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22 Apr 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Decode 39*. Kenya and **Italy** sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on defence cooperation, bolstering bilateral ties;

21 Apr 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *The Standard*. President **William Ruto** urges Kenyans living abroad to ignore social media ‘fake news’, claiming that digital platforms often distort the reality of his administration's progress;

21 Apr 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Africanews*. **Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA)** raises the price of super petrol and diesel by KSh 28.69 (\$0,22) per litre and KSh 40.3 (0.31) per litre respectively, blaming a surge in imported fuel costs;

21 Apr 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Finance minister **Khamis Mussa Omar** calls on the **World Bank** to implement a transformative development model, inspired by the **Marshall Plan**, to significantly boost Africa's private sector;

20 Apr 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Finance minister **Khamis Mussa Omar** meets with **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** president **Zou Jiayi** to secure increased funding for its national infrastructure project and strengthen their partnership;

19 Apr 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Channel Africa*. Government and the **M23** rebel coalition reach an agreement in **Switzerland** to facilitate safe passage for humanitarian convoys and personnel in eastern DRC;

19 Apr 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The tourism sector reaches a significant milestone with annual arrivals hitting 5.9 million, moving the country closer to its strategic goal of eight million visitors by 2030;

18 Apr 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Africa News*. Parliament is debating the proposed **Sovereignty Protection Bill** that seeks to curb foreign interference by requiring government authorisation for diaspora remittances and labelling recipients of foreign funds as foreign agents, but critics argue it could undermine constitutional rights and severely impact family's dependent on remittances;

18 Apr 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *IOL*. Following the re-election of Djibouti's President **Ismail Omar Guelleh** with 97.8% of the vote, critics argue the result reflects the will of the political elite rather than the electorate, citing suppressed press freedom and constitutional amendments that removed age and term limits;

17 Apr 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The **United States (US) International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** expresses strong interest in financing high-impact infrastructure, mining and transport projects in Ethiopia, including the \$10 billion **Bishoftu Airport**;

17 Apr 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Semafor*. Kenya requests emergency funds from the **World Bank** to cushion its economy against the fallout of the **Middle East** conflict;

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16 Apr 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Prime minister **Judith Suminwa** attends the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** and **World Bank** Spring Meetings in **Washington DC (United States)** to discuss DRC's macroeconomic stability and prepare for an upcoming performance review;

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