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21 Feb 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **China** and Ethiopia sign an MOU to establish a working group to boost investment and economic cooperation, with Chinese zero-tariff preferential treatment for 98% of Ethiopian export items set to take effect from 1 March;

21 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzanian government approves the construction of the \$3.5 billion 1,443-km **East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** project that will transport crude oil from **Lake Albert** in **Uganda** to the Tanzanian port of **Tanga**;

20 Feb 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Defence ministry discloses that preparations are underway to incorporate regional special forces and militias under the central command of the national defence force;

19 Feb 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. President **Sahle-Work Zewede** meets with **European Parliament** president **Charles Michel** and discusses, among other things, food security and fostering the spirit of pan-**Africanism** to discuss future strategies;

17 Feb 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. **Direction générale des recettes administratives, judiciaires, domaniales et de participations) (DGRAD)** (general directorate of administrative, judicial, state and participation revenue), under the leadership of its director general **Jean-Parfait Ntabala**, launches a working and evaluation conference aiming to define strategies for optimal mobilisation of revenue provided for in the 2023 budget;

15 Feb 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *Ap News*. Agents from **Burundi's National Intelligence Service** arrest and detain four human rights activists trying to travel to **Uganda** for a meeting with civil society organisations;

15 Feb 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Al Jazeera*. **United Nations International Organisation for Migration (IOM)** reports that the number of women and children migrating from **Ethiopia**, **Somalia** and Djibouti to **Gulf** countries through **Yemen** has risen by 64% increase in the past year;

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