

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology

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7 Jun 2022 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *PR Newswire*. **Germany**-based international electronics group **Rohde & Schwarz** officially opens new software development lab in **Kigali** – its first research and development initiative in **Africa**;

7 Jun 2022 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Mozilla*. Study by **United States**-based non-profit organisation **Mozilla Foundation** finds social media app **TikTok** has fuelled disinformation and political tension in **Kenya** ahead of its August general elections;

7 Jun 2022 **Kampala (Uganda)** *The Independent*. President **Yoweri Museveni** delivers **State of the Nation Address Uganda 2022**, saying **Uganda** has reached middle-income status and aims to process more commodities locally instead of exporting them;

6 Jun 2022 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *AfDB*. **African Development Bank** president **Akinwumi Adesina** says **Djibouti** is strategically placed to become global ICT centre;

6 Jun 2022 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *beincrypto*. **National Bank of Ethiopia** says digital assets are banned for transactions, and that the only acceptable tender is the Birr, the central bank fiat currency;

6 Jun 2022 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Amnesty International*. International human rights organisation **Amnesty International** calls on **Ugandan** authorities to release six politicians and activists arrested “solely for protesting the high cost of living” and to respect the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly;

5 Jun 2022 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *France24*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** says there is “no doubt” that **Rwanda** was backing a rebellion in the **DRC**, but insists he is still seeking peaceful relations with **Kigali**;

5 Jun 2022 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. Veteran politician **Raila Odinga** announces he has chosen the country's 'iron lady' **Martha Karua** to serve as his running mate in the presidential election due in August;

3 Jun 2022 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Bloomberg*. A cabinet statement says **Burundi** plans to increase its national budget by almost 40% for the fiscal year starting July as it eyes revenue from a new nickel concession;

1 Jun 2022 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *World Bank*. **World Bank** forecasts a lower economic growth rate in **Madagascar** in 2022, at 2.6% of GDP compared to 4.4% in 2021, saying the country is barely recovering from the impacts of **COVID-19**.