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18 Jul 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. **EthioTelecom** CEO **Frehiwot Tamiru** appears in parliament to discuss internet restrictions as government lifts months-long restrictions on social media platforms and internet coverage across the country;

18 Jul 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** claims that his administration has brought the national debt level down from 59% of the total GDP to 38%; however, internal and external debt is said to be up by about \$3 billion this fiscal year;

18 Jul 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Kenya's opposition plans a new wave of anti-government protests this week, increasing concern among local and international investors amid legal hurdles in enforcing new tax measures meant to help the country avoid a sovereign debt default;

18 Jul 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **World Bank** tribunal, the **International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes**, orders the government to pay \$109.5m to **Australia**-based mining exploration company **Indiana Resources Ltd** as compensation for breaching an obligation after it cancelled a nickel mining retention licence in 2018 ;

16 Jul 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The government reports to have attracted over 20 companies that are set to invest over \$20 billion in producing and selling carbon offsets, which is becoming a lucrative business in Tanzania;

14 Jul 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. Fisheries minister **Jean Francois Ferrari** signs the charter for the **SADC Fisheries Monitoring Control and Surveillance Coordination Centre (MCSCC)** as Seychelles prepares to partake in more regional cooperation in its fight against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing;

14 Jul 2023 **Victoria (Seychelles)** *Seychelles News Agency*. Investment, entrepreneurship and industry minister **Devika Vidot** urges the private sector to take advantage of opportunities provided by the new **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** investor map tool launched by President **Wavel Ramkalawan**;

13 Jul 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Times of Zambia*. **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** heads of state and government approve the legal and operational instruments for deploying its mission to the DRC at its latest summit;

13 Jul 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Businessman **Sayida Masanja** sues **Vodacom Tanzania Plc**, alleging that the telecom giant shared his personal data with an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot without consent;

12 Jul 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) awards **African** digital payments provider **DPO Pay** a licence to operate as a payment service provider in Tanzania;

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