

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 15 – 21 March 2023

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21 Mar 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. President **Félix Tshisekedi** receives a delegation made up of "Leaders for Peace" led by **Jean-Pierre Raffarin**, former **French** prime minister, in cooperation with the **African Union**, to discuss the humanitarian situation in eastern DRC;

21 Mar 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Government refutes the allegation by **United States** secretary of state Antony **Blinken** concerning the war crimes and crimes against humanity in the northern part of Ethiopia;

21 Mar 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Mongabay*. The carbon offset certifier **Verra** initiates a "quality control review" of the **Northern Kenya Grassland Carbon Project**, which claims to store carbon by managing indigenous livestock grazing routes;

21 Mar 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. A group of 43 **Facebook** moderators fired in January announce they are filing a lawsuit in Kenya against the social network's parent company **Meta** for, among other things, unlawful dismissal;

21 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** addresses the public and promises that her administration would review laws and regulations governing investment to make Tanzania more attractive to investors;

20 Mar 2023 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Africanews*. **United States** secretary of state **Antony Blinken** determines that Ethiopian and Eritrean armed forces, as well as **Tigrayan** rebels, committed war crimes during the two-year bloody conflict in Ethiopia's Tigray region;

20 Mar 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Government says it needs \$20 billion for the coming five years to recover from the civil war that ended in November 2022 following the **Pretoria Peace Agreement**;

20 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzanians in the diaspora meet in **Sweden** to discuss key issues including ways to promote Tanzanian culture, tourism, ecology, and cuisine as well as critical concerns affecting the diaspora;

18 Mar 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Al Jazeera*. **United Kingdom's** interior minister, **Suella Braverman**, arrives in Rwanda to discuss an agreement in which the UK will relocate undocumented refugees and migrants to Rwanda as she doubles down on a plan that has been mired in legal challenges and controversy;

17 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **India** agree on an arrangement that will allow Tanzania and India to use their own currencies (the shilling and rupee) in transactions, rather than the **United States** dollar;

16 Mar 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. State-owned **Ethiopian Airlines** announces it has launched weekly cargo flights to **Copenhagen (Denmark)**;

16 Mar 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Al Jazeera*. **Rwandan Defence Force** says its troops briefly exchanged fire with soldiers from the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** at a border post, as tension continues to spike between the neighbours;

16 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Mining company **Uranex**'s country director **Peter Tsegas** looks at the potential value to Tanzania of the agreement signed with **United States**-based electric vehicle company **Tesla** to supply materials for manufacturing batteries;

16 Mar 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Al Jazeera*. Uganda's leader's son, **Muhoozi Kainerugaba**, says he intends to stand for the presidency in 2026, the first time the outspoken army general has given a timeline for replacing his father, who has ruled Uganda since 1986;

15 Mar 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Independent*. **United States** secretary of state **Antony Blinken** is in Ethiopia to meet with Prime Minister **Abiy Ahmed** and others about the recovery from the two-year conflict in the Tigray region;

20 Mar 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *AllAfrica*. **Aida Vumilia**, lead researcher on agro-industry projects at the **Uganda Development Corporation** says cocoa has potential to become a big business with proper investmetn but that on average, farmers are paid just 3,000 shillings (81 cents) a kilogram for wet beans, a practice that keeps cocoa farmers in a cycle of poverty;

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