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7 Oct 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. Infrastructure minister **Jimmy Gasore** notes that Rwanda's parliament approves agreements allowing the country to use the airspace of 12 nations - including **France, Canada, Oman** and **Zimbabwe** - without needing prior permission;

7 Oct 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Addis Standard*. President **Tayé Atske Selassie** announces that the 7th national election will be held during Ethiopia's 7th current fiscal year (June to July 2026);

7 Oct 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Special Economic Zones Authority** reports **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** has overtaken **China** as Tanzania's top source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the third quarter of 2025;

7 Oct 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. The **Electoral Commission** is facing criticism for alleged bias and incompetence after attempting to block three women from contesting against speaker **Anita Among** for the **Bukedea District** woman member of parliament seat;

6 Oct 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *APA News*. **Nigerian** billionaire **Aliko Dangote** launches construction of a \$2.5 billion fertiliser plant in **Gode** (Ethiopia) in partnership with **Ethiopian Investment Holdings**;

6 Oct 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. Rwanda and **Germany** sign a grant agreement worth €18m (\$19.5m) to support poverty reduction initiatives;

6 Oct 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) reports gold reached a record high of \$4.3 billion in the year ending August 2025, driven by soaring global gold prices;

6 Oct 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. State-owned **Uganda Electricity Distribution Company Limited (UEDCL)**, which assumed power distribution responsibilities from **Umeme** in April, is facing serious operational challenges, including infrastructure vandalism, internal sabotage and management inefficiencies, leading to widespread blackouts and public dissatisfaction;

5 Oct 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Kenya Bankers Association** calls on the **Central Bank of Kenya** to cut interest rates to enable cheaper loans and stimulate economic growth;

4 Oct 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** holds a rally in **Babati (Manyara Region)** as part of her re-election campaign, pledging equitable development for all regions, emphasising inclusivity in economic growth and infrastructure expansion;

3 Oct 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. Rwanda and **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** will reportedly not sign an economic framework this week as expected, as the **United States (US)**-negotiated peace deal between the two continues to stall;

2 Oct 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Freight News*. **London Court of International Arbitration** issues a final ruling that Djibouti's 2018 seizure of the **Doraleh Container Terminal**, built by **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**-headquartered **DP World**, was unlawful but does not award damages;

2 Oct 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Government begins adopting its **National Disaster Risk Management Policy (2025–2050)**, aiming to shift from reactive crisis responses toward prevention, resilience and sustainable development;

2 Oct 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Kenya Aviation Workers Union** reaches a partial deal with the **Kenya Airports Authority** following disputes over airport management and employment of aviation workers, averting a planned strike;

2 Oct 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Experts warn that the banking sector is heavily reliant on two major banks - **CRDB Bank** and **NMB Bank** - raising concerns about financial stability and economic resilience, increased systemic risk and limited competition, potentially affecting lending, innovation and service quality;

2 Oct 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. President **Yoweri Museveni** and opposition leaders such as **Bobi Wine** are emphasising economic empowerment, with debates over manifesto relevance and equitable development gaining prominence ahead of Uganda's 2026 general elections;

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