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2025 Economic Survey

According to The economic survey 2025: In 2024, Kenya's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 4.7 per cent, compared to a revised growth of 5.7 per cent in 2023. The growth was noted in most of the sectors of the economy with Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing growing by 4.6 per cent compared to 6.6 per cent growth in 2023. Other sectors also had notable growths including Financial & Insurance Activities (7.6%), Transportation and Storage (4.4%) and Real Estate (5.3%). Construction however, recorded a contraction of 0.7 per cent down from a growth of 3.0 per cent in 2023. Similarly, mining and quarrying recorded a contraction of 9.2 per cent compared to a 2023 contraction of 6.5 per cent as evidenced in the reduced production of key minerals, including construction materials, titanium, salt (crude), and gemstones.

For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/3SCQhAk>

Highlights

- 2025 Economic Survey
- Projected 5.4% Economic Growth in 2025
- Launch of Kenya National Public Health Institute (KNPHI)
- Safaricom posts Sh69.8 billion net profit
- Roundtable on Enabling Business Environment



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Projected 5.4% Economic Growth in 2025

Kenya projects a 5.4% economic growth in 2025, following a slowdown to 4.7% in 2024. The 2024 deceleration was attributed to constrained government spending, high interest rates, protests, and adverse weather.

For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/4jP6eiU>

Launch of Kenya National Public Health Institute (KNPHI)

Cabinet Secretary for Health, Hon Aden Duale, has officially launched the Kenya National Public Health Institute (KNPHI), marking a significant milestone in the country's efforts to enhance Universal Health Coverage (UHC) through preventive and promotive healthcare, and strengthen national health security.

Established under Legal Notice No. 14 of 2022, KNPHI will serve as Kenya's central platform for disease surveillance, health research, policy coordination, and rapid emergency response. The institute is expected to streamline public health functions, eliminate duplication, and improve Kenya's readiness and capacity to respond to health threats.

The launch of KNPHI signals a bold step towards institutionalizing data-driven public health decision-making and fostering stronger collaboration across health sectors. With this centralized approach, Kenya aims to build a more resilient health system capable of proactively managing current and emerging public health challenges.



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Safaricom posts Sh69.8 billion net profit

Safaricom has reported Sh69.8 billion in net income for the full-year ending March 31, 2025, as the telco registered double-digit growth in both mobile money and broadband. This, as Safaricom Kenya delivered a strong performance with total revenues hitting Sh381.2 billion, up 11.4 per cent compared to last year.

According to management, the overall group growth was driven by, among others, customer segmentation, public sector digitization, investments in new technologies and better use of data and analytics to understand and serve customers better. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/43k7HXv>

Roundtable on Enabling Business Environment

PS Dr. Chris Kiptoo, on Thursday morning, reiterated the Government's strong commitment to enabling private sector growth during a business roundtable with leaders from the manufacturing and investment sectors.

Speaking at the forum hosted by the Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry (MITI)—in partnership with the Kenya Investment Authority (KenInvest) and the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)—Dr. Kiptoo said the Government is keen on maintaining a stable and predictable fiscal and regulatory framework to support industrial expansion and attract long-term investment.

The roundtable provided an opportunity for open dialogue on strengthening collaboration to accelerate inclusive, private sector-driven development

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Tanzania Leads East Africa in Global Peace Index 2024

Tanzania has ranked as the most peaceful country in East Africa, according to the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2024 report by the Institute for Economics and Peace. Globally, Tanzania holds the 52nd position, maintaining its lead in the region over countries like Rwanda (72nd), Kenya (119th), Uganda (121st), Burundi (131st), South Sudan (159th), and DR Congo (163rd).

The GPI ranks 163 countries based on factors such as safety and security, ongoing conflict, and militarization. Tanzania's peaceful status is attributed to political stability, low crime rates, and effective governance. The country also stands out in Africa, being among the top 10 most peaceful nations on the continent.

The report emphasizes that peace is essential for development, and Tanzania's continued improvement strengthens its regional and global standing. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/4jXPUfU>

Highlights

- Tanzania Leads East Africa in Global Peace Index 2024
- Tanzania to Establish International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)
- Tanzania Opens First CNG Station in Dar es Salaam
- Don't Miss! Renewable Energy Week 2025 (REW2025), May 26-29, 2025
- Don't Miss! Tanzania Dental Expo (TDE2025), May 30-31, 2025

Identifying and measuring the factors that drive peace



Global Peace Index 2024



Results &
Trends



Economic
Impact



War in the
21st Century



Societal
Analysis

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Tanzania to Establish International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)

After press release, Tanzania National Business Council (TNBC) plans to establish an International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) to attract local and foreign capital for large-scale investments. The centre aims to drive economic growth, improve Tanzania's global competitiveness, and support the government's vision of reaching a \$1 trillion gross national income by 2050. Key stakeholders including the Bank of Tanzania, the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Centre, and the Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) have expressed strong support, emphasizing the need for legal reforms, tech integration, and swift implementation. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/4dkkUEf>

Tanzania Opens First CNG Station in Dar es Salaam

After press release, Tanzania's Deputy Minister for Energy, Judith Kapinga, has officially inaugurated a major Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station in Dar es Salaam, capable of serving up to 1,200 vehicles per day. The station, managed by the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), is equipped with modern technology and will operate 24 hours a day. According to TPDC, the new facility is the second-largest CNG station in Africa and the largest in the East African region. Besides serving vehicles, it is also expected to supply gas to institutions such as schools, factories, and hotels using specially designed transport trucks. This development is part of the national agenda to transition towards a green economy that relies on clean, affordable, and environmentally friendly energy. For more information, please click here:

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Don't Miss! Renewable Energy Week 2025 (REW2025), May 26-29, 2025

Theme: Empowering Sustainability: Advancing Renewable Energy Solutions

Location: Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC), Dar es Salaam Tanzania Renewable Energy Week 2025 (REW2025) is scheduled to take place from May 26 to 29, 2025, at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre (JNICC) in Dar es Salaam. Tanzania Renewable Energy Week 2025 will include site visits to a solar PV plant, technical training on solar equipment, and conferences and exhibitions showcasing the latest in renewable energy.

For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/4drF3Z9>

Don't Miss! Tanzania Dental Expo (TDE2025), May 30-31, 2025

Theme: Elevating Dental Excellence in Tanzania

Location: Mlimani City Hall, Dar es Salaam

For the first time in the nation's history, Tanzania will host a dedicated dental exhibition, The Tanzania Dental Expo 2025.

This pioneering event will unite professionals, policymakers, suppliers, and the public in advancing oral healthcare as a national priority.

With exhibitions, expert panels, and learning sessions, the Expo marks a powerful step forward for the dental profession and public health in Tanzania.

For more information or to register, visit:

<https://bit.ly/3F3pUAA>



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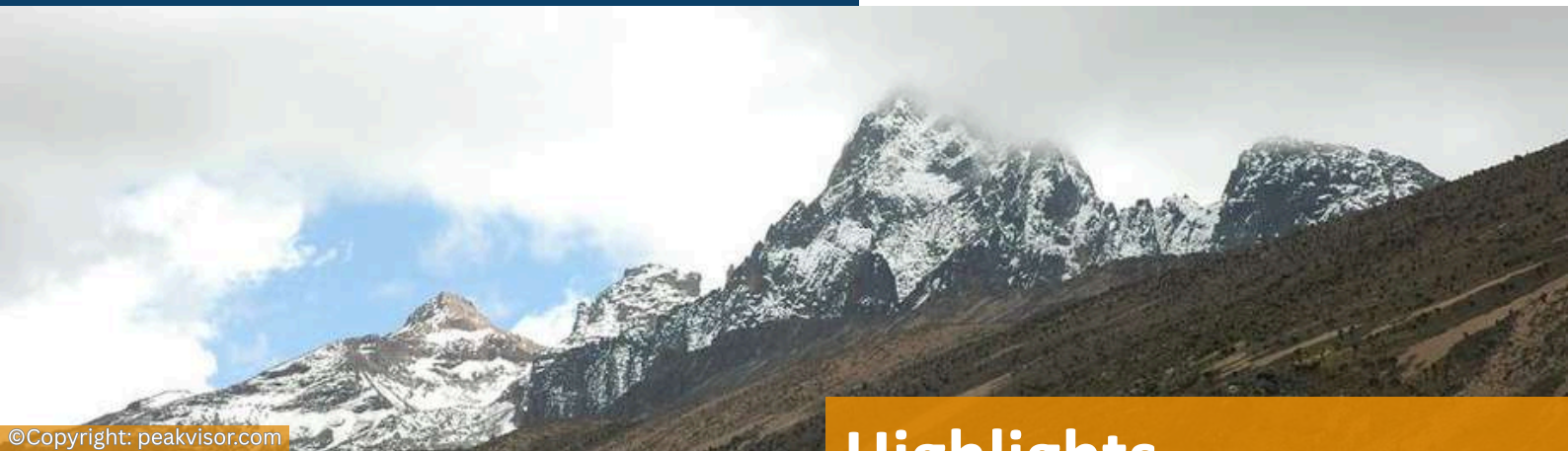
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Govt in talks World Bank to revamp 160 secondary schools

Government is in negotiations with the World Bank for new funding aimed at refurbishing 160 traditional secondary schools in the country, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Ramathan Ggoobi has said.

"I would want you to assure the population that on education we are coming in a big way. We are finalising negotiations with the World Bank for a big project we are bringing under U-Learn where most schools will be rehabilitated," said Ggoobi, who was appearing before the Budget Committee on Tuesday, 13 May 2025.

Ggoobi noted that the U-Learn Program together with the existing Uganda Intergovernmental Fiscal Transfer Programme (U-GIFT project) also funded by the World Bank, will go along away to boost the infrastructural needs in the education sector. For more information, Please click here: <https://bit.ly/4iYbol9>

Highlights

- Govt in talks World Bank to revamp 160 secondary schools
- Amended Bill seeking military trial of civilians tabled in Parliament
- African Leaders meet in Uganda to Push Back Against Foreign Influence on Family



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Amended Bill seeking military trial of civilians tabled in Parliament

Parliament on Tuesday, 13 May 2025 received the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which among other proposals seeks to empower military courts to try civilians under certain circumstances.

The Bill, presented for its First Reading by Hon. Jacob Oboth, the Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs, was referred to the joint Committee on Legal and Parliamentary Affairs and the Committee on Defence and Internal Affairs for scrutiny. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/44E4zbh>

African Leaders meet in Uganda to Push Back Against Foreign Influence on Family

Top political leaders, parliamentarians and faith-based actors from across Africa and beyond have this week convened at State House, Entebbe for the Third African Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Family and Sovereignty, issuing a strong call for an African Charter that defends traditional values, strengthens national sovereignty and resists external ideological pressure. The high-level meeting, hosted by State House and the Parliament of Uganda in partnership with several African and global organisations, was opened by President Yoweri Museveni and Uganda's First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Janet Kataaha Museveni on Friday, 09 May 2025.

In the meeting, Janet Museveni warned of growing global influences that threaten to erode African cultural identity and family structures under the guise of aid and development. For more information, please click here:

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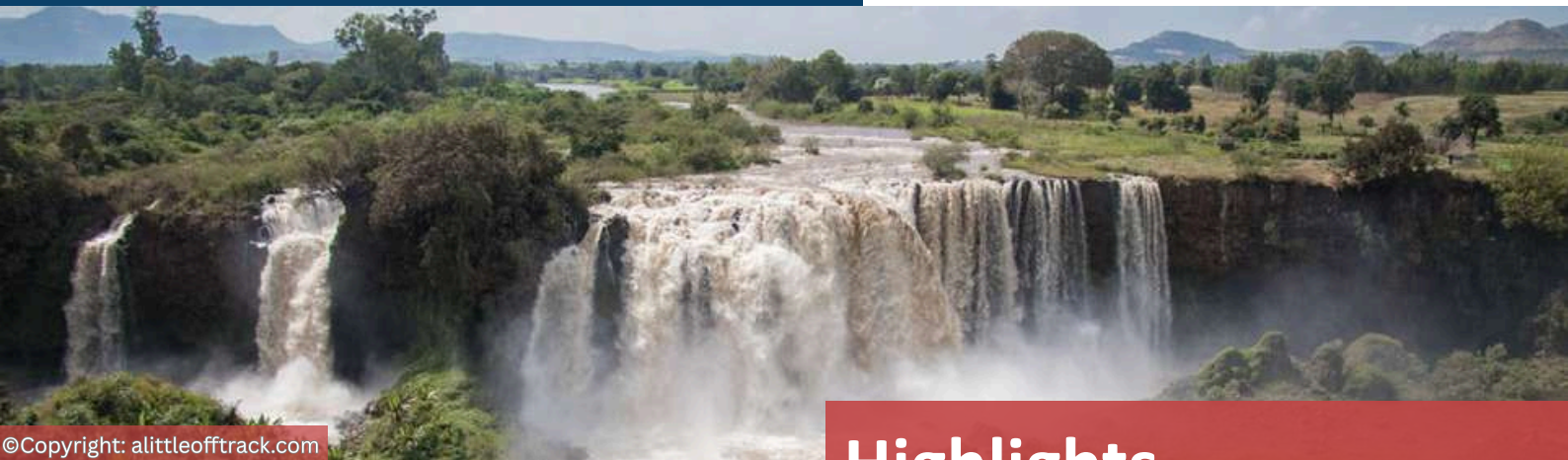
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Ethiopia Promotes Investment Opportunities at High-Level Business Forum

Ethiopia hosted the Invest in Ethiopia 2025 High-Level Business Forum on May 12–13 to attract foreign investment and showcase ongoing economic reforms. The event gathered government officials, investors, and development partners to promote the country's investment opportunities.

Key discussions focused on reforms aimed at stabilizing the economy, improving regulatory transparency, and opening sectors like finance and telecom to foreign investors. Participants stressed the need for consistent policies and long-term stability to sustain investor confidence.

For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/4j03QEQ>

Highlights

- Ethiopia Promotes Investment Opportunities at High-Level Business Forum
- Ethio Telecom Launches “Zemen GEBEYA” to Boost Digital Economy May
- Virtual Webinar to Explore Opportunities in Ethiopia's Growing Construction Sector



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Ethio Telecom Launches “Zemen GEBEYA” to Boost Digital Economy May

Ethio telecom has officially launched “Zemen GEBEYA,” a national digital marketplace aimed at supporting Ethiopia’s digital transformation and aligning with the government’s “Digital Ethiopia” strategy. The platform is designed to improve access to digital infrastructure and connect businesses with consumers across the country. By focusing on Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), the marketplace is expected to foster entrepreneurship, innovation, and broader economic participation.

For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/3S1U8H9>

Virtual Webinar to Explore Opportunities in Ethiopia’s Growing Construction Sector

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/76ccDmZagG>

The Delegation of German Industry and Commerce for Eastern Africa, is set to host a webinar titled “Construction Sector in Ethiopia: Insights into a Growing Market” on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 11:00 AM (EAT).

The session will feature insights from both German and Ethiopian experts, who will share perspectives on current trends, challenges, and investment opportunities within Ethiopia’s rapidly expanding construction industry. The event aims to foster dialogue between stakeholders and highlight areas for potential collaboration between the two countries.



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