

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 4 - 10 April 2024

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10 Apr 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. According to the April 2024 edition of **Africa's Pulse**, the **World Bank's** biannual survey of **African** economies, the **East African** sub-region is projected to experience the fastest pace of economic growth in the **sub-Saharan Africa** region during 2024 and 2025;

9 Apr 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Al Jazeera*. **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** confirms that at least 38 migrants and refugees died after their boat sank off the coast of Djibouti;

9 Apr 2024 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Capital FM*. The presidency names foreign affairs minister **Mahmoud Ali Youssouf** as its candidate for the position of **African Union Commission** chairperson;

9 Apr 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The Guardian*. Coffee growers report that the **European Union's (EU)** new regulation that requires growers to prove their coffee did not come from deforested land requires a significant amount of technology and manpower that the growers do not have. Coffee is Ethiopia's largest export and the EU is its biggest market;

8 Apr 2024 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Mining Weekly*. **Autorité de Régulation de la Sous-traitance dans le Secteur Privé (ARSP)** (regulatory authority for subcontracting in the private sector) announces a new agreement with **China's CMOC Group** to ensure greater local participation in the value chain of the **Tenke Fungurume Mining** project;

9 Apr 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The Guardian*. President **Paul Kagame** meets with **United Kingdom** prime minister **Rishi Sunak** to discuss the planned policy that will see the UK deport migrants to Rwanda;

9 Apr 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Business Day*. **European Union (EU)** announces it will grant Uganda, **Africa's** largest coffee exporter, \$43m to help the country comply with a new EU policy that bans the import of commodities whose production resulted from forest destruction;

8 Apr 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Africanews*. **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** confirms that mortar fire killed three Tanzanian soldiers deployed as part of the SADC peacekeeping mission in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

8 Apr 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *China Global South Project*. **China** invites **Uganda's** energy minister to **Beijing** to discuss the **East African** country's \$5 billion crude oil pipeline, connecting Uganda's western oilfields to Tanzania's **Tanga** port, a development that could signal a possible breakthrough in Uganda's efforts to woo Chinese financiers to fund the pipeline after Western banks declined after pressure from environmentalists;

7 Apr 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *The East African*. **Ethiopian Securities Exchange** confirms it has raised the initial capital target of \$11.07m it needed to fund the start of operations;

7 Apr 2024 **Maputo (Mozambique)** *Club of Mozambique*. **Rwanda** says it will provide more soldiers to help battle insecurity in **Cabo Delgado** province following the upcoming withdrawal of the **Southern African Development Community Military Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM)** in July;

7 Apr 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Business Day*. **South Africa's** President **Cyril Ramaphosa** says in a media briefing on his meeting with President **Paul Kagame** that relations between the two countries are improving;

7 Apr 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *News24*. President **Paul Kagame** meets with **South Africa's** President **Cyril Ramaphosa** and former South African president **Thabo Mbeki** to discuss the situation in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

7 Apr 2024 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *France24*. Rwanda commemorates the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rwandan genocide;

7 Apr 2024 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Zanzibar** president **Hussein Mwinyi** and the consul general of **Oman** in Zanzibar, Sheikh **Said Salim Al Sinawi**, commit to boosting the two countries' bilateral ties in various sectors, including health and education;

6 Apr 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *France24*. **France's** foreign affairs minister, **Stephane Sejourne**, arrives in Kenya as part of an **Africa** tour aimed at renewing ties with Africa;

5 Apr 2024 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. The **United Kingdom (UK)** strengthens its commitment to Tanzania with the official opening of a new **British High Commission** office in **Dodoma**;

4 Apr 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *News24*. **Somalia** expels Ethiopia's ambassador, **Muktar Mohamed Ware**, and recalls its own ambassador to Ethiopia, also ordering Ethiopia to close its consulate in **Somaliland** as tensions over the port deal between Somaliland and Ethiopia continue;

4 Apr 2024 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) raises its key interest rate from 5.5% to 6%, citing lingering inflationary pressures;

3 Apr 2024 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Reuters*. Ethiopia's official creditors have reportedly agreed to give the country until the end of June to conclude talks with the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**;

3 Apr 2024 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The East African*. **Central Bank of Kenya (CBK)** holds its benchmark lending rate at 13% to allow it to lower inflation levels further;

3 Apr 2024 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Africanews*. Constitutional court rejects a request to strike the country's controversial anti-LGBTQ law;

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