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Stone Town, Zanzibar, Tanzania.

## Five New SEZs Set to Position Tanzania as Industrial Hub

After a press release in Dar es Salaam, The government has launched five Special Economic Zones (SEZs), Buzwagi (1,333 ha), Bagamoyo Eco Maritime City (151 ha), Kwala (40.5 ha), Nala (607 ha) and an expanded Benjamin W. Mkapa SEZ in Dar es Salaam (13,000 m<sup>2</sup>) aimed at boosting value-added manufacturing, jobs and GDP growth. The zones are linked to power, dry ports at Isaka and Kwala, Dar es Salaam Port and major roads, with plans to integrate the Standard Gauge Railway. Officials said the rollout aligns with DIRA 2050's goal of a trillion-dollar economy, targeting GDP growth of 8–10% by 2050 from the current 5.5%. TISEZA was tasked to promote the zones, work with local governments to support investors and step up investment education, prioritising sectors such as manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, agro-processing, automotive assembly, electronics, paper and timber.

[Learn more](#)

## Highlights

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- Tanzania Signs 158.3bn/- Strategic Deals to Boost Hunting Tourism
- Tanzania's Real Estate Sector Poised for Stronger Growth Through 2030
- Tourism Drives Zanzibar's Current Account Surplus Growth
- Bank of Tanzania Outlines Procedure for Resolving Complaints from Users of Formal Financial Services





## Tanzania Signs 158.3bn/- Strategic Deals to Boost Hunting Tourism

After press release in Dar es Salaam, The Ministry for Natural Resources and Tourism signed four investment agreements under the Strategic Wildlife Investment Concession Agreement (SWICA) framework, valued at 158.3bn/-, allowing investors to run both photographic tourism and tourist hunting within the same concession areas. The deals cover Burko Open Area (Monduli–Arusha), Selous MHJ1, Selous MHJ2, and Selous ML1 (Liwale–Lindi).

[Learn more](#)

## Tanzania's Real Estate Sector Poised for Stronger Growth Through 2030

After press release in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's property market is set for steady expansion through the decade, supported by pro-investment reforms and big-ticket infrastructure. Foreign direct investment jumped to US\$6.56bn in 2024 (from US\$1.3–1.6bn in 2023), while new policies (TISEZA Act 2025; National Land Policy 2023) are improving market access and approvals. Residential prices are forecast to rise 4–6% annually nationwide (up to 7% in Dar). The construction sector is projected to expand from US\$10.7bn in 2025 to US\$17.4bn by 2030, helped by the TBPS system, which has trimmed permit timelines in Dar to about 75 days.

[Learn more](#)





## Tourism Drives Zanzibar's Current Account Surplus Growth

After press release in Zanzibar, Zanzibar's current account surplus jumped 42.6% to US\$611.1 million in the year ending June 2025, driven by a 23.9% rise in service receipts to US\$1.17 billion as tourist arrivals climbed to 798,605 from 663,444 a year earlier, Bank of Tanzania data show. Authorities credit upgraded air links at Abeid Amani Karume International Airport and broader market promotion for the gains, while warning of infrastructure and environmental pressures. Traditional clove exports slumped 88.1% to US\$3.5 million, underscoring tourism's growing dominance in the archipelago's external accounts.

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## Bank of Tanzania Outlines Procedure for Resolving Complaints from Users of Formal Financial Services

After press release in Dodoma, The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) announced a standard procedure for receiving and resolving complaints from users of regulated financial service providers, grounded in the Financial Consumer Protection Regulations 2019 (amended 2025). The process weighs the rights and obligations of both parties, may involve law-enforcement where necessary, and the Bank will inform complainants if a case is being handled by another competent authority. Consumers retain the right to withdraw a complaint from BoT and take it to court or any legally empowered body.

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Rwenzori Mountains, Uganda.

## EAC Launches Regional Customs Bond in Kampala to Unlock Trade Efficiency

The East African Community (EAC) has officially launched the EAC Regional Customs Bond (EACBond) during a high-level event held in Kampala, Uganda. This transformative trade initiative aims to simplify cross-border goods movement by replacing the need for multiple national bonds with a single regional guarantee across participating Member States.

The launch was supported by TradeMark Africa, FSD Africa, and ASECUDA, and marks a significant step in strengthening regional integration and easing the cost of doing business across the EAC bloc.

According to the EAC Secretary General, the bond especially benefits SMEs and regional exporters, who often face financial strain from duplicate guarantee requirements.

[Learn more](#)

## Highlights

- EAC Launches Regional Customs Bond in Kampala to Unlock Trade Efficiency
- Register Now! Webinar: Uganda's Coffee Sector (19<sup>th</sup> August 2025)
- 14th Annual Mineral Wealth Conference in Kampala, Uganda (24–25 September 2025)





## Register Now! Webinar: Uganda's Coffee Sector (19<sup>th</sup> August 2025)

**Date:** Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Time:** 10:00 CEST/11:00 -13:00 EAT

**Format:** Virtual via Microsoft Teams

**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/3U1aQar>

The AHK Eastern Africa - Delegation of German Industry and Commerce for Eastern Africa invites you to this timely webinar on Uganda's coffee sector. Join us to gain the insights, context, and contacts needed to navigate one of Eastern Africa's most promising coffee markets.

For more information, contact:  
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[Learn more](#)

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mineral Wealth Conference in Kampala, Uganda (24–25 September 2025)

 24–25 September 2025

 Serena Hotel, Kampala

 [mwc.ucem.ug](http://mwc.ucem.ug)

AHK Eastern Africa is organising a joint German stand and invites German companies to: Participate or exhibit, explore sponsorship and branding opportunities and Network with leading players in Uganda's raw materials sector. For inquiries or to express interest, contact:

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A Market in Axum, Ethiopia

## Ethiopian Airlines and AfDB Seal \$5 Billion Deal for Africa's Largest Airport Project

Ethiopian Airlines Group and the African Development Bank have signed a mandate letter appointing the Bank as Initial Mandated Lead Arranger for the financing of Africa's largest aviation infrastructure project as a new USD 5 billion mega airport in Bishoftu, Ethiopia. Building on a Letter of Intent signed in March 2025, the Bank will provide USD 500 million in loans and lead efforts to mobilize the remaining funds for the greenfield facility, which will open with a 60 million passenger capacity and expand to 110 million, making it the continent's largest and a top global hub. Located 40 km south of Addis Ababa, the airport will complement Bole International Airport's domestic services and serve as a catalyst for regional integration, trade, tourism, and job creation.

[Learn more](#)

## Highlights

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- World Bank Launches \$424M Program to Expand Clean Energy Access in Ethiopia
- German Business Round Table (27<sup>th</sup> August 2025)





## World Bank Launches \$424M Program to Expand Clean Energy Access in Ethiopia

The World Bank has approved the \$424 million Accelerating Sustainable and Clean Energy Access Transformation (ASCENT) in Ethiopia Program-for-Results to provide clean and reliable electricity to nearly six million people, supported by a \$400 million IDA credit and a \$24 million grant from Denmark. Building on previous electrification initiatives, the five-year program will expand on-grid connections, strengthen policies, improve utility performance, and promote inclusive access for low-income and underserved communities.

[Learn more](#)

## German Business Round Table (27<sup>th</sup> August 2025)

**Date & Time:** 27 August 2025 | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (EAT)

**Venue:** To be confirmed

**Register here:** <https://forms.office.com/r/4x9bEwCXwL>

The Ethiopia Desk at AHK Eastern Africa invites German company owners and leaders in Ethiopia to join us for an afternoon of dialogue, networking, and collaboration.

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Indian Ocean, Mombasa, Kenya

## The Rivatex East Africa Limited will be privatized to ensure uptake of cotton from farmers.

The Rivatex East Africa Limited will be privatized to ensure uptake of cotton from farmers. On Wednesday, 6th August 2025, President William Ruto said that the private sector offtaker, to be onboarded on Friday, will also provide seeds and other farmers' support to ensure the "huge capacity" industry operates optimally.

He emphasized that this move aims to revitalize the local textile value chain, create jobs, and boost farmers' incomes. The government is also working on supporting offtake of pyrethrum and sunflower from farmers, with KEPSA members urging the government to solidify policy directing local manufacturers to exhaust raw materials in the country.

[Learn more](#)

## Highlights

- The Rivatex East Africa Limited will be privatized to ensure uptake of cotton from farmers
- Kenya Reaffirms Commitment in the Implementation of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
- Kenya to Host Inaugural Software Summit in October
- President William Ruto Holds Presidential Roundtable with Private Sector
- Expanding jobs creation through cotton value addition
- Government, Industry Forge for Local Content in Automobile Assembly for Jobs
- Call for Applications for Registered Nurses



## Kenya Reaffirms Commitment in the Implementation of WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

Kenya remains committed in the full implementation of the World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). Principal Secretary for Trade Regina Ombam said the agreement represents a major milestone in global efforts to simplifying, modernizing and harmonising trade processes. Speaking on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025, she officially opened the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) Workshop of the TFA in Mombasa PS Ombam who also doubles up as the chair noted that for Kenya the agreement serves as a tool to improve the trade environment, boost competitiveness and facilitate growth of the economy through increased efficiency in cross border trade.

[Learn more](#)



## Kenya to Host Inaugural Software Summit in October

The Ministry of Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, in partnership with other tech stakeholders, is set to host the first-ever Software Summit on 7th - 9th October this year at the University of Eldoret.

The Summit, which will bring together government agencies, private companies in the technology sector, Finance, Regulatory, Development Partners, Academia, as well as the software startup ecosystem, aims to build and strengthen Kenya's software development ecosystem, positioning the country as Africa's premier hub for software innovation.

[Learn more](#)





## President William Ruto Holds Presidential Roundtable with Private Sector

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025, President William Ruto held a presidential roundtable with the private sector aimed at fostering trade and investments through public-private dialogue.

Held under the theme “Strengthening Government-Private Sector Collaboration for Investment, Trade and Industry-Led Economic Growth”, the forum highlighted Kenya’s investment legislative reforms, ease of doing business, export promotion and value addition, industrialization and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

[Learn more](#)

## Expanding jobs creation through cotton value addition

Under the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), the Kenyan government has revitalized the cotton and textile industry through a comprehensive value chain approach. Key interventions include the distribution of improved cotton seeds (including imports from Cameroon and Togo), increased farm-gate prices to motivate farmers, and the modernization of ginneries and textile facilities such as Rivatex and Thika cloth mills.

The government has also developed supportive policies, promoted local fabric use through public procurement, and partnered with counties and the private sector to strengthen production and processing. These efforts aim to boost cotton production, create thousands of jobs, and stimulate rural economic growth across Kenya’s cotton-growing regions.

[Learn more](#)





## Government, Industry Forge for Local Content in Automobile Assembly for Jobs

The Cabinet Secretary for Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI), Lee Kinyanjui on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025 urged local assemblers of automobiles to utilize locally assembled parts to spur growth in the sector and generate jobs.

The CS, who committed to fast-tracking the National Automotive Bill, 2022, noted the potential of the sector to absorb up to 50,000 Kenyans, calling on Kenyans to support the policies being proposed to drive more capacity for local manufacturing.

[Learn more](#)

## Call for Applications for Registered Nurses


Are you a qualified Nurse in Kenya interested in working and living in Germany? Let's talk!

AHK Eastern Africa - Delegation of German Industry and Commerce for Eastern Africa, is actively connecting Kenyan healthcare professionals with reputable employers in Germany.

👋 **This is a free and fair opportunity for all eligible candidates.**

 **Application deadline: 29 August 2025**

 **Based in Nairobi, Kenya**

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