young Players Learn Creative Freedom

Modern football can sometimes become highly tactical and structured. Ronaldinho represents freedom, imagination, and self-expression. Training alongside him could inspire younger players to take risks, try new skills, and embrace the creative side of the game.

8. Italian Football Loves Great Characters

Italian football has always embraced larger-than-life personalities. From legendary strikers to charismatic managers, the sport in Italy appreciates players who bring theatre and emotion. Ronaldinho would fit perfectly into that tra-

dition, giving supporters a player they could instantly adore.

9. Football Needs More Unexpected Stories

Every season brings transfers, trophies, and familiar narratives. Ronaldinho's comeback would be something completely different. Fans love surprises, and few football stories would be more unexpected than seeing the Brazilian genius return to competitive action.

10. Legacy Celebration Through Pure Fun

More than anything, a return would be a celebration of an incredible career. Ronaldinho would not be trying to prove anything. His trophies, awards, and achievements already guarantee his place among football's immortals. Instead, he would simply be sharing his passion for the game one more time while giving supporters memories they would cherish forever.

Football's Ultimate Entertainer

Ronaldinho remains one of the most beloved footballers the sport has ever produced. His dazzling skills, infectious smile, and unique ability to make people fall in love with football earned him fans in every corner of the world.

If an Italian club were ever to bring him back, it would not just be a transfer. It would be a celebration of football itself. The club would gain worldwide attention, supporters would enjoy a remarkable spectacle, and younger generations would finally get the chance to witness the magic that made Ronaldinho a global icon.

Whether or not such a comeback ever happens, the excitement surrounding the possibility proves one thing above all else: football never forgets its greatest entertainers. And when it comes to entertaining the world, few names shine brighter than Ronaldinho.

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