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## EU-Kenya Business Forum 2025

The 2nd edition of the EU-Kenya Business Forum will take place in Nairobi on May 12-13, 2025, under the theme "Digitalising Trade." Jointly organised by the EU Delegation, EU Member States embassies, and key Kenyan stakeholders, the Forum will bring together high-level policymakers, private sector leaders, innovators, and development partners to explore how digital transformation can enhance trade efficiency, increase market access, and promote sustainable and inclusive growth.

To underline the importance and unlock the full potential of Kenyan-EU economic relations, the Forum's theme and objectives will be framed by key figures including H.E. President William Ruto, H.E. Henriette Geiger EU Ambassador to Kenya, EU Trade Commissioner Maroš Šefčovič and European Investment Bank Vice-President Thomas Ostros. These leaders will open the discussion and highlight the importance of this forum for both EU and Kenyan businesses.

## Highlights

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- Delegation to Kenya on Food Processing Organized by AHK Eastern Africa
- German Companies – Present Your Business at East Africa's Leading Trade Fair 'Propak East Africa 2025'
- Cabinet Approves Budget Realignments to Support Fiscal Consolidation Goals



For more information, click here:

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## Delegation to Kenya on Food Processing Organized by AHK Eastern Africa

We are delighted to invite you to the German-Kenyan Food Processing and Packaging Forum on Monday, 26th May 2025 at the Novotel Hotel.

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Monday, 26th May 2025
- **Time:** 09:00 – 14:00 for the forum and 15:00 – 17:00 for direct pre-arranged B2Bs
- **Venue:** Novotel Hotel, Nairobi

Please use the link to register.

<https://forms.office.com/r/aedfJUxKLc>

## German Companies: Expand Your Reach at the Propak East Africa 2025!

Propak East Africa **2025** | **20 – 22 May** | Sarit Expo Centre, Nairobi, Kenya. Join the **AHK Joint Exhibition Booth** at East Africa's leading trade fair for packaging, printing, and processing – **and participate without having to travel!**

Propak East Africa is the key platform to tap into one of the continent's fastest-growing regions. Leverage this opportunity to expand your reach and connect with industry leaders. We, as AHK Eastern Africa, are ready to organize a joint exhibition booth for you as a German company and give you an exclusive marketing space.

**Interested in joining?** Contact us today to secure your place at the AHK Joint Booth! Reach out to us: [office@kenya-ahk.co.ke](mailto:office@kenya-ahk.co.ke).



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[https://lnkd.in/ddez\\_Be](https://lnkd.in/ddez_Be)





## Cabinet Approves Budget Realignments to Support Fiscal Consolidation Goals

The Cabinet has resolved to implement significant budget realignments in line with the government's policy of fiscal consolidation and commitment to living within its means. In a Cabinet meeting chaired by President William Ruto at State House, Nairobi, Cabinet Secretaries were directed to work closely with the National Treasury to identify and implement necessary adjustments within their respective ministries and State departments.

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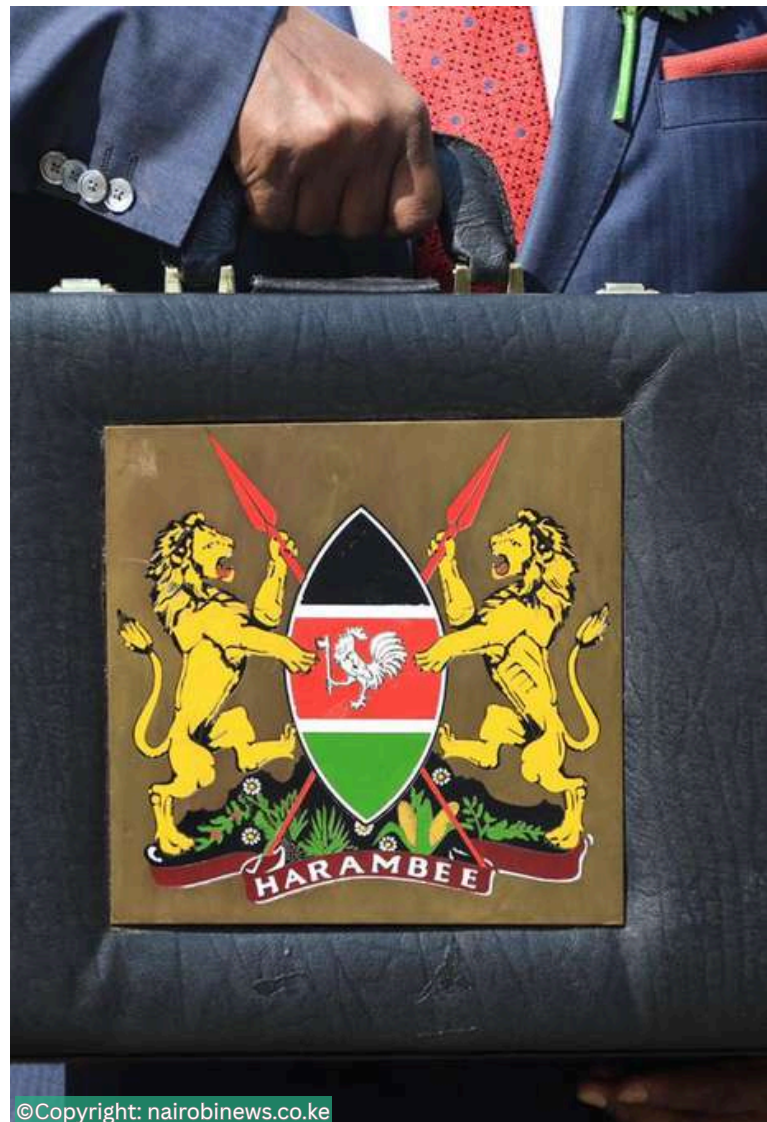
This move aims to cap the fiscal deficit at no more than 4.5% of GDP for the 2025/26 financial year, down from 5.3% in 2023/24, 5.1% in 2024/25, and with a medium-term target of reducing the deficit to 2.7%.

As a result, the initial budget estimates of KSh4.3 trillion will undergo substantial revisions before being tabled in Parliament. These adjustments are part of broader austerity measures designed to strengthen fiscal discipline, reduce public debt vulnerabilities, and create the fiscal space necessary to deliver essential public goods and services.

In furtherance of these objectives, Cabinet also approved the Finance Bill, 2025, which focuses primarily on closing loopholes and enhancing efficiency, including addressing loopholes related to tax expenditures that have historically been exploited to siphon funds from public coffers, such as through inflated tax refund claims.

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## Highlights from the Bavarian Roundtable (stammtisch) in Nairobi

The State of Bavaria Office in East Africa hosted an informal networking meeting, bringing together Bavarian companies operating in Kenya.

This exclusive networking event created a vibrant platform to:

- *Connect with fellow industry professionals*
- *Exchange experiences in the Kenyan business landscape*
- *Discuss opportunities for deeper Bavarian–Kenyan collaboration*
- *Explore potential partnerships*

A big thank you to all who joined us and contributed to the meaningful conversations and connections! We look forward to continuing to strengthen the Bavarian business community in East Africa.

Did you know? Since May 2024 the AHK Eastern Africa hosts the State of Bavaria East Africa Office in Kenya. We aim to support Bavarian companies, especially SMEs, in establishing and expanding business ties in East Africa, with a focus on Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. Key activities include promoting foreign trade, facilitating partner searches, and supporting investment projects.

Are you a Bavarian company interested in exploring business opportunities in East Africa?



Let's connect: [office-bayern@east-africa.co.ke](mailto:office-bayern@east-africa.co.ke). For more information please click here:

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## Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) Proposes Key Changes for Water Authorities

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) held a stakeholders' meeting on April 24, 2025, to discuss proposed updates to water sector regulations. Key proposals include extending the tariff review cycle from three to five years and requiring climate change impact assessments in water authorities' business plans. These changes aim to enhance efficiency, transparency, and sustainability.

EWURA emphasized the importance of compliance with approved plans and regulatory fees, highlighting the need for stakeholder input to ensure the new guidelines are practical and effective.

## Highlights

- Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) Proposes Key Changes for Water Authorities
- Tanzania Eyes River Basins for Economic Surge
- EAC Regional Quality Awards Competition 2025 is Now Open



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## Tanzania Eyes River Basins for Economic Surge

After press release, Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa announced Friday that Tanzania is strategically leveraging its river basins to boost energy, agriculture, and livestock sectors. New river basin authorities will monitor water flow and manage flood risks while the government invests in irrigation and flood control, aiming for significant economic benefits for communities. This initiative presents key opportunities for both local and international investors.

For more information please click here: [Daily News](#)

## EAC Regional Quality Awards Competition 2025 is Now Open

The East African Community (EAC) has officially launched the EAC Regional Quality Awards 2025, inviting businesses from across the region to participate. The awards aim to recognize excellence in quality standards and promote a culture of quality among enterprises in EAC Partner States.

The 2025 edition features five key categories: Product of the Year, Company of the Year, Service Awards, Exporter Awards (Agri-Processing), and Standardization Excellence Awards—open to both large enterprises and SMEs. By celebrating high-quality standards, the awards seek to enhance regional competitiveness, drive sustainable growth, and support deeper integration.



For more information, visit the official announcement by [EABC](#)

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## Uganda's Health Milestone: Ebola Outbreak Officially Ended

Uganda has officially declared the end of its latest Ebola outbreak, marking a major public health achievement. The Ministry of Health announced on April 26, 2025, that the Sudan Virus Disease (SVD) outbreak, which began in January, has been contained after 87 days of vigilant response and no new cases reported for 42 consecutive days.

The outbreak resulted in 14 confirmed cases and 4 deaths, primarily affecting the districts of Kampala, Wakiso, Mbale, Jinja, and Mukono. Swift government action, including contact tracing, treatment efforts, and extensive public awareness campaigns, played a key role in successfully controlling the virus.

## Highlights

- Uganda's Health Milestone: Ebola Outbreak Officially Ended
- Stronger Protection: Uganda Forms Financial Anti-Fraud Alliance



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## Stronger Protection: Uganda Forms Financial Anti-Fraud Alliance

Uganda has officially launched the Financial Sector Anti-Fraud Consortium (AFC), a groundbreaking initiative to combat the rising threat of fraud and cybercrime within the country's financial systems. The Consortium brings together key stakeholders—including financial regulators, commercial banks, payment service providers, law enforcement agencies, and industry associations—to coordinate prevention efforts, enhance early detection, and enable swift, effective responses to financial crimes.

Led by the Uganda Bankers' Association (UBA), in partnership with the Bank of Uganda and the Financial Intelligence Authority, the AFC was formally unveiled at a launch event held at Mestil Hotel in Kampala. Speakers at the event emphasized the need for unified action to protect public trust, customer safety, and financial sector integrity in an increasingly digital environment.

The urgency of the initiative is highlighted by the Uganda Police Force's Annual Crime Report 2024, which recorded a 93.5% surge in cybercrime cases—from 245 in 2023 to 474 in 2024. The country experienced financial losses amounting to UGX 72.1 billion (approx. €17.3 million), with only UGX 420 million (about €100,800) recovered—underscoring the scale of the challenge.



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By fostering collaboration, capacity building, and shared intelligence, the Consortium is set to strengthen Uganda's financial resilience and promote a secure, trusted environment for both consumers and institutions. For more information please click here: [Uganda Police Force Annual Crime Report 2024](#)



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## Ethiopia Upgrades Payment System to International Standard

The National Bank of Ethiopia has successfully upgraded its Real-Time Gross Settlement system, the Ethiopian Automated Transfer System (EATS), to the ISO 20022 international messaging standard, effective March 29, 2025. This marks a major milestone in modernizing Ethiopia's financial infrastructure.

EATS handles over 3.5 million high-value transactions annually, worth more than 5 trillion Birr, among 35 financial institutions, including banks and microfinance institutions. Operating six days a week, the system now features improved messaging formats, enhanced security protocols, and real-time compliance capabilities.

The upgrade brings advanced tools for liquidity and risk management, strengthens financial stability, and supports Ethiopia's broader digital and economic reforms. The National Bank acknowledged Montran Corporation and local partners for their role in the successful transition.

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- Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) Proposes Key Changes for Water Authorities
- Ethiopia Launches Mesob One-Stop Digital Service Center



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## Ethiopia Launches Mesob One-Stop Digital Service Center

Ethiopia has officially launched the Mesob One-Stop Service Center, a landmark digital hub designed to transform public service delivery across the country. Bringing together 12 key federal institutions under one roof, the center offers 41 essential services to citizens and businesses alike. Inaugurated by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, the Mesob Center represents a major step forward in the government's broader digital transformation agenda, aimed at enhancing transparency, reducing bureaucratic inefficiencies, and improving user experience through streamlined, integrated digital systems.

By consolidating services from critical government bodies such as the Ministries of Revenues, Trade, Labor, and Foreign Affairs, as well as the Immigration Service, National ID Program, and major national institutions like the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia and Ethio-Telecom, the center is expected to significantly minimize wait times and eliminate service delivery bottlenecks. The Mesob initiative not only underscores the government's commitment to citizen-centered governance but also reflects a strong push toward building a modern, accessible, and efficient public sector rooted in digital innovation.



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