

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 30 November – 6 December 2023

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6 Dec 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Freight News*. **Ethio-Djibouti Railway Share Company (EDR)** reports significant annual growth of close to 45% in its capacity for cargo and passenger transportation;

6 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** signs into law the **Universal Health Insurance Bill**, paving the way for the health ministry to start formulating regulations and implementing the law;

6 Dec 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Government denounces the **United States (US)** decision to expand visa restrictions against its officials, accusing the US of pushing an “*LGBT agenda*” in Africa;

5 Dec 2023 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *The Standard*. The 23rd **East African Community’s (EAC)** micro, small and medium enterprises trade fair starts in Burundi, attracting more than 1,500 firms from the EAC member states;

5 Dec 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. **Stanbic Bank Kenya Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI)** falls to 45.8 in November from 46.2 in October, signalling a third straight month of contraction of private sector activity;

5 Dec 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. Kenyan high court suspends the sale of 11 state-owned entities after opposition leader **Raila Odinga’s** party, **Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)**, challenged the decision;

5 Dec 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Anadolu Agency*. **India’s** prime minister, **Narendra Modi**, says India will provide a \$250m financial credit line to Kenya for the modernisation of its agriculture sector;

5 Dec 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Financial Times*. **United Kingdom** home secretary **James Cleverly** signs a new asylum deal with Rwanda to help revive the UK’s plan to send migrants to Rwanda;

5 Dec 2023 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *KT Press*. Prime minister **Édouard Ngirente** says the national strategy for transformation has set a goal for the mining sector to contribute \$1.5 billion by 2024;

5 Dec 2023 **Hanang (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** returns early from **COP28** after the death toll from flash floods in Hanang continues to rise, to at least 68;

5 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **World Bank** president **Ajay Banga** arrives in Tanzania with high-level discussions scheduled with President **Samia Suluhu Hassan**, **Zanzibar’s** President **Hussein Mwinyi** and various government ministers and officials;

5 Dec 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. Finance ministry says Uganda is planning to more than double its domestic borrowing in the 2023/2024 financial year to \$1.79 billion to help finance

spending needs following the **World Bank's** lending cut earlier this year to protest the enactment of the **Anti-Homosexuality Bill 2023**;

4 Dec 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *The East African*. **Intergovernmental Authority on Development (Igad)** announces it will host a heads of state and government summit in Djibouti on 9 December to discuss the ongoing conflict in **Sudan**;

4 Dec 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. Opposition candidate **Delly Sesanga** becomes the fourth opposition candidate to withdraw from the 20 December presidential election in favour of former **Katanga** governor **Moïse Katumbi**;

4 Dec 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Business Insider Africa*. Kenya signs seven green project agreements worth \$4.48 billion during **COP28** including for a geothermal generation plant, fertiliser production and a renewable energy-powered data centre;

4 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **African Court on Human Rights and Peoples Rights (ACPHR)** names Tanzania and **Kenya** among member states that have failed to implement its decisions;

4 Dec 2023 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. **United States** expands a visa restriction policy on Ugandan officials to include those it believes are responsible for undermining democracy and repressing marginalised groups;

3 Dec 2023 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *The Peninsular*. Djibouti and **Qatar** discuss elevating legal cooperation through agreements and memoranda of understanding;

3 Dec 2023 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Africanews*. The **East African Community Regional Force (EAC-RF)** begins withdrawing from DRC, with the first 100 **Kenyan** military personnel leaving;

3 Dec 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Ethiopia signs an agreement with **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**-headquartered **AMEA Power** for the construction of a 300MW wind farm worth \$600m;

2 Dec 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Bloomberg*. President **William Ruto** says the government is considering selling sovereign green bonds and a debt-for-nature swap to help fund climate projects;

2 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco)** confirms it has started connecting the **Julius Nyerere Hydropower Plant (JNHPP)** to the national grid and has begun trials;

1 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Industry and trade minister Dr **Ashatu Kijaji** confirms that 18 companies have managed to access and sell products under the **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)** market this year, above the government's target of 10 companies;

30 Nov 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Africa Business*. **National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE)** (central bank) governor **Mamo Mihretu** confirms Ethiopia has secured a \$1.5 billion debt relief agreement with creditors;

30 Nov 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *Business Insider Africa*. A regional court dismisses a case lodged by **South Africa**-headquartered **Natural Justice** against the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** citing that the case is not within its jurisdiction and was lodged too late;

29 Nov 2023 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Africa Report*. Opposition leader **Raila Odinga** says his coalition **Azimio la Umoja** has approved the final report from the **National Dialogue Committee** but says there are still reservations as key issues such as high cost of living were not addressed;



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