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Kenya and Ethiopia Advance Horn of Africa Gateway Project

High-level officials from Kenya and Ethiopia met in Addis Ababa to advance the Horn of Africa Gateway Development Project (HoAGDP) a \$750 million World Bank-backed initiative aimed at boosting regional infrastructure, trade, and digital connectivity. Ethiopian Finance Minister and Kenya's Treasury Secretary reaffirmed their countries' commitment to key components such as the construction of bridges at Suftu and Rhamu, establishment of a One-Stop Border Post (OSBP), and extension of fiber optic networks to improve services and connectivity.

The project, set for completion by 2028, includes joint site inspections, trade facilitation centers, and efforts to reduce service access gaps for border communities. Leaders emphasized the initiative's potential to enhance cross-border trade, create jobs, and foster long-term regional integration and stability. For more information, please click here:

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

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- Kenya and Ethiopia Advance Horn of Africa Gateway Project
- Afreximbank Reaffirms Support for Ethiopia's Growth Trajectory
- Ethiopia Accelerates Digital Transformation with Fayda Digital ID & Wallet



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Afreximbank Reaffirms Support for Ethiopia's Growth Trajectory

During the Afreximbank Ethiopia Roadshow 2025, held under the theme "Empowering Ethiopia's Growth: Catalyzing Trade, Investment and Industrialization through Tailored Afreximbank Solutions", the bank reaffirmed its commitment to financing trade and infrastructure development in Ethiopia.

Afreximbank's Priorities Include:

- Railways and airports
- Industrial parks and local manufacturing
- Value-added exports and key sectors like coffee

Ethiopia is positioning itself as a regional trade and logistics hub, and Afreximbank stands ready to deepen its support. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/45lzKbJ>

Ethiopia Accelerates Digital Transformation with Fayda Digital ID & Wallet

At the ID4Africa 2025 Annual General Meeting held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia showcased its growing leadership in digital identity and financial inclusion:

• Fayda Digital ID System

With over 15 million citizens enrolled, Fayda is transforming how Ethiopians access public and private services—cutting service delivery times by up to 60% and advancing inclusive development.

• Fayda Wallet – Officially Launched

Unveiled during the same forum, Fayda Wallet is a secure digital wallet linked to the national ID, developed by the National ID Program (NIDP) in partnership with TECH5 and Visa. For more information, click here: <https://bit.ly/3SKs2Av>



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German Delegation Visits Uganda to Deepen Economic and Development Cooperation

From May 28–31, 2025, a German delegation visited Uganda to strengthen bilateral partnerships across trade, innovation, academia, and development. The delegation, led by Ambassador Danny Ssozi, Deputy Head of the Ugandan Mission in Berlin, included officials from the German Federal Government, the Free State of Saxony and several German NGOs. The visit featured high-level meetings with the German Embassy, GIZ, Uganda NGO Forum, and local NGOs to explore joint initiatives in advocacy, service delivery, and skills development. A key academic highlight was the MUST–Leipzig University collaboration on traditional medicine, including a wound spray project soon entering commercial production. The delegation also visited Gogo Electric, a German-Ugandan e-mobility venture, and attended a business dinner with local innovators like Tulima Solar, Mobile Scan Technologies, and others. A stop at Jesuit Refugee Services showcased vocational training efforts supported through German partnerships. For more info, please click here: <https://bit.ly/43WjrQq>

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- Upgrading Ugandan Exports: Opportunities for Value-Added Diversification



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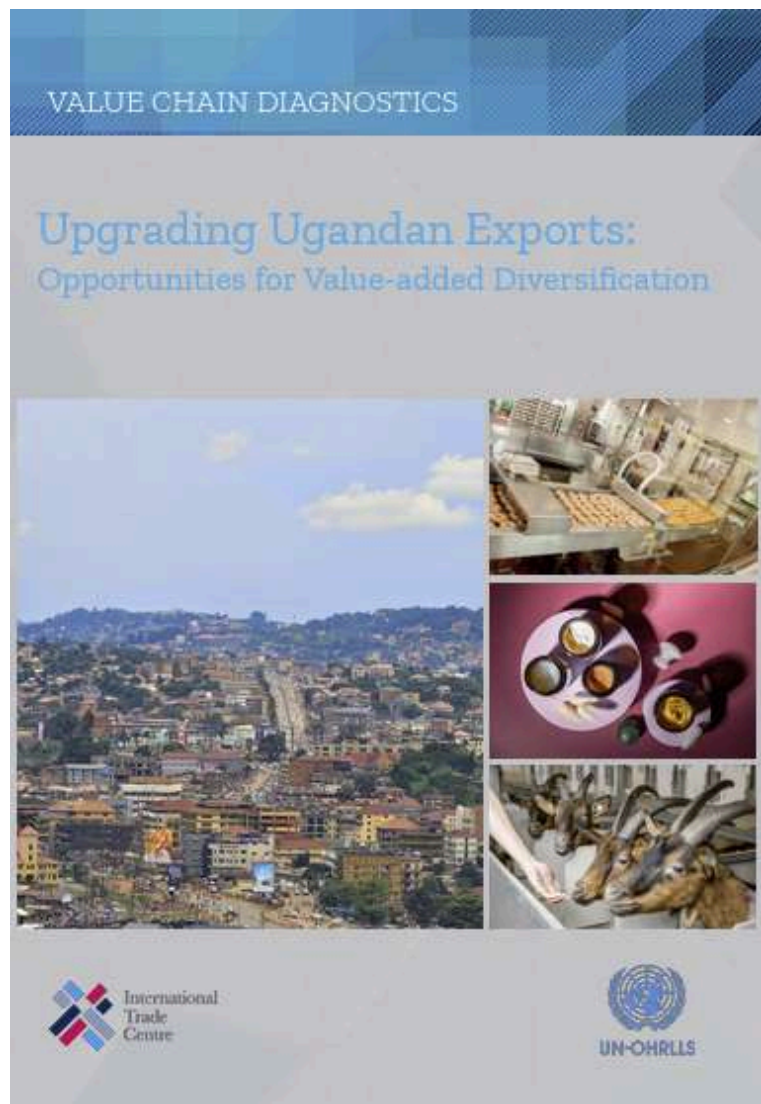
Upgrading Ugandan Exports: Opportunities for Value-Added Diversification

A diagnostic study published earlier this year by the International Trade Centre highlights the need for Uganda to shift from raw commodity exports to diversified, value-added production—a critical step for economic resilience, job creation, and long-term growth, especially as the country prepares for LDC graduation. The report emphasizes that transitioning to value addition will require coordinated efforts across public and private sectors. Investments in logistics infrastructure, streamlined regulatory frameworks, and targeted capacity building for SMEs can significantly enhance Uganda's export competitiveness.

Key Findings:

- Uganda's exports grew tenfold over two decades but remain dominated by minimally processed goods like coffee, gold, and unprocessed agricultural products.
- The study identifies processed foods, animal feed, and beauty & personal care products as high-potential value chains for growth.
- Major barriers include infrastructure gaps, high certification costs, and limited access to finance.

In particular, leveraging regional trade agreements and tapping into African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) opportunities could open new markets for Ugandan products. The study also encourages the fostering of innovation and the adoption of technology in local manufacturing processes to meet international quality standards. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/4dUls2M>



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Global cities unite to champion affordable housing

UN-Habitat has formalized two international partnerships aimed at strengthening global cooperation on social and affordable housing. Through letters of intent, UN-Habitat notes that the partnerships focus on the creation of a social housing and cooperation hub to connect cities from different continents and to advance innovative tools and solutions for inclusive housing.

The first letter of intent launched a Social Housing Hub co-hosted by the cities of Paris and Nairobi, bringing together UN-Habitat, the City of Paris, and Nairobi City County to connect cities and promote inclusive, community-driven housing solutions, including the transformation of informal settlements and slums.

The second letter of intent, between UN-Habitat and the Government of France, will allow the Hub to be hosted in France to support global collaboration, knowledge sharing, and capacity building on inclusive housing systems. For more information click here: <https://bit.ly/3SIIsdfH>

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- Licensing of Digital Credit Providers
- Nairobi hosts Assistive Tech Day, champions an inclusive digital future
- EuroCham Kenya Post-Launch Cocktail Reception



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Emirates Logistics sets up new hub at Tatu City

Emirates Logistics, an international logistics service provider, has disclosed its intentions to boost its Kenyan operations through the development of a cutting-edge facility within the Tatu City Special Economic Zone (SEZ). Steven van der Vliet, Emirates Logistics' Chief Commercial Officer, stated that the new facility will play a crucial role in supporting the company's expansion throughout sub-Saharan Africa by enhancing continental trade in Kenya and the wider East African Region. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/43EoupK>

Kakuma MSMEs encouraged to form strategic partnerships

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Kakuma, Turkana County, have been urged to embrace partnerships as a pathway to unlocking new markets, attracting investors, and driving enterprise development.

The call was made by the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) for Trade, Gender, Youth Affairs, and Tourism, Roseline Aite, during a one-day Business-to-Business (B2B) forum held in Kakuma.

The event was organised by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) under the Kakuma Kalobeyei Challenge Fund (KKCF) and brought together more than 100 MSMEs, along with business financiers, market leaders, government officials, and policy influencers.

The forum provided a vital platform for entrepreneurs to network, share insights, and explore collaborative opportunities that can strengthen their business models. For more information, please click here:

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Experts push PPP Trust Fund to boost local investment

The Committee of Experts on Leveraging Local Financial Markets for Investments into Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) Implementation is rallying for public support in the mobilization of domestic capital to fund mega-development projects across the country. Appointed in February 2025 by the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury and Economic Planning, John Mbadi, the Committee is chaired by Dr. Hosea Kili. Since its inception, the team has held extensive consultations with stakeholders, regulatory agencies, and private sector leaders. For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/401vxGD>

Kenya tops Africa in ICT regulation – ITU

A United Nations agency has ranked Kenya's ICT regulatory ecosystem as the most progressive in Africa.

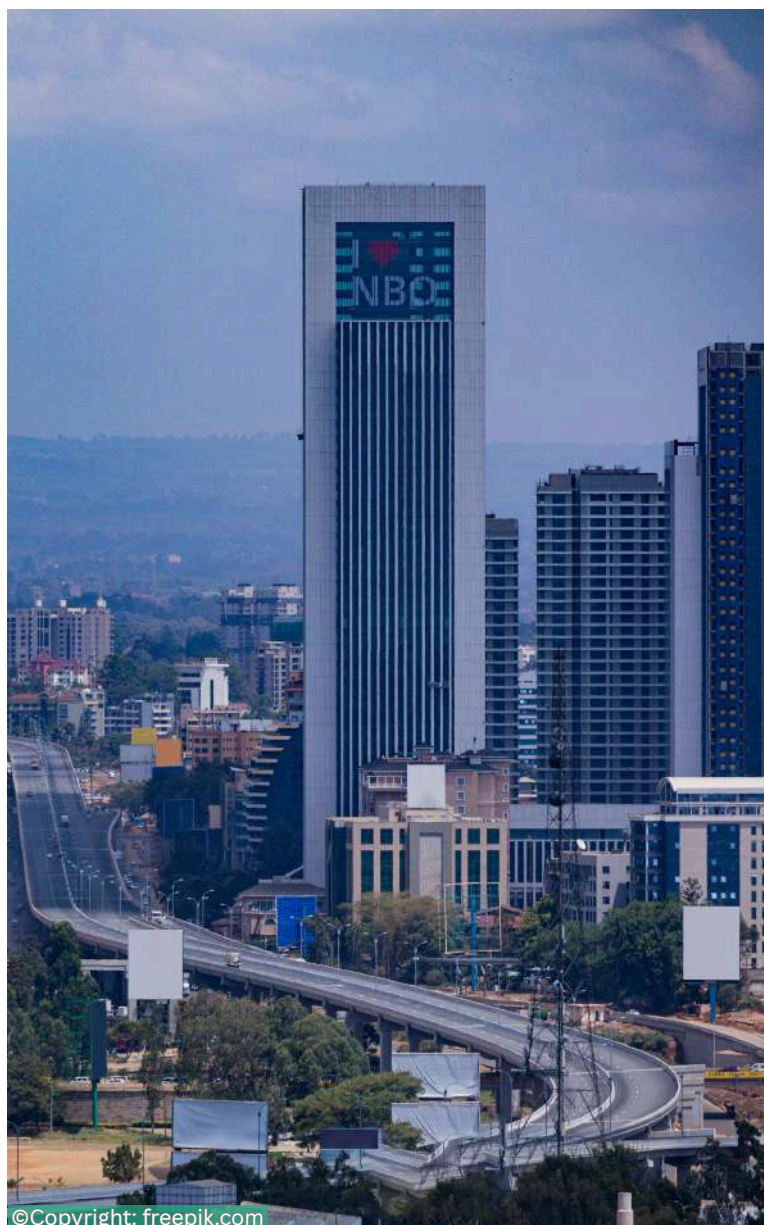
According to the latest edition of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) ICT Regulatory Tracker, Kenya scored 93 points, up from the 2023 rating of 92, taking the lead in Africa in best practice ICT regulation.

A statement to newsrooms indicates that Nigeria and South Africa came second and third with 92 and 88 points respectively while Malawi, Egypt, Rwanda, Morocco, Uganda, Burkina Faso and Senegal made it to the top 10 list.

Globally, Kenya was ranked 20th out of 194 countries covered, with Italy topping the list at 100 points, followed by Lithuania at 99.5.

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CBK Licensed Digital Lenders

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Licensing of Digital Credit Providers

The licensing aims to enhance consumer protection, promote transparency, and ensure a sound and stable digital lending environment in Kenya. By bringing more players under regulatory oversight, the Central Bank of Kenya seeks to safeguard borrowers from predatory lending practices and ensure that all licensed Digital Credit Providers operate within set legal and ethical standards. CBK continues to evaluate over 250 pending applications, reaffirming its commitment to regulating the fast-evolving digital credit market responsibly. The move is also expected to boost public confidence in digital financial services and foster innovation in the financial technology space. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/4dToci0>

Nairobi hosts Assistive Tech Day, champions inclusive digital future

The Global Assistive Technologies Day took place at the 6th Inclusive Africa Conference, where innovators, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and disability advocates gathered to champion the future of accessible technology across the continent.

This year's celebrations in Nairobi highlighted Africa's growing leadership in shaping an inclusive digital future for all.

Globally, over 1.3 billion people, one in six, live with disabilities, yet far too many remain excluded from digital tools and services.

However, only 1 in 10 people worldwide have access to the assistive technologies they require. As demand is expected to surge, Global Assistive Day calls for bold innovation, stronger partnerships, and increased investment to close this gap. For more information, please click here:



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EuroCham Kenya Post-Launch Cocktail Reception

On Monday, 9th June 2025, the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce for Eastern Africa (AHK Eastern Africa) was delighted to attend the EuroCham Kenya Post-Launch Cocktail Reception, graciously hosted by H.E. Ambassador Henriette Geiger, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Kenya, at her residence. This celebratory evening brought together over 100 distinguished guests, including leaders from European and Kenyan companies, diplomatic missions, and key public and private sector institutions. The reception served as a timely moment to reflect on EuroCham Kenya's remarkable progress since its official launch at the EU-Kenya Business Forum during the Europe Day celebrations in May 2025.

As a founding chamber of EuroCham Kenya, AHK Eastern Africa is proud to support the Chamber's mission to create a unified and effective voice for European businesses operating in Kenya. The event reaffirmed the shared vision of building a business community that is not only engaged and collaborative but also proactive in shaping the economic dialogue between Europe and Kenya.

We also commend the EuroCham Secretariat, in particular Caroline Englund and Sophiah Muthoni Njeru, for their dedication and tireless efforts in bringing the Chamber to life and ensuring a seamless event. This reception was not only a celebration but a call to action—to build a Chamber that is responsive, inclusive, and impact-driven. AHK Eastern Africa remains committed to advancing the interests of its members and contributing to the broader EuroCham Kenya agenda, in close cooperation with Team Europe and the Kenyan business community. Here's to continued collaboration, strengthened partnerships, and a thriving business landscape for European enterprises in Kenya! For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/3FQFiAG>



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Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Launches Finance Transforming Systems

After press release in Dodoma, The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has launched two groundbreaking systems aimed at transforming the country's financial landscape by promoting innovation and improving consumer protection. The first, "Sema na BoT", is a Financial Complaints Management System designed to enable the public to report issues such as unethical lending practices directly to the central bank. The initiative is expected to enhance transparency, accountability, and trust in financial service providers. The second is a Fintech Regulatory Sandbox, which offers a safe testing space for financial technology companies to pilot new products and services under BoT supervision. The sandbox will help ensure innovation progresses without compromising consumer rights or financial system stability. Finance and Planning Minister Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba praised the move, saying the new platforms will support Tanzania's drive toward inclusive and affordable financial services. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/4mZ2VYw>

Highlights

- Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Launches Finance Transforming Systems
- Tanzania Sees Robust Investment Growth in Q3 of 2024/25 Fiscal Year
- Dar Es Salaam Stock Exchange Reforms Set to Boost Foreign Investor Confidence
- TPC, TanTrade in DITF Partnership
- NHC Unveils Sh607bn Plan to Change Urban Landscape



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Tanzania Sees Robust Investment Growth in Q3 of 2024/25 Fiscal Year

After the press release in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania recorded a sharp increase in approved investment capital in the third quarter of the 2024/25 financial year, with total investment hitting \$2.165 billion, up from \$1.475 billion in the same period last year. The Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC) attributed the growth to both foreign and domestic investors, with FDI leading at \$1.36 billion, representing 63 percent of total investment. This marked a significant rise from \$768 million in the corresponding quarter of 2023/24. Domestic investments also grew by 13.3 percent, reaching \$795.1 million. TIC Executive Director Gilead Teri said the surge is a result of improved post-registration services, investor support, and follow-ups. <https://bit.ly/3FQIY5s>

Dar Es Salaam Stock Exchange Reforms Set to Boost Foreign Investor Confidence

After press release in Dar es Salaam, The Dar es Salaam Stock Exchange (DSE) has implemented a series of reforms aimed at increasing transparency, efficiency, and investor trust, particularly from foreign institutions. Announced on June 2, 2025, the changes bring the DSE more in line with global trading standards. Key reforms include introducing fixed daily trading hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), adopting the Volume Weighted Average Price (VWAP) as the official closing price to prevent manipulation, and setting a minimum of TZS 250 million for block trades to curb off-market deals. Additionally, new price movement caps and enhanced Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements—such as mandatory National Identification Numbers (NINs) for Tanzanian investors—have been introduced. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/402z7Ae>



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TPC, TanTrade in DITF Partnership

After a press release in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania Posts Corporation (TPC) has partnered with the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade) to enhance logistics and services at the 49th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF), scheduled for June 28–July 13 at the Sabasaba Grounds. Under the agreement signed by Postmaster General Macrice Mbodo and TanTrade Director General Latifa Khamis, TPC will handle transport and streamlined cargo delivery for exhibitors, aiming to significantly reduce costs and transit times for SMEs.

For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/4jK5IC4>

NHC Unveils Sh607bn Plan to Change Urban Landscape

After press release in Dar es Salaam, The National Housing Corporation (NHC) has launched an ambitious Sh607 billion plan to transform Tanzania's urban landscape through 61 development projects across key cities including Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Moshi, and Tanga. Announced as the largest state-led real estate initiative in the country's history, the plan primarily targets the revitalization of Kariakoo, Dar es Salaam's commercial hub, where 44 of the projects will be located. These developments aim to modernize urban infrastructure, improve safety and accessibility, and increase the number of local traders from 6,000 to over 8,000. Over the next five to ten years, NHC expects to grow its asset base from Sh5.7 trillion to Sh900 billion through redevelopment of its properties.

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