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28 Jan 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Reuters*. Rwanda files an arbitration case against the **United Kingdom (UK)** over the UK's cancellation of their 2024 asylum deal under which it had agreed to pay Rwanda to take in migrants;

27 Jan 2026 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *APA News*. Burundian company, **Itracom Fertilizer Limited**, announces plans to construct a one-million-metric-tonne-a-year fertiliser plant in **Zambia**;

27 Jan 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *CNBC Africa*. **United States**-headquartered **S&P Global Ratings** revises DRC's outlook from stable to positive, citing stronger fiscal performance, improved tax administration, rising mining exports and **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**-backed reforms, while projecting around 5% average GDP growth through 2028 driven by copper and cobalt demand;

27 Jan 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *ENA*. **World Bank** reaffirms its strong support for Ethiopia's reform and development agenda following high-level talks with finance minister **Ahmed Shide**, endorsing the government's macroeconomic reforms aimed at shifting toward private sector-led growth;

27 Jan 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Kenya raises KSh 194 billion (\$1.28 billion) through a new **Eurobond** sale, boosting government financing for national projects and debt management;

27 Jan 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **South Korea** are partnering to establish a modern minerals technology centre, aimed at advancing the country's mining sector through technology transfer, capacity building, and innovation;

27 Jan 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. The **Absa Africa Financial Markets Index** indicates that Uganda is emerging as **East Africa's** most stable financial market, ranking fourth overall in Africa behind **South Africa**, **Mauritius** and **Nigeria**, driven by macroeconomic stability, legal certainty, and consistent policy;

27 Jan 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Dawan Africa*. Djibouti launches a National Platform for Online Businesses which aims to modernise business registration, support online entrepreneurship, and create opportunities for young Djiboutians;

26 Jan 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Agenzia Fides*. **Allied Democratic Forces (ADF)** kills at least 25 people in a series of attacks in **North Kivu Province**;

26 Jan 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Martin Plaut*. **National Election Board of Ethiopia (NEBE)** issues a second request to the **Tigray Interim Administration** to prepare constituency and polling station offices ahead of the seventh national general election in June 2026;

26 Jan 2026 **Kampala (Uganda) Monitor**. **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** assesses that Uganda's financial sector remains resilient, with strong capital buffers and an ability to meet its loan obligations;

26 Jan 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti) UNSDG**. In one year, Djibouti has developed a growing solar energy ecosystem, training engineers, supporting youth-led solar businesses, and installing rooftop panels and rural mini grids to expand clean, reliable, and affordable electricity;

23 Jan 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda) AllAfrica**. Rwanda is set to be the third fastest-growing economy in Africa in 2026, with the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** forecasting GDP growth of 7.2%, driven by services, construction, coffee exports, and expanding manufacturing and mining sectors;

22 Jan 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC) La Prosperite**. President **Félix Tshisekedi** holds several high-level bilateral meetings while attending the **World Economic Forum**, positioning the DRC as a "solution country" for climate action and the energy transition through initiatives such as the **Kivu-Kinshasa Green Corridor**, critical minerals and hydropower potential;

22 Jan 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) The Citizen**. **National Bank of Commerce (NBC)** commits to strengthening partnerships to support the government's agenda of building a competitive and inclusive economy, aiming to expand access to affordable, customer-focused financial services for individuals and institutions across various sectors;

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