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Call for Partners/Vendors for Konza National Data Centre and Smart City Solutions

Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) is a state agency under the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy. It is mandated to implement the Konza Technopolis project—one of Kenya's Vision 2030 flagship initiatives—and to drive the country's digital transformation in line with the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA). Towards its vision of being a global Technopolis and innovation hub, KoTDA is operationalizing a Tier III Certified National Data Center and Smart City infrastructure offering wide array of digital services to both government and private enterprises. The Authority is inviting partnership proposals from interested qualified local and international software vendors/solutions providers to provide bundled software solutions to complement Konza Data Center and Smart city offering. The uptake of such solutions/services will be based on demand and business models agreed with the Authority. For more information, please click here: <http://bit.ly/4eS7Si2>

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KRA Grows Revenue by 6.8% Despite Tough Economic Environment

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has surpassed the revenue target of Kshs. 2.555 Trillion for the Financial Year 2024/2025 after collecting Kshs. 2.571 Trillion.

The performance is a growth of 6.8% and a performance rate of 100.6%, compared with the Kshs. 2.407 Trillion collected in the last financial year.

For more information, please click here:

<http://bit.ly/45a4AU0>

Kenya pilots livestock chip identification system

In a bold move to enhance livestock management and improve traceability, the Kenyan government has begun piloting a digital livestock identification system, known as the Animal Identification and Traceability System (ANITRAC). This initiative is set to revolutionize the livestock sector by enabling authorities and farmers to monitor vital information about each animal, including its ownership history, breed, health status, and vaccination records. Speaking during the official launch of the Nambale Livestock Sale Yard in Busia County on Wednesday, Livestock Development Principal Secretary Jonathan Mueke emphasized the importance of the new system in modernizing the country's livestock value chain. He revealed that the ANITRAC software is currently being tested at selected government farms, with promising initial results. "Through this system, each animal will be assigned a unique identification number, which will be embedded in a digital chip. This will allow us to track every animal from birth to market, enhancing traceability and ensuring compliance with animal health and safety standards," PS Mueke stated. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/3lwZXuA>





Konza Technopolis Showcases the Future of Tech and Gaming at the Konza Activation Tour

Konza Technopolis hosted a thrilling weekend of innovation and excitement with the Konza Activation Tour, a dynamic collaboration with Avax Africa and Barbah Games. Gamers and tech enthusiasts had the unique opportunity to dive into the latest technological breakthroughs, experiencing live demonstrations, hands-on gameplay, and interactive showcases that unveiled the future of gaming and digital innovation.

The tour featured exclusive sessions led by industry experts, offering attendees deep insights into the rapidly evolving technology landscape. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/4nZqFfG>

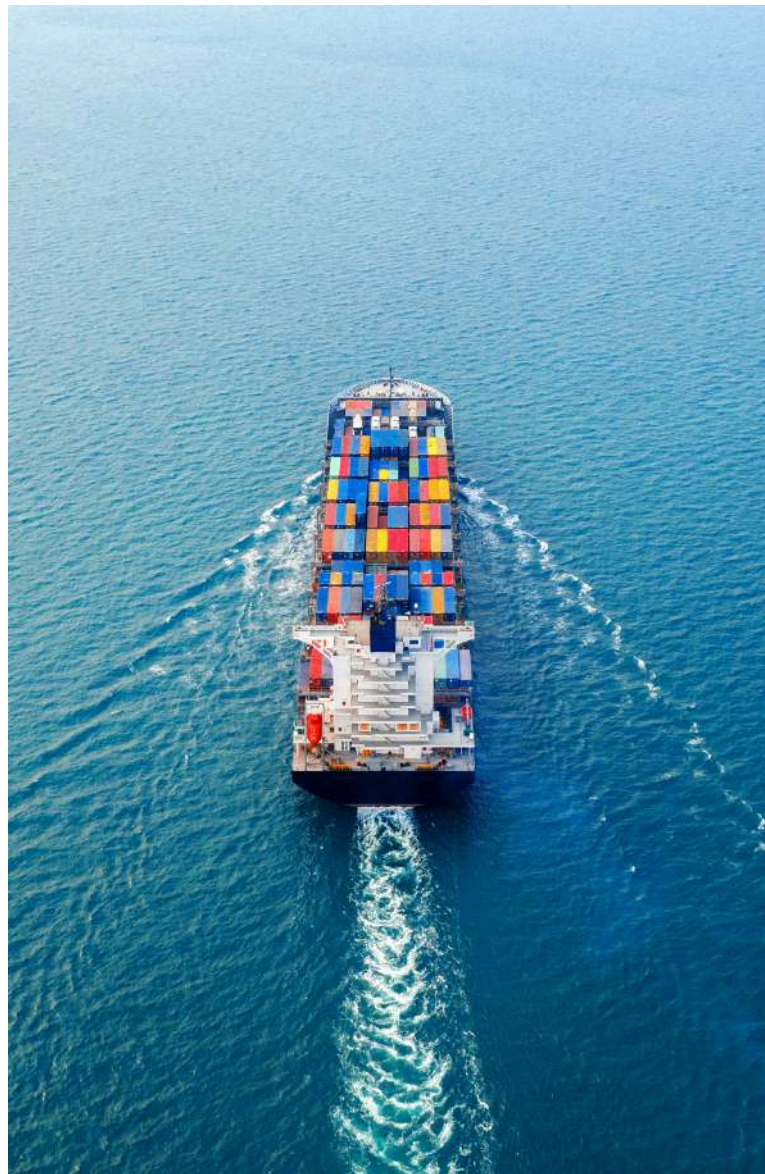
Requirement for mandatory Certificate of origin for imports into Kenya

The Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has issued a public notice informing all importers, customs clearing agents, and members of the business community that, effective 1 July 2025, every consignment imported into Kenya must be accompanied by a valid Certificate of Origin (CoO). This new requirement is in accordance with the recently amended Section 44A of the Tax Procedures Act, CAP. 469B, as introduced by the Finance Act, 2025.

Previously, Certificates of Origin were primarily required for goods benefiting from preferential trade agreements, such as those under the East African Community (EAC), COMESA, or other bilateral arrangements. These documents served the purpose of verifying the country of origin and ensuring the applicable preferential tariffs were correctly applied.

For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/4f5mpaj>





Maximum wholesale and retail petroleum prices in Kenya for the Period 15th July 2025 to 14th August 2025 - EPRA

The Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) has released the latest review of petroleum prices in accordance with Section 101(y) of the Petroleum Act, 2019, and Legal Notice No. 192 of 2022. The revised maximum retail and wholesale prices for petroleum products will apply from midnight on 15th July 2025 and remain in force until 14th August 2025.

During this pricing cycle, the maximum allowable pump prices for Super Petrol, Diesel, and Kerosene have increased across the board.

In particular, the price of Super Petrol has risen by KShs.8.99 per litre, Diesel by KShs.8.67 per litre, and Kerosene by KShs.9.65 per litre. In Nairobi, consumers will now pay KShs.186.31 per litre for Super Petrol, KShs.171.58 per litre for Diesel, and KShs.156.58 per litre for Kerosene. These prices take effect immediately and will be valid for the next 30 days. The cost of petroleum products in other towns and cities will vary depending on transport and delivery costs from the depot.

The announced prices are inclusive of all applicable levies and taxes, including the 16% Value Added Tax (VAT) as outlined in the Finance Act, 2023, the Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024, and the revised excise duty rates adjusted for inflation under Legal Notice No. 194 of 2020.

EPRA conducts these monthly reviews to ensure fair pricing in the local petroleum market, guided by changes in international crude oil prices, exchange rates, and other global and domestic economic conditions.

For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/40U5SQC>



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Uganda Reopens Key Border Posts with Eastern DRC

In a significant development for regional trade and diplomacy, Uganda has officially reopened several key border crossings with the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), including the strategically important posts of Bunagana, Ishasha, and Busanza. These routes connect Uganda to territories in North Kivu province currently under the control of the M23 rebel group. The decision, announced on July 9, 2025, follows a formal directive issued by President Yoweri Museveni and conveyed by the Chief of Defence Forces of the Uganda People's Defence Forces (UPDF). The reopening comes after months of closure that began in January 2025, when escalating conflict and advances by the M23 group toward Goma prompted Ugandan authorities to shut the border for security reasons. The prolonged closure had disrupted trade flows and strained livelihoods in both Uganda and the eastern DRC, which rely heavily on cross-border commerce for essential goods and services. For more information, please click here:

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

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- Uganda–Tanzania EACOP Enters Final 12-Month Construction Sprint





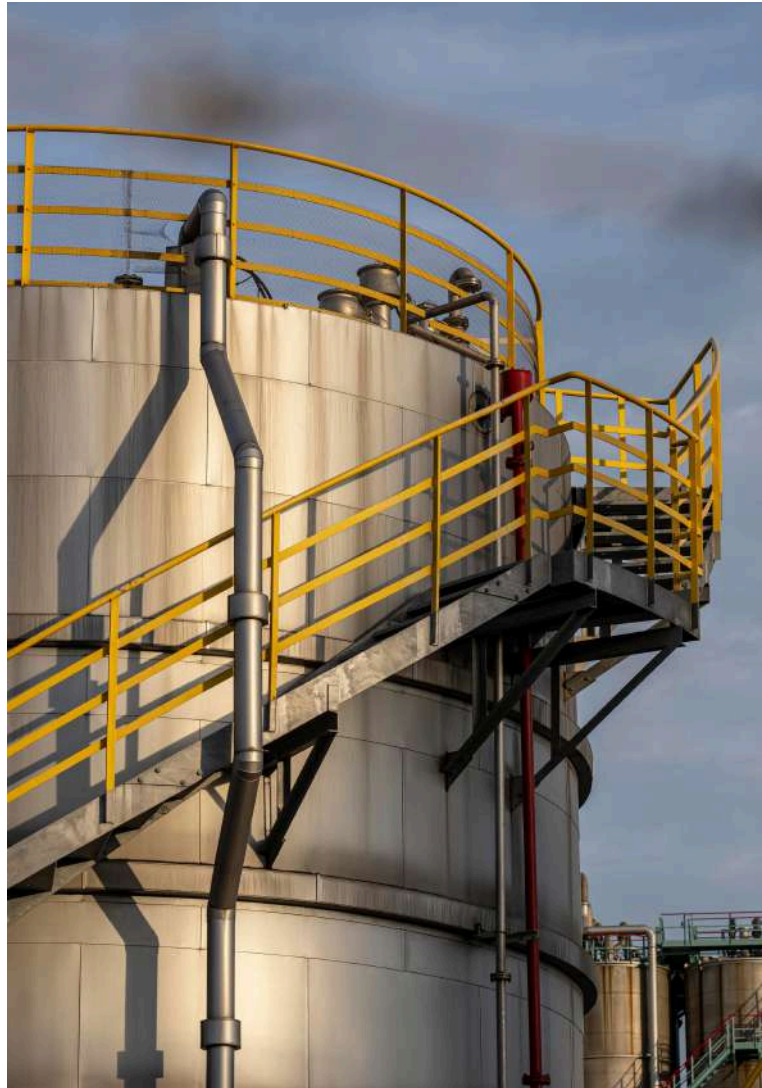
Uganda–Tanzania EACOP Enters Final 12-Month Construction Sprint

The landmark East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project has officially entered its final and most crucial construction phase, according to engineers overseeing the development. Dubbed the “last 12-month sprint,” this phase involves the rapid acceleration of pipeline installation, welding, testing, and support infrastructure works across both Uganda and Tanzania—signaling a major milestone in East Africa’s long-anticipated journey toward becoming an oil-exporting region. Progress is particularly visible in Uganda’s Lot-1 segment, which stretches from the oil-rich Hoima region in the Albertine Graben to the Tanzanian border.

This section of the pipeline, constructed by Chinese contractors, is reported to be approximately 60% complete, with ongoing civil works, delivery of pipe segments, and construction of associated facilities such as pumping stations, access roads, and worker camps.

EACOP is set to be the world’s longest heated crude oil pipeline, running 1,443 kilometers from Hoima in western Uganda through northern Tanzania to the port of Tanga on the Indian Ocean. Once completed, it will facilitate the transportation of Uganda’s crude oil to international markets, opening up a new chapter in the region’s energy, trade, and economic landscape. The project, jointly developed by TotalEnergies (majority stakeholder), the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC), Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC), and China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), is being implemented under a public-private partnership framework. For more information, please click here:

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Ethiopia's Economic Reform Progress Praised by IMF Amid Rising Risks

Ethiopia continues its ambitious economic transformation, earning cautious praise from the IMF for progress in monetary tightening, tax reforms, and foreign exchange liberalization under a \$3.4 billion loan program. While key targets have been met and inflation has fallen faster than expected, the IMF warns of mounting risks due to declining donor support, fragile security, delays in privatization, and a persistent 15% parallel FX market premium. Foreign aid has dropped sharply from 12% of GDP a decade ago to under 4% with one in five Ethiopians still relying on humanitarian assistance.

Despite these vulnerabilities, Ethiopia secured a \$1 billion financing package from the World Bank, completed the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (doubling national power capacity), and received a \$262 million IMF disbursement in July, reinforcing its position as a regional energy hub while navigating complex domestic and geopolitical challenges. For more information, you can click here: <https://bit.ly/3GSZTVr>

Highlights

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- Subject: Addis Ababa Completes Nearly 16,000 Community Development Projects





Addis Ababa Completes Nearly 16,000 Community Development Projects in Landmark Urban Renewal Drive

In a bold demonstration of urban transformation and grassroots engagement, the Addis Ababa City Administration has announced the successful completion of nearly 16,000 community development projects during the 2017 Ethiopian fiscal year (corresponding to 2024/2025 in the Gregorian calendar).

Among the standout achievements are the construction and rehabilitation of over 1,300 kilometers of urban roads, dramatically improving connectivity, easing traffic congestion, and facilitating access to key services in both formal and informal settlements. The road projects include cobblestone pavements, asphalt surfaces, pedestrian walkways, and drainage improvements—offering safer, more accessible routes for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike. In the housing sector, the city delivered more than 13,000 new residential units, primarily through government-supported low-cost housing schemes and cooperative development programs. These units have provided critical shelter for low- and middle-income households, while also helping to reduce pressure on informal settlements and support better urban planning outcomes. A major highlight of the year was the groundbreaking and partial launch of the Addis International Convention Center, a flagship infrastructure project that positions the Ethiopian capital as a leading destination for regional and global conferences, exhibitions, and diplomatic engagements.

For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/44zlfAm>



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Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Releases 5-Year Strategic Plan (2025/26–2029/30)

Tanzania's central bank has unveiled its five-year strategic roadmap focused on:

- Ensuring price & financial stability
- Modernizing via digital tech & AI
- Strengthening climate resilience
- Promoting financial inclusion and stakeholder engagement

Highlights include 12 strategic themes from monetary policy to ICT transformation supported by measurable KPIs, annual monitoring, and strong governance structures.

For more information, please click here:

<https://bit.ly/46Kld92>

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- Tanzanian Capital Markets Tribunal Develops Digital System to Handle Investor Disputes
- Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Estimates 5.5% Real GDP Growth in Q2 2025
- Tourism Overtakes Gold as Tanzania's Top Foreign Exchange Earner
- Dar es Salaam Trade Fair Generates Sh7.06bn as Prime Minister Issues Seven Key Directives



BANK OF TANZANIA STRATEGIC PLAN

2025/2026 - 2029/2030



Tanzanian Capital Markets Tribunal Develops Digital System to Handle Investor Disputes

After a press release in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's Capital Markets Tribunal (CMT) has launched a digital case management system to streamline the handling of investor disputes. The platform aims to enhance efficiency, transparency, and investor confidence in the country's financial markets. According to tribunal officials, the new system will simplify the process of filing, tracking, and resolving cases, significantly reducing resolution times. The initiative is part of broader efforts to modernize the capital markets infrastructure and protect investor rights. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/3lwX4KI>

Bank of Tanzania (BoT) Estimates 5.5% Real GDP Growth in Q2 2025

After a press release in Dar es Salaam, The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has projected real GDP growth of 5.5% for the second quarter of 2025, mirroring the rate recorded in the first quarter of the year.

The central bank attributes this growth to strong performance in key sectors including agriculture, mining, construction, financial services, and tourism. It also anticipates continued economic resilience in the face of global uncertainties.

Inflation remained low at an average of 3.2% in Q2, supported by adequate food supply and stable fuel prices. Meanwhile, credit to the private sector grew by 12.7%, reflecting improved business activity. The BoT reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining macroeconomic stability and supporting inclusive growth. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/4kGx5gH>





Tourism Overtakes Gold as Tanzania's Top Foreign Exchange Earner

After press release in Dar es Salaam, Tourism has overtaken gold as Tanzania's leading source of foreign exchange, earning \$3.92 billion in the year ending May 2025—up from \$3.63 billion the previous year. This accounted for 55.1% of total service receipts.

Gold exports brought in \$3.83 billion over the same period.

The surge is attributed to an increase in international tourist arrivals, which rose to 2.17 million, as well as new forex exemptions granted to tour operators by the Bank of Tanzania, allowing them to receive payments in foreign currencies and import specialized vehicles. For more information, click here: <https://bit.ly/4kKx4Zd>

Dar es Salaam Trade Fair Generates Sh7.06bn as Prime Minister Issues Seven Key Directives

After press release in Dar es Salaam, The 48th Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) has generated TSh 7.06 billion in revenue, according to the Tanzania Trade Development Authority (TanTrade). The fair, which drew over 3,600 local and international exhibitors, concluded with Prime Minister Kassim Majaliwa issuing seven directives aimed at improving future editions.

The directives include early preparations for the 50th DITF in 2026, enhancing infrastructure at the fairgrounds, improving data management systems, and expanding space for exhibitions. PM Majaliwa also emphasized the need to boost participation by local producers and exporters, encourage youth and SME involvement, and ensure broader coordination among government institutions. For more information, please click here: <https://bit.ly/4kV00Os>



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