

CDB to Invest USD 1.8 Million in the Region's Creative Sector

July 19, 2023 - BRIDGETOWN, Barbados - The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has committed USD1.8 million to support the development of the region's creative industries. This Bank's Board recently approved the injection into the institution's Creative Industries Innovation Fund (CIIF), a multi-donor endowment, established in 2017 to encourage innovation, job creation and improved enterprise sustainability within the sector.

According to Mr Daniel Best, CDB's Director of Projects "We are pleased to support this initiative. Given the challenges faced by our creatives, this fund will continue to fill a prevailing void by providing resources to create an enabling environment for the sector. We anticipate support for trade and export facilitation, marketing and distribution, human resource development and research as well the development of legal and policy frameworks in our 19 Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs)."

Globally, the creative economy is recognised as a growth sector and a meaningful contributor to

Gross Domestic Product (GDP), having the capacity to spur innovation and knowledge transfer across all sectors of the economy. It is a critical sector to foster inclusive development, possessing both commercial and cultural value, while presenting opportunities for human imagination and spreading important social and cultural values.

Commenting on CIIF, Ms Lisa Harding, the Bank's Acting Head, Private Sector Division, added that "Caribbean cultural entrepreneurs, Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), and Business Support Organisations

(BSOs), which support the Creative Industries will benefit from grants and capacity building aid to increase competitiveness and improve data intelligence and analysis as we continue to construct programmes to enhance the creative economy." Beneficiary MSMEs and other eligible entities are expected to contribute a minimum of 10% of project costs in cash and or in-kind.

CIIF, which is governed by a cross section of regional organisations and administered by CDB, has since inception financed approximately USD 1.2 million in a variety of initiatives spanning music production, distribution, sales and events, audio visual, film, animation and gaming, festivals and carnivals, fashion, and contemporary design through non-reimbursable grants. Of note, were the piloting of a dedicated CIIF Haiti programme that served 90 direct beneficiaries through the implementation of three Accelerator partnership grants; the development of a Community of Practice model to increase collaborative learning and sharing between creative stakeholders; the development of online resources, toolkits and learning materials and over USD 100,000 in prize grants built into Accelerators.

The Bank's continued investment in the fund will lead to the increased contribution by the Creative Industry sector to economic outputs and foreign exchange earnings by improving the enabling environment, enhancing data collection and reporting, and improving the competitiveness of beneficiary MSMEs. This will build social resilience by ensuring no-one is left behind and contribute to economic resilience for inclusive growth.



The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Tenderers to provide RFP on the following Projects:

1. **QUANTITY SURVEYING/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION & UPGRADE WORKS TO THE LEE L. MOORE JUDICIAL SERVICES COMPLEX AT EAST INDEPENDENCE SQUARE STREET, BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS.**
2. **CONSULTANCY/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE ST. PETERS MAIN ROAD & FT WILLIAMS HIGHWAY EAST, ST. KITTS**

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday 24th July, 2023 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$1,500.00 each.

Completed bid shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Friday 08th September, 2023**

Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be from a CARICOM country.

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Major Shake-Up in World's Passport Power Ranking

For immediate release: Tuesday, 18 July 2023

Japan has been knocked off the top spot on the Henley Passport Index for the first time in five years and bumped into 3rd place, according to the latest ranking, which is based on exclusive and official data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA). Singapore is now officially the most powerful passport in the world, with its citizens able to visit 192 travel destinations out of 227 around the world visa-free. Germany, Italy, and Spain all move up into 2nd place with visa-free access to 190 destinations, and Japanese passport holders join those of six other nations - Austria, Finland, France, Luxembourg, South Korea, and Sweden - in 3rd place with access to 189 destinations without a prior visa.

The UK appears to have finally turned the corner after a six-year decline, jumping up two places on the latest ranking to 4th place - a position it last held in 2017. The US, on the other hand, continues its now decade-long slide down the index, plummeting a further two places to 8th spot with access to just 184 destinations visa-free. Both the UK and the US jointly held 1st place on the index nearly 10 years ago in 2014 but have been on a downward trajectory ever since. Afghanistan remains entrenched at the bottom of the Henley Passport Index, with a visa-free access score of just 27, followed by Iraq (score of 29), and Syria (score of 30) - the three weakest passports in the world.

The general trend over the history of the 18-year-old ranking has been towards greater travel freedom, with the average number of destinations travelers are able to access visa-free nearly doubling from 58 in 2006 to 109 in 2023. However, the global mobility gap between those at the top and bottom of the index is now wider than it has ever been, with top-ranked Singapore able to access 165 more destinations visa-free than Afghanistan.

Dr. Christian H. Kaelin, Chairman of Henley & Partners and the inventor of the passport index concept, says only eight countries worldwide have less visa-free access today than they did a decade ago while others have been more successful in securing greater travel freedom for their citizens. "The UAE has added an impressive 107 destinations to its visa-free score since 2013, resulting in a massive leap of 44 places in the ranking over the past 10 years from 56th to 12th position.

This is almost double the next biggest climber, Colombia, which has enjoyed a jump of 28 places in the ranking to sit in 37th spot. Ukraine and China are also among the Top 10 countries with the most improved rankings over the past decade. Far more than just a travel document that defines our freedom of movement, a strong passport also provides significant financial freedoms in terms of international investment and business opportunities. Global connectivity and access have become indispensable features of wealth creation and preservation, and its value will only grow as geopolitical volatility and regional instability increase."

America's diminishing passport power

Of the countries sitting in the Top 10, the US has

seen the smallest increase in its score on the Henley Passport Index over the past decade, securing visa-free access to just 12 additional destinations between 2013 and 2023. Singapore, by comparison, has increased its score by 25, pushing it five places up the ranking over the past 10 years to number one spot.

Commenting in the Henley Global Mobility Report 2023 Q3, released today alongside the latest index, Greg Lindsay, leading global strategist and urban tech fellow at Cornell Tech's Jacobs Institute, says that from a purely mechanical perspective, "the story is a simple one - by more or less standing still, the US has fallen behind. While its absolute score has in fact risen over the last decade, the US has been steadily overtaken by rivals such as South Korea, Japan, and Singapore. America's relentless slide down the rankings - and unlikelihood of reclaiming the highest position any time soon - is a warning to its neighbor Canada and the rest of the Anglosphere as well."

Former career diplomat with the U.S. Department of State and a senior non-resident associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Annie Pforzheimer, points out that US's static state of affairs is likely to remain "due to the lack of a demand from inside the US for a change in policy, the extreme political risk for any group or politician who unwittingly facilitates travel by a terrorist, and the fact that tourism has surged post-pandemic anyway, even with a restrictive visa waiver program. Unfortunately, that status quo, over time, may well contribute to a decline in US soft power if businesses struggle to invite partners to trade shows and meetings, tourists encounter needless application delays and look elsewhere, and open xenophobia erodes the public reputation of the US as a world leader."

Exploring the links between visa-free access and openness

Henley & Partners has conducted exclusive new research into the relationship between a country's openness to foreigners - how many nations it allows to cross its borders visa-free - and its own citizens' travel freedom, gauged using the Henley Passport Index. The new Henley Openness Index ranks all 199 countries worldwide according to the number of nationalities they permit entry to without a prior visa.

The Top 20 'most open' countries are all small island nations or African states, except for Cambodia. There are 12 completely open countries that offer visa-free or visa-on-arrival entry to all 198 passports in the world (not counting their own), namely: Burundi, Comoro Islands, Djibouti, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Micronesia, Mozambique, Rwanda, Samoa, Seychelles, Timor-Leste, and Tuvalu. At the bottom of the Henley Openness Index, four countries score zero, permitting no visa-free access for any passport: namely, Afghanistan, North Korea, Papua New Guinea, and Turkmenistan. They are followed by five countries that provide visa-free access to fewer than five other nationalities: namely, Libya, Bhutan, Eritrea, Equatorial Guinea, and India.

Leading sociologist at Tel Aviv University, Prof. Dr. Yossi Harpaz, says the data clearly shows that the relationship between travel freedom (Henley Passport Index score) and openness (Henley Openness Index score) is not straightforward but manifests in a complex, non-linear manner. 'Nations' diplomatic and socio-economic realities and strategic goals significantly impact these factors, resulting in a complex web of interrelations. As the global landscape continues to change, so will these patterns, reflecting the dynamic nature of global mobility."

Lindsay goes on to explain that while the correlation between a high openness score and high visa-free access score is less evident in the data, "it is notable

that Singapore and South Korea "high climbers on the Henley Passport Index over last decade, moving up from 6th and 7th respectively in 2013 to 1st and 3rd today - boast relatively high degrees of openness, while the US and Canada have slid down the Top 10 rankings as their openness stagnates."

Unwelcoming developed economies

While American passport holders can access 184 (out of 227) destinations visa-free, the US itself only allows 44 other nationalities to pass through its borders visa-free, putting it way down the Henley Openness Index in 78th place (compared to 8th place on the Henley Passport Index). When comparing the two rankings, the USA's disparity in access versus its openness is the second biggest, narrowly trailing only Australia (and barely outpacing Canada). New Zealand and Japan also make it into the Top 5 countries with the biggest difference between the travel freedom they enjoy versus the visa-free access they provide to other nationalities. It is interesting to note that these five nations have all either dropped down the Henley Passport Index rankings or remained in the same place over the last ten years.

Commenting in the Henley Global Mobility Report 2023 Q3, Prof. Peter J. Spiro, who holds the Charles Weiner Chair in international law at Temple University, says America's extension of visa-free access is low, even by the standard of developed economies. "EU states grant visa-free privileges to more than twice the number of states than does the US, for example. For those not enjoying visa exemptions, there are qualitative aspects of the visa system that are impacting US competitiveness in the global system. Processing delays, high refusal rates, and a reputation for disagreeable customer service are tarnishing the attractiveness of the US as a destination for those for whom visas are required. For example, prospective international students are increasingly drawn to competitor institutions in Canada, the UK, and the EU over their US counterparts. Add to that the growing reputation of the US as ridden with gun violence and one can project a long-term trajectory in which US global standing further erodes."

The Top 5 countries with the biggest (negative) difference between their own visa-free access and their openness to other nations are Somalia, Sri Lanka, Djibouti, Burundi, and Nepal, and the Top 5 with the smallest discrepancy between their access and their openness are Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia, Hong Kong (SAR China), and Barbados.

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries have generally displayed higher-than-average shifts towards increased openness, in particular, the UAE's openness score increased from 58 to 80 since 2018 (22 points) and Oman's leapt from 71 to 106 (35 points) over the same period. But as Dr. Robert Mogielnicki, a Senior Resident Scholar at the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, points out, only the UAE has enjoyed a significant increase in its own travel freedom. "Regional governments can impact the supply-side of the development equation by adjusting visa schemes, enacting reforms, and launching new initiatives. However, a greater supply of such offerings does not necessarily guarantee reciprocity or an immediate boost in global demand from individuals and firms. A Schengen-style visa to facilitate smoother travel between GCC countries is reportedly in the works. Such a step would require greater harmonization of region-wide visa regulations, potentially boosting the openness rankings of several GCC countries and placing the entire region more firmly in the global spotlight."

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GENERAL PUBLIC INVITED TO BROILER POULTRY CONSULTA- TION NEXT WEDNESDAY

(Basseterre, St. Kitts, July 18th 2023);

All persons interested in learning how to successfully operate a Broiler Poultry business are invited to participate in an upcoming consultation-styled meeting with Acting Permanent Secretary, Miguel Flemming and other technical experts on Wednesday, 26th July 2023.

The meeting will be held in the Large Conference room at the Department of Agriculture, St Kitts and is scheduled to begin at 5pm.

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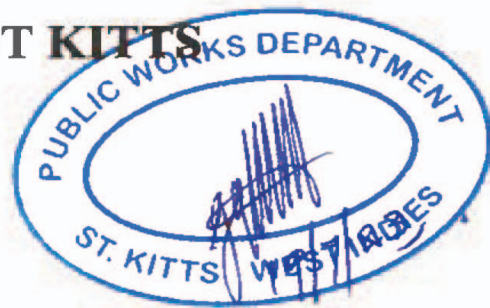
**Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre St. Kitts
on or before 1:00pm Monday 4th September 2023.**

Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

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Major Shake-Up in World's Passport Power Ranking

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A business case for improving passport power

Dr. Juerg Steffen, CEO of Henley & Partners, points out in the Henley Global Mobility Report 2023 Q3 that countries with welcoming, open-door visa policies can help forge links with other nations to secure, and in turn grant valuable visa-waivers. "Visa-policy is a significant lever that governments can use to positively impact and improve their passport's power, making it even more attractive for foreign investors seeking citizenship or residence by investment opportunities. For entrepreneurs and businesspeople, improving their economic mobility through visa-free access to more stable economies and key markets that

represent a higher proportion of the world's GDP, provides them with a pathway to lucrative jurisdictions, helps mitigate country- or regional-specific risks, and enables them to build valuable partnerships with industry leaders, and expand their own network of innovators and investors."

About the 2023 Henley Passport Index

With cutting-edge expert commentary and historical data spanning over 18 years, the Henley Passport Index is the original ranking of all the world's passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa. Originally created by Dr. Christian H. Kaelin, the ranking is based on exclusive and official data from the International Air Transport

Association (IATA), which maintains the world's largest and most accurate database of travel information, and it is enhanced by extensive, ongoing research by the Henley & Partners Research Department.

Along with the Kalin - Kochenov Quality of Nationality Index, it is considered a major reference tool for global citizens and the standard reference for government policy in this field.

About the Henley Global Mobility Report

The Henley Global Mobility Report 2023 Q3 is a unique publication that brings together commentary from leading academics and professional experts on the major and emerging trends in global and regional mobility today. Grounded in geopolitical analysis and with a focus on the realities shaping our world - from the repercussions of war to the rise in international travel and discrepancies in passport power, to climate change and the global migration crisis - the report offers exclusive insight into mobility and migration patterns and looks at what we can expect in the months to come.

Caribbean labour leaders join global discussions at ILC2023 to advance social justice for all

Participating delegations included Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, as well as Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten

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ILO Director-General, Gilbert Houngbo, with Caribbean Delegates during the 111th ILC, Geneva

Over 100 tripartite constituents from across the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean recently attended for the 111th International Labour Conference (ILC) and added their voices to the ILO's global call for greater integration of social justice into policies and actions to reduce growing economic disparities.

Held in Geneva between 5 and 16 June 2023, the global event included Caribbean representatives from governments, workers' and employers' organizations of eight member States and four non-metropolitan territories. Participating delegations included Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, as well as Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten.

Caribbean participants discussed several ongoing global crises such as COVID-19, the Russian aggression in Ukraine and climate change and the impacts on their countries. Ministers of Labour addressed the effects of the polycrisis on the slowdown of economic growth, limited fiscal space and high levels of inflation which are adding to an already prolonged regional labour market recovery that is highly complex and uncertain.

"Multiple global crises continue to have far-reaching implications for the world of work. It is without a doubt that moving forward will mean leaning on the valuable lessons learned over the last three years if we want to realise a human-centred recovery from the pandemic. For Trinidad and Tobago, we must take full advantage of opportunities for growth, embracing social justice, and ensuring human dignity. Advancing social justice, during this period of recovery, should remain a top priority if we do seek to safeguard the wellbeing and rights of not only our people today, but for future generations," said the Honourable Stephen Mc Clashie, Minister of Labour of Trinidad and Tobago.

During the 10-day conference, the Ministers expressed their support for the ILO's proposed Global Coalition for Social Justice, which was featured in the Director-General's report "Advancing Social Justice". The Coalition seeks to elevate social justice as a global policy imperative requiring greater multilateral cooperation and policy coherence to tackle the multiple challenges facing the world of work.

"We are very gratified that in your initial report, you have set your vision for advancing social justice and promoting decent work by examining some of the stark realities facing the world of work today, including the persistent injustices, inequalities and insecurities on which we, as Member States must now act," said the Honourable Keith Bell, Minister of Labour and Immigration of The Bahamas.

"Barbados stands in full support of the Director-General's call for a Global Coalition for Social Justice. This is essential for Small Island Developing States like mine, especially as Barbados promotes the Bridgetown Initiative. The ILO can and must continue to bring the human-centred approach to the table, including on matters of the climate crisis and a just transition, as well as access to development resources for small states," said the Honourable Colin E. Jordan, Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector of Barbados.

The Ministers emphasized the ways in which their countries are systemically promoting social justice through policymaking and programmes to address challenges. They also contributed to discussions on key global priority areas including the just transition to sustainable and inclusive economies, quality apprenticeships, and labour protection.

"We see our Third Decent Work Country Program (DWCP), which will be implemented in the period 2023-2026, as the main vehicle to boost Decent Work and attain social justice in Suriname. The DWCP has a strong

focus on employment, employability, just transition, equal opportunities, and social dialogue. Furthermore, the DWCP has an emphasis on vulnerable groups and the transition from the informal to the formal sector," said the Honourable Steven Mac Andrew, Minister of Labour, Employment Opportunity and Youth Affairs of Suriname.

"Jamaica remains committed to maintaining the principles of social justice and decent work for all groups. We believe that through collaboration and collective action, we can create a better and more equitable world of work. Jamaica calls upon the ILO to recognize the vulnerabilities of Small Island Developing States and its responsibility to enhance the collective action towards decent work, social justice and just transition as we leave no one behind," said the Honourable Parnell Charles Jr., MP, Minister of Labour and Social Security of Jamaica.

Within the ILC between 14 and 15 June, the ILO hosted the World of Work Summit 2023: Social Justice for All, a high-level forum to highlight the key role of social justice in creating a more sustainable and equitable world through strategies for increased and better-aligned joint action to advance social justice and ensure policy coherence. The Summit featured 17 heads of state and government, the ILO's Director-General, and high-level representatives from the United Nations - including Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, as well as other international organizations, and employers' and workers' organizations.

Featured Summit speaker the Honourable Mia Amor Mottley commended the ILO for promoting social justice to address deepening global challenges, particularly through social dialogue, partnerships and the multilateral system. "This work of social justice within the relationship between the global North and the global South is also a work that must be done. And who better to anchor this than the ILO, the only institution that has tripartite membership globally, in the UN system," she said.

Following the World of Work Summit, the ILC continued with key decisions by member States. Most notably, delegates voted to adopt a new Recommendation on Quality Apprenticeships to promote opportunities for people of all ages to skill, reskill and upskill continuously in rapidly changing labour markets. The Recommendation provides a clear definition of apprenticeships, specifies aspirational standards for quality apprenticeships, including rights and protection for apprentices.

They adopted the conclusions of the General Discussion Committee on a Just Transition and underscored the need to accelerate the just transition to achieve social justice, eradicate poverty and support decent work. In doing so, they endorsed the ILO Guidelines for a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies as the foundation for the development and implementation of policies and programmes.

The conclusions of the Recurrent Discussion Committee on Labour Protection were also adopted. It charts a way forward towards more inclusive, adequate and effective labour protection for all workers, and establishes a basis for a framework of action.



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Manipur: India outrage after women paraded naked in violence-hit state

Published BBC News



IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

Manipur has been rocked by ethnic clashes since May

By Cherylann Mollan

BBC News, Mumbai

A video showing two women being paraded naked by a mob in the north-eastern state of Manipur, hit by violent ethnic clashes, has sparked outrage in

India.

The police say they have opened a case of gang rape and arrested a man, adding that others will be held soon.

On Thursday, parliament's session in Delhi was disrupted as lawmakers demanded a debate on the issue.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also said the incident had "shamed India" and that "no guilty will be spared".

"I assure the nation, the law will take its course with all its might. What happened with the daughters of Manipur can never be forgiven," he said, finally breaking his silence on Manipur more than two months after violence erupted.

Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud also expressed concern over the assault, saying the Supreme Court was "deeply disturbed over the video". Telling the government to inform the court about the steps being taken against the accused, the chief justice said "we will take action if you don't".

Deadly violence has plunged Manipur, a scenic Indian state bordering Myanmar, into turmoil for more than two months.

Clashes between members of the majority Meitei and the Kuki tribal communities have resulted in their complete segregation. At least 130

people have died and 60,000 have been displaced.

The two women, who are Kukis, were assaulted by men of the Meitei group.

Police say the assault on the women took place on 4 May but it made national headlines on Thursday after the video started going viral on social media. The federal government has asked all social media companies to delete the video from their platforms.

The horrific video of the two women was widely shared on social media on Wednesday. It shows them being dragged and groped by a mob of men who then push them into a field.

The Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF) said in a statement that the atrocities had been committed in a village in Kangpokpi district against women from the Kuki-Zo tribal community. It also alleged that the women had been gang raped.

hard for shoppers to compare prices on a like-for-like basis".

For example, it found tea bags priced per 100g for some products and others priced per tea bag.

Sarah Cardell, chief executive of the CMA, said: "We've found that not all retailers are displaying prices as clearly as they should, which could be hampering people's ability to compare product prices.

"We're writing to these retailers and warning them to make the necessary changes or risk facing enforcement action."

Under current rules, most products should be priced per unit either by kilogram or by litre. But the CMA found examples of retailers using grams and millilitres.

The watchdog discovered a lack of transparency with missing or incorrectly calculated unit pricing information both in store and online. Examples include a 250ml bottle of handwash that was sold for £1.19 but was mistakenly priced at £476.00 per 100ml.

It also raised concerns about unit pricing information being too small to read and some retailers not displaying unit prices for any products on promotion. It added that some of the problems "stem from the unit pricing rules themselves", which fall under the Price Marking Order, saying the rules allowed "unhelpful inconsistencies in retailers' practices and leave too much scope for interpretation".

Tesco Clubcard pricing could be breaking law - Which?

Sainsbury's boss denies profiting from high prices

How a big yellow label influences what we buy

Sue Davies, head of food policy at the consumer group Which?, said supermarkets must "urgently act" on the areas highlighted by the CMA.

"This includes the need to put unit pricing on promotions, such as on loyalty card offers and multi-buys, and make unit pricing clearer and more consistent," she said.

She added that the the government must "act swiftly on its promise to update pricing rules and close the loopholes that are allowing supermarkets to unnecessarily confuse shoppers".

Competition

While food price inflation remains at historically high levels - 17.3% in June - the watchdog said evidence it had collected indicated that competition issues had not been driving this.

Ms Cardell told the BBC the CMA had found no evidence of profiteering on groceries, but said it was important to keep the market "under review" as the sector seeks to rebuild profits.

It found that operating profits in the grocery sector fell by 41.5% in 2022-23, compared with the previous year, while average operating margins fell from 3.2% to 1.8%.

This was due to retailers' costs increasing faster than their revenues, indicating that rising costs have not been passed on in full to consumers, the CMA said.

It pointed to evidence that budget supermarkets Aldi and Lidl had gained market share, suggesting that supermarkets were "restricted in their ability to raise prices without losing business".

However, it said that not everyone was able to benefit fully from strong competition, "particularly those who cannot travel to large stores or shop online, and therefore may rely on higher-priced convenience stores".

The CMA said so far it had looked

Supermarkets told to make pricing clearer to help shoppers

Published BBC News



A woman looks at a product in a supermarket

IMAGE SOURCE,GETTY IMAGES

By Shanaz Musafer

Business reporter, BBC News

Supermarkets have been told to make their pricing clearer to help shoppers find the best deals.

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) said unclear pricing could be making it difficult for people to compare products.

The watchdog said retailers should

"make the necessary changes" and also called on the government to bring in reforms to tighten the law.

Supermarkets said they would reflect on the CMA's recommendations.

Its findings follow a review into how grocery retailers display unit pricing information in store and online.

It said that in some instances the same type of product was priced per unit using different metrics, "making it

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HOSTS SENSITIZATION SESSION TO HIGHLIGHT SKN LAYER CHICKEN INDUSTRY PROJECT ADVANCEMENTS

(Basseterre, St. Kitts, July 12th 2023);

In an effort to effectively inform key agricultural stakeholders about the Ministry of Agriculture's efforts to further develop and improve the management capacity and sustainability of the poultry industry, through the implementation of the St. Kitts and Nevis Layer Chicken Industry Sustainable Development Project, the Department of Agriculture in partnership with the Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (Taiwan ICDF) hosted a sensitization session on Thursday 6th July 2023.

During the session, farmers as well as technical staff were informed of the key objectives which include: the establishment of breeding technology, provision of a channel for chicken farmers to purchase local chicks and the establishment of egg laying technology. These tools will ensure the Federation's ability to sustainably meet the production needs of poultry farmers, while the implementation of the project



will result in the establishment of a hatchery on St. Kitts and one on Nevis.

The sensitization session was facilitated by Taiwan ICDF Project Manager, Willy Liao and comes less than one month after Minister of Agriculture et al., the Honourable Samal Duggins and Resident Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), His Excellency Michael Lin signed an agreement to roll out the project which is expected to lead to a significant increase in the production of poultry in the twin-island Federation.

The project is also expected to provide a steady supply of over twenty thousand day-old chicks per year for both meat and egg production.



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The Ashes 2023: England's Moeen Ali finds fan who cured finger injury

By **Stephan Shemilt**

Chief cricket writer at Emirates Old Trafford

From the section **Cricket** BBC NEWS



Moeen Ali will bat at number three for England in the fourth Ashes Test at Old Trafford

The fan who helped Moeen Ali cure the cut on his spinning finger has come forward after the England all-rounder revealed he lost her details.

Susan Thompson-Craig, from Norfolk, gave Moeen a gel made of honey that healed the wound.

Moeen said on Monday he misplaced the letter she sent him, then Thompson-Craig's partner contacted the BBC.

"I saw what was going on and believed if Moeen put this on his finger he would be alright," said Thompson-Craig.

Moeen came out of Test retirement to play in the Ashes after England's regular first-choice spinner Jack Leach suffered a stress fracture in his back.

In the first Test at Edgbaston, the nasty gash on his spinning finger restricted Moeen's bowling on a final day when England were beaten by two wickets.

He was left out of the second-Test defeat at Lord's but returned to play a key role in the third-Test win at Headingley.

Follow fourth Ashes Test at Old Trafford live

'England drink again in the last chance saloon'

"I got home after the Edgbaston Test and a few days later I got a letter from a lady who said her husband is a big fan of mine," said Moeen.

"They were watching and saw the gash on my finger and thought the Medihoney would really help me. I tried it and it really healed my finger straight away.

"It's amazing that someone had written to me about this. The only thing I'm really gutted about - I put the letter on the table in my house thinking after the series I will reply, now I can't find the letter.

"If the lady sees this, please get in contact because I really want to write back to say thank you."

Thompson-Craig's partner Derek, a huge cricket fan, subsequently sent a message to the BBC and her details have been passed on to Moeen.

"I saw how much of a big problem Moeen's finger was," said Thompson-Craig, who works in sales for Integra, manufacturers of Medihoney.

"I tracked down an address for him and sent him a load of bits and pieces, with a letter explaining that we work with the NHS and also that there was nothing in the product that would contravene drug testing or his Muslim faith."

Moeen's return to the England team now involves batting at number three for the fourth Test at Old Trafford.

With regular number three Ollie Pope injured, England

employed Harry Brook in the first-drop position for the first innings at Headingley.

In the second innings, Moeen volunteered to move up to three, allowing Brook to return to his usual number-five spot, from where he scored a match-winning 75.

Moeen, who has batted in every position from one to nine in his 66-Test career, keeps the number three slot in Manchester.

"I saw after the first innings at Headingley how we went about it," said Moeen. "Not that we were bad or anything, I just thought Brooky's value at five and Jonny Bairstow at seven would be better for the team.

"I thought 'why not?' I've batted three before. I'm past the stage where it's about me, averages or anything like that. I've always been a player where I do what I feel like is best for the team."

Moeen also said it is "likely" his Test comeback will only last for this series, rather than being tempted to be part of the tour of India early next year.

If Old Trafford and the final match of the series at The Oval are Moeen's final two Tests, he is targeting a fitting finale with two wins that would give England a 3-2 triumph and a first Ashes series victory since 2015.

"It would be amazing," he said. "I came back to try to win the Ashes.

"My career has always been things just happen and things happen for a reason.

"I never thought I would be in this position. This was my month off, my first month off for ages. I was looking forward to that but this opportunity will never come again.

"I couldn't say no. All of a sudden I'm playing in one of the biggest series since 2005. I've loved it."

Wimbledon 2023: Novak Djokovic fined for smashing racquet in men's final

From the section **Tennis** BBC Sports

Novak Djokovic has been fined £6,117 for smashing his racquet against the net post during the Wimbledon men's singles final.

The incident occurred in the fifth set of his loss to Spain's Carlos Alcaraz when the 36-year-old Serb's serve was broken in the third game.

Umpire Fergus Murphy immediately issued Djokovic a warning for a code violation for the transgression.

The money will be deducted from his runner-up cheque of Â£1.175m.

Djokovic's frustration had built up in the decisive set of an enthralling contest on Sunday, having missed a simple chance at the net for a break to go 2-0 up.

In the very next game Alcaraz backed up the hold by breaking the serve of the seven-time Wimbledon champion, which prompted the emotional outburst from Djokovic and brought boos from a section of the Centre Court crowd.

World number one Alcaraz took full advantage of the break to seal a 1-6 7-6 (8-6) 6-1 3-6 6-4 victory after four hours and 42 minutes.

The 20-year-old's victory at the All England Club denied Djokovic a 24th grand slam title.

Supermarkets told to make pricing clearer to help shoppers

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at competition overall between retailers but had not yet looked at individual product categories or across the wider grocery supply chain.

It said it would now further analyse 10 product categories: baby formula, milk, bread, pet food, poultry, mayonnaise, baked beans, chilled desserts, ready meals, and lemonade.

It added it did not have any provisional concerns that competition for these products was ineffective.

Helen Dickinson, chief executive of the British Retail Consortium, which represents supermarkets and other retailers, said: "Supermarkets have been working hard to support their customers through the cost of living crisis and will be reflecting

on the CMA's recommendations on unit pricing.

"The CMA itself notes that 'many of these problems stem from the rules themselves', and retailers stand ready to support proposed changes to the unit pricing rules."

The government said it welcomed the findings into competition and unit pricing, and said it would launch a consultation in the autumn on the Price Marking Order "to make it work for consumers".

Chancellor Jeremy Hunt said: "It's reassuring that competition between supermarkets is working, but the CMA has my backing to look further into price rises for 10 everyday essentials."

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP - GROUP A

New Zealand 1-0 Norway: Football Ferns claim historic first Women's World Cup win

By Neil Johnston

BBC Sport at Eden Park

From the section Women's Football BBC

Co-hosts New Zealand opened the 2023 Fifa Women's World Cup in stunning style against Norway as they won on the global stage for the first time.

On a memorable night in Auckland, the Football Ferns produced a huge upset after Hannah Wilkinson swept home Jacqui Hand's cross in front of an ecstatic crowd of 42,137 at Eden Park - a record for a football match in New Zealand.

Even Ria Percival's 89th-minute missed penalty, after a handball by Tuva Hansen, failed to dampen the celebrations.

Fans turned up in their tens of thousands to cheer their side who had failed to win any of their previous 15 World Cup games.

They were rewarded when Wilkinson broke the deadlock in the 48th minute to spark joyous scenes in the stands.

Norway, the 1995 world champions, should have equalised soon after Wilkinson's goal but Arsenal's Frida Maanum poked a glorious chance wide.

New Zealand went toe to toe with their opponents and it required a diving save Aurora Mikalsen by to prevent Ali Riley from doubling the lead.

There was a minute's silence before kick-off for the victims of a deadly shooting in Auckland earlier on Thursday.

World Cup off to a flying start

New Zealand had waited three years for this moment since being named co-hosts with Australia in 2020.

Fifa predict this tournament will be watch by two billion people globally on television and, with the eyes of the world on Eden Park for the opening game, the home crowd lapped up the occasion.

There were emotional scenes as Percival and Riley, who are both appearing at their fifth World Cup, fought back tears during the national anthems.

When play did start after an opening ceremony that ended with a spectacular fireworks display, Mexican Waves broke out in the crowd.

There were screams from the stands each time the home side threatened, while Brighton defender Rebekah Stott received a standing ovation for a wonderfully-times challenge to deny Ada Hegerberg the opening goal of the tournament.

But it was nothing compared to the noise that greeted Wilkinson's goal.

Wilkinson was the last New Zealand player to score for her country at the 2015 World Cup on home soil.

The home side had to endure ten minutes of stoppage time before they could celebrate an unforgettable victory.



New Zealand's players celebrate scoring against Norway at the Women's World Cup
New Zealand are appearing at their sixth Women's World Cup but had not won a game at the tournament before this match

Poor Norway fail to deliver

Norway boss Hege Riise said on the eve of the tournament that her team was relishing the

Wimbledon legend Bjorn Borg's son Leo lands first ATP Tour win

From the section Tennis



Leo Borg was once ranked 12th in the world as a junior player

Bjorn Borg's son Leo celebrated his first ATP Tour win with a straight-sets victory over Elias Ymer on clay at the Swedish Open.

Borg, 20, was handed a wildcard entry and beat Swedish compatriot Ymer 7-6 (7-5) 6-3 at the Bastad Tennis Stadium.

Ranked at a lowly 437th, Borg plays mostly on the ITF Tour, the lowest level of the men's professional game.

"I've worked so hard for this, so many years, and some days you get results and today I got a win," he said.

Borg's win on Tuesday set up a clash with Argentina's Federico Coria, who is the world number 113, in the last-16 stage of the tournament.

There was to be no repeat of the first-round outcome, however, as Borg exited 6-4 6-2 in an hour and 26 minutes against Coria on Wednesday.

Bjorn Borg was one of tennis' greatest ever stars and won 11 Grand Slam titles - including five back-to-back Wimbledon titles - in the 1970s and early 1980s before he retired aged only 26.



challenge of playing in front of a partisan home crowd.

Yet her side failed to deliver and now face a tough match against Switzerland in Hamilton next Tuesday as they look to avoid another early tournament exit after a lacklustre performance.

Riise revealed after the game that the squad had woke up to "helicopters and police outside the team hotel" following the shooting in Auckland.

However, she refused to blame that on her team's under-par display.

"Some players slept through it," added Riise. "It hasn't affected us in how we performed in the game. We didn't get any momentum at all."

At Euro 2022, Norway were embarrassed 8-0 by England and lost to Austria.

They find themselves playing catch-up once again in New Zealand despite the array of individual talent at their disposal.

Norway had 12 attempts, including two in the final few moments, but could not find the net.

On a miserable night, Tuva Hansen had a shot tipped onto the bar by Victoria Esson while Guro Reiten scuffed a late attempt.