

## ARC East Africa Weekly Chronology 25 September – 1 October 2025

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30 Sep 2025 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Egypt Today*. Prime minister **Abdulkader Kamil Mohamed** meets with Egypt's ambassador to Djibouti, **Abdelrahman Raafat**, to discuss bilateral ties;

30 Sep 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *The Namibian*. Military court sentences former president **Joseph Kabila** has been sentenced to death in absentia for war crimes, treason and crimes against humanity, linked to his alleged support for the **M23** rebel group;

30 Sep 2025 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Former president **Uhuru Kenyatta** publicly challenges President **William Ruto**'s leadership for the first time since leaving office, creating political tension within Kenya;

30 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania signs a partnership with **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**-headquartered **Streit Group FZ-LLC** to manufacture, repair and sell armoured vehicles;

30 Sep 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. Rwanda begins exporting tungsten to the **United States (US)**, marking a significant step in trade relations between the two countries;

29 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Hungary** and Tanzania sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to cooperate on digital innovation;

29 Sep 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Independent*. Uganda officially launches the presidential campaigns ahead of the 2026 polls, with eight candidates, including President **Yoweri Museveni**, set to run;

28 Sep 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. At the third **BRICS** foreign ministers meeting, Ethiopia's foreign affairs minister, **Hadera Abera**, urges member countries to take a greater role in promoting peace and development;

28 Sep 2025 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The New Times*. **United States (US)** senior advisor for Africa, **Massad Boulous**, meets with foreign minister **Olivier Nduhungirehe** and Rwanda's **United Nations (UN)** envoy **Martin Ngoga** to discuss the implementation of the Rwanda–**Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** peace agreement and broader cooperation;

27 Sep 2025 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. DRC and **Rwanda** agree to begin implementing the **United States (US)**-mediated peace deal starting 1 October, which includes disarming the **Forces Démocratiques de Libération du Rwanda** militia and withdrawing **Rwandan** troops;

26 Sep 2025 **Gitega (Burundi)** *Sputnik News*. Health minister, **Lydwine Baradahana**, announces that Burundi is seeking a partnership with **Russia** to advance cancer treatment, focusing on developing infrastructure for a nuclear technology-equipped hospital;

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26 Sep 2025 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Shabiat*. Foreign affairs minister **Osman Saleh** meets with **United States (US)** senior advisor for **Africa**, **Massad Boulos**, on the side lines of the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** to discuss cooperation;

25 Sep 2025 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Prime minister **Abiy Ahmed** meets with **Russia's** President **Vladimir Putin** on the sidelines of the **Global Atomic Forum** in Russia;

25 Sep 2025 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IMF*. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** concludes a staff visit to Tanzania, highlighting robust economic growth of 5.4% in the first quarter of 2025 and a low inflation rate of 3.4% in August, but warns that several risks remain including the upcoming elections, geoeconomic fragmentation and trade slowdowns;

25 Sep 2025 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Reuters*. **The Netherlands** and Uganda reach a cooperation agreement on returning rejected asylum seekers to their home countries via Uganda as a transit point;

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