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18 Aug 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. President **Félix Tshisekedi** visits **Gabon's Nkok Special Economic Zone** to explore cooperation on sustainable forest management and the industrial processing of natural resources;

18 Aug 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *Kigali Today*. Prime minister **Justin Nsengiyumva** urges **African** countries to strengthen institutions capable of attracting investment in water, sanitation and hygiene, arguing that infrastructure alone is insufficient without effective management and sustainable service delivery;

18 Aug 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. A **United States (US)** federal court in **Boston** lifts an injunction that had blocked the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Ethiopian nationals, allowing the Department of Homeland Security to proceed with ending the designation;

18 Aug 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. A Kenyan court blocks **Kenya Power** from disconnecting electricity to essential public facilities over unpaid bills, limiting the utility's ability to recover outstanding debts through power cuts;

18 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **Mauritius** and Madagascar are strengthening bilateral business ties through a business forum in Antananarivo focused on trade opportunities, partnerships and market expansion, with Mauritius already receiving 13% of Madagascar's exports;

18 Aug 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanga** regional commission **Batilda Burian** reports the upgraded **Tanga Port** is experiencing a significant increase in capacity, handling 1.7 million tonnes of cargo in the 2025/26 financial year, above its target of 1.64 million;

18 Aug 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *NTV Uganda*. Urban development minister **Margaret Muhanga** proposes relocating Uganda's capital from Kampala to **Nakasongola** to address congestion and infrastructure pressures while creating a strategically located, master-planned administrative centre;

17 Aug 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. The extra-parliamentary opposition group **C218** argues that the DRC could achieve a trade surplus with **China** and the **United States** by exploiting its agricultural and mineral resources, particularly considering import exemptions for Congolese products;

17 Aug 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *La Nation*. Djibouti and the **International Organisation for Migration (IOM)** agree to strengthen cooperation on labour migration, professional mobility, employment, skills development and worker protection;

17 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **French** national assembly foreign affairs committee chairman **Bruno Fuchs** arrives in Madagascar for meetings with government

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officials, youth representatives and the private sector, as well as visits to France-funded projects;

17 Aug 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Pakistan** is seeking to strengthen trade and investment ties with Tanzania, with a focus on expanding bilateral economic cooperation;

17 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Transitional president **Michael Randrianirina** confirms that either a referendum or a constitutional election will be held in July 2027;

16 Aug 2026 **Homa Bay (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Opposition-linked groups and rival political factions clash in Homa Bay during the **Linda Mwananchi** campaign, amid heightened political tensions in the area as rival groups mobilise supporters ahead of the 2027 general elections;

14 Aug 2026 **Bujumbura (Burundi)** *APA News*. **Burkina Faso** and Burundi sign fourteen cooperation agreements covering a broad range of sectors including security, agriculture and livestock, civil protection and air services during the inaugural session of their **Joint Cooperation Commission** in Bujumbura;

14 Aug 2026 **Djibouti (Djibouti)** *Al Jazeera*. **Saudi Arabia** and 13 other countries launch a maritime defence alliance to protect freedom of navigation through the **Bab al-Mandeb Strait, Red Sea** and **Gulf of Aden**, with plans for intelligence sharing, joint exercises and naval operations;

13 Aug 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. **Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention** confirms the **Ebola** outbreak has reached a sixth province, **Bas-Uele**, driven by the rare Bundibugyo virus for which there are no approved vaccines or treatments;

13 Aug 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. Governors seeking a second term are utilising county budgets to execute high-visibility, flagship projects ahead of the upcoming 2027 elections;

13 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. At the **Moris-Mada Business Connect Summit, Mauritius'** labour minister **Muhammad Reza Cassam Uteem** announces plans to increase the recruitment of Malagasy workers to address Mauritius's aging workforce and labour shortages in key sectors;

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