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23 Sep 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. Foreign affairs minister **Olivier Nduhungirehe** announces that Rwanda and **Hungary** signed a **Cooperation Agreement** to strengthen bilateral relations, building on existing collaboration in diplomacy, education, water management and investment;

23 Sep 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Mining Weekly*. President **Felix Tshisekedi** says the **United States (US)**-mediated peace deal with **Rwanda** has not ended fighting in eastern DRC, emphasising that while DRC seeks strategic partnerships to develop its mining, infrastructure, and energy sectors, it will not “*auction*” its mineral resources, and progress depends on **Rwanda** halting support for the **M23** rebels;

23 Sep 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Garowe Online*. President **Ismail Omar Guelleh**’s longtime aide, **Alexis Gueldon**, resigns ahead of the 2026 presidential elections, fueling speculation about internal power struggles and possible presidential ambitions of his own;

23 Sep 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. President **Paul Kagame** arrives in **Egypt** for a working visit and is received by Egyptian President **Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi** to discuss Rwanda’s activities in the **Central African Republic** and security in eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**;

23 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Government and private sector are investing in specialised hospitals, modern equipment and skilled professionals to reduce reliance on overseas and is working to establish itself as a leading hub for medical tourism in **Africa**, aiming to attract patients from across the region seeking affordable and quality healthcare;

22 Sep 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Five major opposition parties, including **Enat Party**, **Ethiopian People’s Revolutionary Party** and the **Amhara Ghionawi Movement**, announce the forming of the **Coalition for Ethiopian Unity (CEU)**, aiming to strengthen collaborative advocacy efforts;

22 Sep 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Opposition leader **Raila Odinga** states there is no deal regarding President **William Ruto**’s potential 2027 re-election, despite some opposition party **Orange Democratic Movement** officials publicly endorsing Ruto;

22 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) completes its study on introducing a digital currency and is now awaiting a government directive on the next steps;

21 Sep 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Insurance Regulatory Authority** states that Kenya’s insurance sector is facing a surge in fraudulent claims, with the motor vehicle segment being the hardest hit;

21 Sep 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Actualite*. DRC's mineral regulator, **Autorité de Régulation et de Contrôle des Marchés des Substances Minérales Stratégiques (ARECOMS)**, extends the suspension of cobalt exports until 15 October;

18 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Alliance for Financial Inclusion** awards the **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) the **Espenilla Jr. Financial Inclusion Innovation Award**, recognising its innovations in digital financial inclusion;

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