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FACT OF THE MONTH

According to the *United Nations* "World Population Prospect", only one African country, (Nigeria at number seven), is among the top ten populated countries in the world. However in 2100, the report predicts that Africa will have five of the most populated countries globally, (Nigeria at third, DR Congo at sixth, Ethiopia at eighth, Tanzania at ninth and Egypt at tenth.)

TRIBUTE

Ian Campbell McRae (1929-2020)

The former CEO of Eskom and founding Chair of the South African national electricity regulator (NERSA), Ian McRae has passed away.

In his office at Megawatt Park, he had a huge photo covering most of a wall which showed a cluster of dilapidated shacks against a backdrop of smoking power station towers and transmission lines. The photo depicted his vision of power supply not only to all the people of South Africa but also the people of Africa. He was passionate about the concept of an integrated grid for the sub-continent and gained many admirers of himself and consequently Eskom in Africa.

Doctor McRae was not a particularly good orator but when he spoke in his quiet respectful way, everyone would hang onto his every word. A good listener, he did not command respect, he drew it to him. He began his career as a fitter and turner and worked his way up to the top. So he had a core knowledge and understanding of the business of power supply and an appreciation for those operating at the grass roots.

Rest in peace 'Mister Electricity for All' and 'Mister Electricity for Africa'. South Africa and Africa should take inspiration from your legacy.



GUEST EDITORIAL

Public Private Partnership Practitioners (PPP) from Africa Share their Insights on the Status of PPPs in the Pandemic Epoch

The Covid Pandemic is undoubtedly changing the nature of the international business landscape in many ways, from how to access markets and deliver goods and services, to overcoming disruptions in engineering and project delivery. In addition, the pandemic has revealed that many countries are not only vulnerable to the ravages of the pandemic, but are not financially able to either provide for the short-term impact of the Covid crisis, nor to plan for and mitigate against longer term impacts. In

Africa we have seen how living conditions in many countries and communities present ideal conditions for the spread of Coronavirus. One solution to overcoming the financial and technical constraints of governments is through PPPs.

PPP expert, South African David Baxter, undertook a recent survey of PPP operators and planner globally to assess their views of the role of PPPs in a post-pandemic environment. Here are the results from an African perspective.

I have been engaged in an ongoing conversation with global PPP practitioners both from the public and private sectors about the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. As a result of these discussions I initiated a survey of PPP professionals and practitioners around the world who currently focused on mitigating the impacts of the pandemic.

Respondents were asked five questions which are addressed in the following paragraphs.

Responses were received from PPP practitioners located 70 countries. African

practitioners were located in: Algeria; Egypt; Ghana; Kenya; Malawi; Mauritania; Morocco; Nigeria; Senegal; Sierra Leone; South Africa; Tanzania; Togo; Tunisia; and Uganda and represented 20.4% of all respondents.

Question 1: What are the Biggest Covid-19 Challenges that PPP projects are facing?

The following challenges were identified by the survey respondents -

- *Concern about shrinking investor interest in certain types of PPP projects due to the*

weakening financial global market and investors' concerns about project bankability due to declining economic and user activity

- Concerns about current projects being able to generate revenues and the ability of governments to make availability payments and meet deferred concession payments from the private sector
- Project risk management and mitigation under pandemic conditions and emerging risk pushbacks
- Delays in government project procurements/tenders due to changing priorities and timelines
- A loss of a long-term focus on PPP programs due to the short-term crisis management focus on pandemic mitigation
- Excessive public sector bureaucracy preventing proactive mitigation of challenges
- Interventions by politicians who lack an understanding of PPP's complexity

Question 2: What PPP Sectors are most vulnerable to COVID-19 impacts?

Globally, the most identified vulnerable sectors were as follows: transportation 53.9%; tourism/leisure 16.9%; power energy 7.5%; healthcare 7.1%; education 5.9%; water and sanitation 3.1%; waste management 1.2%; prisons 1.2%; social PPPs 1.2%; agriculture 0.8%; petrochemical 0.4%; digital 0.4%; and social PPPs / housing 1.6%.

The most mentioned vulnerable sectors by African respondents were transportation; tourism/leisure; power/energy; and healthcare. In the transportation sector, the most commonly mentioned types of vulnerable projects were toll roads, rail; airports, and shipping ports.

Question 3: What PPP sectors Show the Most Promise in a Post-COVID-19 era

The most promising sectors identified were the following: healthcare 39.4%; digital infrastructure 17.7%; renewable energy/power 8.6%; transportation 7.5%; education 7.1%; agriculture 7.1%; water and sanitation 6.4%; tourism and leisure 1.5%; waste management 1.5%; social housing 1.1%; prisons 1.1%; and defense 0.8%. Africa specific sector that are the most promising include – healthcare; digital infrastructure; agriculture; renewable

energy; and water and sanitation.

It is interesting to note that although healthcare was considered one of the riskiest sectors (See question 2), it is also considered the most promising for future PPPs. This is not surprising due to the awareness that the healthcare sector was woefully unprepared for the impacts of the pandemic. Green, renewable and smart technology reliant sectors are also seen as promising sectors for PPPs in the future by the survey respondents. These include agriculture (food security); digital infrastructure (improved broadband, systems supporting e-commerce, ITC, etc.); renewable power and energy; and transportation (green and alternative transportation modes that improve mobility); and education (especially remote learning platforms). It is of concern that tourism / leisure which are drivers of growth and a mainstay of economic activity in African economies was seen as a less attractive sector.

Question 4: What Help is Needed from Development Banks, Donors, Investors, and Developers for PPP Programs During Economic Recovery?

Survey respondents shared their ideas on what help is needed from banks and donors to support PPP programs weather and recover from the impacts of the pandemic. The needs include the following:

Additional technical support for overwhelmed PPP units through fast tracked capacity building and augmentation actions

- Finding ways to supplementing financial support for projects
- Enhancing project stakeholder collaboration
- De-risking projects
- Guarantee packages for force majeure events
- Improving PPP project contracts
- Cultivating PPP advocacy
- Reprioritizing PPP programs and pipelines
- Helping develop targeted PPP reforms including responsive guidelines and revised legal frameworks
- Improving procurement and management best practices
- Accessing innovation and incentivization

Financial support and relief actions were the most sought-after short-term requests. Longer

terms needs that were focused on include improving the selection and implementation of PPPs that are people focused, inclusive, and future-forward looking in terms of sustainability and resilience.

Question 5 – What Positive opportunities in a Post-Covid-19 Pandemic Era for a New Approach PPP Paradigm in the next few years?

Positive opportunities (recommendations) were shared by respondents. A few respondents said it was too early to provide answers to this question. It was felt that the pandemic aftermath will lead to opportunities that will –

- Enhance and improve PPP contracts
- Lead to legal reforms that embrace new sustainable PPP policies and limit bureaucratic barriers
- Streamline and introduce mandatory planning, procurement and implementation of future PPP projects
- Increase the focus on “People First PPPs”
- Pioneer changes in how governments will implement PPPs
- Redefine PPP priorities that will focus on economic recovery and achievement of the SDGs
- Highlight the increasing importance of a new

- generation of smart projects
- Herald a preference for smaller projects instead of large risky mega-projects
- Create demands for greater collaboration between investors and stakeholders and redefine what partnerships mean
- Better allocation of project risk
- Necessitate financial reforms
- Improve dialogue and collaboration between the public and private sectors
- Adopt lessons learned during the pandemic to improve the implementation of future PPP projects

Closing Comments

Although one would expect that many respondents would be jaded by the current impacts of the corona-virus pandemic, it was interesting to note a pragmatic enthusiasm for PPPs. However, respondents made it clear in their responses that the way of doing PPPs has changed and that PPP programs are facing a paradigm shift. Practitioners pointed out that it is time for refocused and more relevant projects, that are more defensible, sustainable and resilient, and which include improved collaboration and cooperation between the public and private sectors in redefined partnerships.

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PROJECTS

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PROJECT OF THE MONTH

There have been a number of major recent developments regarding the [LAKE ALBERT OIL DEVELOPMENT](#) in Uganda. The approved sale by *Tullow Oil* of its interests in the Lake Albert oil resource to *Total* of France effectively ends the capital gains tax dispute in which *Tullow* was embroiled. Also, the offering of five blocks by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources in a second licensing round (with applications for qualification to close 30 September 2020) opens the way for increased upstream activity. The *Uganda National Oil Company* is inviting international companies to consider joint ventures for these new concessions. These upstream developments will increase impetus for the development of the two major ancillary projects: the East African Crude Oil Pipeline from Lake Albert to the port of Tanga in Tanzania as well as the envisaged oil refinery in the Hoima area. There are reports that construction of the pipeline could commence in 2021. However, the fall in oil prices has led analysts to believe that a final investment decision on the refinery will not be taken soon.

Editor's Note: Africa House has been engaged in the Lake Albert Oil Development for a good number of years and has conducted visits to the area. Africa House subscribers can obtain further background information from Africa House on request.



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REGIONAL



The *African Development Bank (AfDB)* has approved funding of about US\$ 181 million towards the cost of the 365 kilometre [RING ROAD NETWORK](#) that will connect north-west Cameroon with Nigeria. The loop road extends from Bamenda and back via Ndo, Kumbo, Misaje and Bafut. North-western Cameroon is an agriculturally rich area and the road network will advance trade between the two countries. In October 2019, the *AfDB* allocated initial funding for the required technical studies.

The technical feasibility study for the [AFRICAN INTEGRATED HIGH SPEED RAIL NETWORK](#) has been completed. The project is being prepared by the *African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)* and the *African Union Directorate of Infrastructure and Energy* with technical coordination teams. Intra-African trade will be enhanced by the interconnection by rail of the continent's land-locked countries with sea ports. The objectives include linkage and harmonisation of rail systems and connection of trade hubs. The Agenda 2063 flagship project was endorsed at the 2013 summit of the *African Union (AU)*.

Construction of the [REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO-CAMEROON FIBRE OPTIC CABLE NETWORK](#) is expected to commence in August 2020. This follows the announcement of positive results from a two-kilometre pilot branch and six technical sites. The project will be launched from Ntam on the border between the two countries. The contractors are *China Communications Services International* and *Huawei*. The project is a component of the Central African Backbone (CAB) programme.

ANGOLA



The [BARRA DO DANDE DEEPWATER PORT PROJECT](#) appears to have been placed on hold. It is situated at the mouth of the Dande River, about 30 kilometres north of Luanda in Bengo Province. The *Maritime and Port Institute of Angola (IMPA)* was appointed to head a Project Evaluation Commission which included representatives of the transport, finance and public works ministries. In mid-2019, the Director General of *IMPA* suggested that the port project be dropped and that extension of Angola's six existing ports (Luanda, Lobito, Namibe, Cabinda, Porto Amboim and Soyo) be focused upon. The *China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC)* was appointed as contractor but construction did not advance due to the low oil prices. Prior to that, a concession awarded to *Atlantic Ventures* was withdrawn. The project plans include a dry bulk terminal and a container facility. A berth of an initial 250 metres was envisaged with a possible extension to 1 000 metres. Construction of the Caio Litoral deepwater port in Cabinda is reportedly going ahead.

Pensana Rare Earths of Australia has entered into a funding agreement with *China Great Wall Industry Corporation (CGWIC)* for the development of the [LONGONJO RARE EARTHS \(NEODYMIUM/PRASEODYMIUM\) PROJECT](#) situated in the Huambo area of central Angola. The project is backed by the Angolan sovereign wealth fund and export credit insurance will be supplied by *Sinosure*. The project will include a processing plant. The site is close to the Lobito-Huambo rail line. The development will be undertaken on an Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Finance (APCF) basis.

CAMEROON



The Water Africa Unit of the *World Bank* is funding the [VIVA BENOUE IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURAL PROJECT](#) in the arid area of northern Cameroon. The project is being launched this year. A total of 11 000 hectares will be irrigated over the next five years with 6 000 hectares irrigated over two years in the first phase to develop the agricultural potential of the Bénoué Valley. Water will be drawn from the Lagdo Dam and the Bénoué and Faro rivers.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE



A major [POTABLE WATER SUPPLY PROJECT](#) is being implemented for supply to the city of Abidjan including its 155 sub-districts. A new water plant is being planned for a site situated some 25 kilometres north-east of the city. Water will be extracted from the La Mé River and 240 million litres will be supplied daily. The Ivorian company, *PFO Africa* and *Véolia* of France will be constructing a 28 kilometre water pipeline as well as two water towers with capacities of 5 000 cubic metres each. The project duration is estimated at 30 months.

Construction of the new [MTN HEADQUARTERS](#) in Abidjan is scheduled to begin in December 2020. It will be situated on a 15 hectare site in the Akwaba Business Park on the outskirts of the city. The project duration is 20 months. The contractor is *Teyliom Construction* which is also the developer of the Akwaba Business Park. The cost is 20 billion CFA or about US\$ 34 million. The building will include a 200 seat conference hall, 23 meeting rooms, a business centre, a cafeteria, a clinic and a gym.

Tietto Minerals of Australia has applied to the Ministry of Mines and Energy for a mining permit for the [ABUJAR GOLD MINE](#) situated near the town of Daloa in central-western Côte d'Ivoire. A prefeasibility study as well as an environment impact assessment are underway. An appointed technical partner is *RPM Global*. In 2019, the resource was estimated at 2,15 million ounces and a drilling programme is being conducted to verify this estimation. The mine site is located close to a tarred road and the national grid.

ESWATINI



Eswatini Railways will be developing its [INLAND CONTAINER PORTS PROGRAMME](#) in accordance with its Rail Development Programme. Funding of R240 million (approximately US\$ 14,6 million) has been raised for the expansion of the existing Matsapha Inland Container Port/Depot and a new inland container port/depot is planned for development at the Mpaka station that is situated in the lowveld on the North-South rail line. The projects will commence in 2021 and are being developed within the context of the major Eswatini Rail Link Programme that links to Richards Bay port. According to *Eswatini Railways*, there has been an increase in container volumes and the Matsapha ICD has become congested. Mpaka has also been declared a Special Economic Zone (SEZ).

ETHIOPIA



A Washington-based group of Western-trained doctors, the *Ethio-American Doctors Group (EADG)* is building a [NEW HOSPITAL](#) in Addis Ababa. Construction on the 30 000 square metres site began in 2017 and the first phase of 110 beds is scheduled for completion in 2020. The hospital will have a total of 300 beds and 8 operating rooms plus cardio, nephrology and paediatric facilities as well as a medical school. The estimated cost is US\$ 43 million.

KENYA



Co-Ro of Denmark and *Bidco Africa* of Kenya have entered into a 50/50 joint venture for the development of the [BIDCORO FRUIT JUICE PRODUCTION PLANT](#) in Ruiji, Kiambu County, 30 kilometres north-east of Nairobi. The cost of the project is US\$ 2,5 million. The plant will produce the *Sunquick* range of orange, apple, berry and mango fruit juices. Production will be for the local, regional and overseas markets such as the Middle East. The project is supported by the Ministry of Industrialisation, Trade and Enterprise Development.

The Kenyan company, *Optiven Limited* is developing the [AMANI RIDGE "PLACE OF PEACE" HOUSING ESTATE](#) situated on a 40,5 hectare site approximately 20 kilometres outside Nairobi. The cost is US\$ 74 million. The development is being undertaken on an environmentally friendly 'green' basis with solar power currently being installed for lighting and water heating. The units are 5-bedroom, 4-bedroom and 3-bedroom. The complex will include a commercial area, an educational centre, a community centre and a clubhouse.

MALI



Altus Strategies of the UK and Canada is registering positive results at its [DIBA GOLD PROJECT](#) in Western Mali. The near-surface resource is estimated at 4,8 million tons. The company has appointed the geotechnical firm, *Mining Plus* to finalise an economic feasibility study. *Altus* will continue exploration programmes in the mining area which is in proximity to the major Sadiolo gold mine.

MOZAMBIQUE



It is reported that 19 commercial banks and development finance institutions and 8 export credit agencies are supporting funding of the *Total*-led [MOZAMBIQUE LNG PROJECT](#) in Cabo Delgado Province, northern Mozambique. Recent announcements include confirmation of financing of US\$ 120 million by the *Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)*, announcement of a senior loan of US\$ 400 million by the *African Development Bank (AfDB)*, and a commitment in debt finance by *Standard Bank* of US\$ 484 million. *Rand Merchant Bank* of South Africa has also committed funding to the project. The Mozambique government has offered a US\$ 2,25 billion funding guarantee for its state oil company's equity share. South Africa's *Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC)* will be providing about R20 billion (about US\$ 1,3 billion) in export insurance cover including commercial and political risk cover to the various Mozambique LNG projects which could enable the supply of goods and services from South Africa totalling over R10 billion (approximately US\$ 610 million.) It is also reported that nearly US\$ 15 billion has been raised thus far for the US\$ 20 billion project.

NAMIBIA



The Ministry of Urban and Rural Development has announced an [AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME](#) for targeted low-income areas of Windhoek city. It is implementing the programme in collaboration with the *National Housing Enterprise* and the *Khomas Regional Council*. The objective is to build 1 200 one- and two-bedroom units over two phases. The first 600 houses are scheduled for completion by June 2021. The estimated cost is N\$ 65 million (approximately US\$ 3,8 million). The programme will relieve population pressures in the city's informal settlements.

NIGERIA



Construction of the [AJAOKUTA-KADUNA-KANO \(AKK\) GAS PIPELINE](#) has been launched. The 614 kilometre, 40-inch pipeline will cost US\$ 2,8 billion. It will lead from Kogi State through the Abuja, Niger, Kaduna and Kano states. The capacity of this section of the Trans-Nigeria pipeline is 2,2 billion cubic feet per day. 3 600 MW will be added to the national grid. In 2018, the EPC contract was awarded to the *Oilserv-Oando* consortium by the *Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation*. The estimated project duration is two years. The project falls under the Nigeria Gas Master Plan and will boost the use of natural gas by Nigerian industries and will enhance the economic development of the north of the country. The use of natural gas has been limited by the stranded nature of the country's gas deposits.

Galaxy Backbone of Nigeria and *Huawei Technologies* of China have received approval and will be implementing phase 2 of the [NATIONAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE BACKBONE](#) that will connect 19 states in northern Nigeria through optical fibre cables. The cost is US\$ 328 million. This will almost complete the optical fibre ring for the country. The two companies concluded a cooperation agreement on the project in 2018 and have completed the first phase. Both phases will extend the backbone over 3 441 kilometres connecting 41 cities and towns.

Kogi Iron Limited of Australia is raising funds for a Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) required to secure funding for its [AGBAJA CAST STEEL PROJECT](#) in Kogi State, southern Nigeria. The envisaged plant will supply raw steel billet bars to a number of steel mills in the area. The project has been favourably received by the Hungary-based fund management firm, *Torridon Investments*. It has a number of advantages including *Kogi's* own iron ore resource, local coal and limestone deposits and proximity to a gas pipeline.

The *America Tower Corporation* (ATC) has ordered 189 telecommunication towers from *Salasar Techno Engineering* of India for its [NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS PROGRAMME](#). The *African Development Bank* (AfDB) has also been implementing its Shared Telecommunications Infrastructure Project with *Helios Towers*. The *Association of Telecommunications Companies of Nigeria* (ATCON) estimates the country requires 30 000 base stations and 80 000 masts and towers. Power supply to the infrastructure is a major problem and ATCON estimates monthly usage of diesel for this purpose at 40 million litres per month. The *Nigeria Communications Commission* (NCC) has stated that it will dismantle nearly 700 towers and masts that have been abandoned or which do not meet specifications.

RWANDA



The *African Centre of Excellence in Energy and Sustainable Development* (ACE-ESD) at the *University of Rwanda* has established an [AGRICULTURAL COLD CHAIN SUPPLY CENTRE](#) in Kigali. The facility will link farmers, logistics operators and food supply firms. The objectives are to achieve quicker and more efficient transport of agricultural produce to market and to reduce food wastage. The centre will establish a supplier partnership system for the region and thereby help establish Rwanda as an agricultural hub. The Rwanda Cooling Initiative (RCOOL) was launched in 2019 and is supported by the *United Nations Environment Programme* (UNEP).

SENEGAL



There are reports that the Ministry of Economy and Finance has indicated that it will be selling 30 hectares of land for **REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT** at the Léopold Sédar Senghor airport. It is hoped that 60 billion CFA or just over US\$ 100 million will be raised. The airport has been replaced for international airline flights by the new Blaise Diagne International Airport and it now only handles designated cargo and charter flights. In 2000, the Tunisia-based consulting firm, *Studi Group* undertook a development study of the airport.

SEYCHELLES



Construction of the 5,8 MW [PROVIDENCE FLOATING SOLAR POWER PLANT](#) has been delayed due to the Covid-19 virus. It was scheduled to commence in July 2020. The project was initiated in 2018 when the Independent Power Producer (IPP) *Total Quadran Energy/Quair* of France won the contract together with the local renewable energy company, *Vetiver Tech*. The 25-year contract is for financing, planning, construction and operation of the plant. The *Seychelles Energy Commission* is the implementing agency. The site will cover 40 000 square metres of sea and is situated in the Rocher Lagoon, Les Mamelles District of Mahé Island.

SOUTH AFRICA



The [MTN 5G COMMERCIAL NETWORK](#) has just been launched in South Africa. The initial deployment is in selected areas of Johannesburg, Cape Town and Bloemfontein. The network will provide greater capacity and higher speeds. 5G connectivity will operate on four different spectral bands. A particular feature will be cloud gaming. The *Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA)* allocated the temporary spectrum.

Menar has begun initial operations at the open cast [EAST MANGANESE PROJECT](#) situated in the mineral-rich Kalahari Basin at Hotazel, Northern Cape. The project includes the setting up of a dry crushing and screening plant on site. The cost is estimated at R250 million (about US\$ 14,9 million). The mine is situated close to a rail line leading to Port Elizabeth. The mine operations and infrastructure will be powered by solar installations. The company is interested in new projects in Zimbabwe (chrome) and DR Congo (copper/cobalt).

TANZANIA



Construction of a [NEW PORT ON LAKE TANGANYIKA](#) has begun. The port is situated in the Katavi region of western Tanzania. The project includes construction of a 150 metre berth, support infrastructure and port offices. The cost is estimated at US\$ 20 million. The port will be able to handle passenger and cargo vessels. It will promote lake-based trade with the DR Congo, Burundi and Zambia. The government through the *Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)* is developing the Lake Tanganyika Zone as an economic hub. Dry ports are being developed at several locations including the main regional town of Mpanda. The Katavi region has mining, agricultural and tourism potential. The Katavi National Park is one of the country's most remote parks.

The *National Irrigation Commission (NIC)* under the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives is planning a major [IRRIGATION PROGRAMME](#) entailing numerous new irrigation projects in Tanzania's key agricultural centres. These centres include Mtwara, Dodoma, Mwanza and Kilimanjaro. The estimated cost will be US\$ 420 million. A National Irrigation Master Plan was launched in 2002 and was revised in 2018. The initiative falls under National Agriculture Sector Development Programme. The *NIC* was recently moved from the Ministry of Water to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives. The *Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)* is providing considerable financial and technical support to the national irrigation initiatives.

TOGO



The pan-African power company, *AEE Power* has won an international tender for the [ELECTRICITY NETWORK EXTENSION FOR LOME PROJECT \(PEPEL\)](#). The project is funded by the *Agence Francaise de Développement (AFD)*, the *KFW* of Germany and the *European Union (EU)*. The project funding is 34 million Euros (approximately US\$ 39 million). The project entails the installation of medium and low-tension transmission cables as well as subscriber connections for the city of Lomé.

UGANDA



The electricity distribution concession-holder, *Umeme Limited* has announced that it will be investing US\$ 83.2 million during the course of 2020 in improvement of the country's [ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORK](#). The improvement and expansion of the network has been approved by the *Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA)*. The project will inter alia lessen distribution losses and improve automation security. In 2019, the authorities announced that *Umeme's* twenty-year distribution concession will be extended to beyond 2025. The initiative falls under the 2018-2027 National Power Distribution Programme.

The first phase of construction of the [AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL](#) in central Kampala is expected to be completed in 2020. The estimated cost of this phase which will entail 150 beds is US\$ 100 million. The objective is to build a 600-bed facility. The teaching hospital will train local doctors and healthcare professionals. It is being developed by the *Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)* and the *Aga Khan University*. The *AKDN* will also be building medical centres throughout the country in addition to its existing four medical centres in Uganda.

ZAMBIA



The Zambian renewable energy company, *Mphepo Power* has erected a 120 metre metrological mast at its [UNIKA1 WIND FARM PROJECT](#) situated at Katete in the Eastern Province. Construction is planned for commencement in early 2021. The capacity of the project is between 90 and 150 MW. It will be implemented over three phases and could reach a capacity of 450 MW. A scoping study was undertaken by *SLR Consulting*. The power generated will be fed into the national grid. *Mphepo Power* is collaborating with the *Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (ZESCO)* and the *Office for Promoting Private Power Investment (OPPI)* of the Ministry of Energy.

ZIMBABWE



Pretoria Portland Cement (PPC) Zimbabwe has reportedly identified a lead investor for a 32 MW [SOLAR POWER PLANT](#) to be built at Collen Bawn in Matabeleland South. The lead investor is currently raising additional funding for the project. An independent power producer (IPP) will be assigned for construction. Sixteen MW will be allocated to the *PPC* plant and the remaining 16 MW to the national grid. The estimated project duration is 18 months. The estimated cost has not been finalised. The company has also referred to the possibility of another solar plant in Bulawayo.

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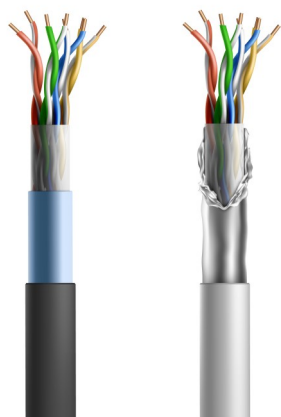
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WEBSITES

The website of the **RAIL WORKING GROUP** is www.railworkinggroup.org

The Group produces a newsletter that covers developments in the international rail industry such as those pertaining to the Luxembourg Rail Protocol as well as in Africa.

PROJECT-RELATED ACHIEVEMENTS AND/OR ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA HOUSE NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS, ASSOCIATES AND CONTACTS

WEBBER WENTZEL has recently signed a bilateral agreement with the Ethiopian law firm, *Tadesse Kiros Law Office*. This agreement will enhance its Ethiopia-related services.

SPOTLIGHT ON AID AGENCIES, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS, FUNDS & SELECTED RELATED ORGANISATIONS

The **WORLD BANK** has now formally established two Vice-Presidencies for the Africa Region (48 countries in sub-Saharan Africa). *Ousmane Diagana* will be Vice-President for West and Central Africa and *Hafez Ghanem* will be Vice-President for Eastern and Southern Africa. The bank provides a number of reasons for this major structural change including a greater focus on country progress, alignment of resources with priorities and improvement of operational focus on regional portfolios. The bank is expected to lend around US\$ 50 billion to the sub-region this year.

The **GREEN AGRIBUSINESS FUND (GAF AFRICA)** is a specialised fund aimed at assisting young farmers or "agripreneurs" in starting agri-business initiatives in Africa. It is run by *JR Farms Limited* with the support of the *United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)*. The new Fund recently launched in Nigeria and Rwanda with a US\$ 30 000 pilot project.

AFRICA & THE WORLD

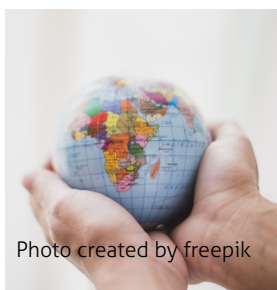


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According to *Aquaculture Innovations* (www.aquaafrica.co.za), **AQUACULTURE PRODUCT PRODUCTION** is increasing substantially on a global basis. In 2018, the industry produced 114 million tons. Production is also increasing in Africa although in 2018, the continent only produced 2,2 million tons or 2% of the world total. Egypt was by far the largest supplier followed by Nigeria, Uganda, Zanzibar and Ghana.

TRAVEL NOTES



Management at OR Tambo International Airport has appealed to business travellers to complete the **TRAVELLER HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRES** before arriving at the terminal. Long queues and delays are being experienced.

TEMPORARY SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER CLOSURES resulting from COVID-19 case outbreaks among border officials can be monitored on the *South African Revenue Services (SARS)* website: www.sars.gov.za under the customs and excise section.

At the time of writing, Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Tanzania and Zambia were among African countries that have announced the **RESUMPTION OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS**. Fifteen member states of the *Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)* are scheduled to open their air spaces before the end of July 2020.

WHISPERINGS - FOOTNOTES

- A major opportunity for African agricultural suppliers lies with the **AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT DEMAND IN THE GULF STATES**. It is estimated that some US\$ 30 billion is spent every year by these states on agricultural imports.
- The Namibian authorities are reporting substantial success in the development of **LUDERITZ PORT** as an outlet and export port for manganese mined in the Northern Cape. This new transport corridor is realising its potential.
- Despite the ravages of the Covid-19 virus, the major French hotel group, *Accor* has declared that it is planning 44 **HOTEL PROJECTS** entailing over 8 350 rooms in Africa over the next 36 months. The *Radisson Hotel Group* has announced the addition of six new developments to its Africa portfolio: two in South Africa and one each in Nigeria, Ethiopia, Ghana and Mali.
- Agricultural sector specialists are of the view that contrary to initial expectations, the application of **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES (ICT) IN AFRICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION** has not effectively bridged much of the gap between small farmers and the major procurers.
- Countries along the Nile River and in the **NILE RIVER BASIN** are set for a major increase in population in the next four decades. The total population of the Nile River Basin is already near to 500 million. The Nile River water resource may have exploitation limits. The Nile reportedly discharges 2 830 m³/s or about 1,4 percent of what the Amazon River does.

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA HOUSE

- *Duncan Bonnett* of Africa House hosted a virtual Health Sector webinar on 01 July 2020 (Guest speakers included: *Andrew Masuwa*: Manager, Client Relations Southern Africa, **Afreximbank** | *Derrick Nkera*: Lead Project Manager – Rwanda & Uganda, **Turner & Townsend** | *Philippa Rodseth*: Executive Director, **Manufacturing Circle**).
- *Duncan Bonnett* of Africa House hosted a virtual Ports & Rail Sector webinar on 23 July 2020 (Guest speakers included: *Johnny Smith*: CEO, **Transnamib** | *David McKay*: **Varuna Consulting** | *Johan Zietsman*: CEO, **Volta Power, Oil & Gas**).
- *Roelof van Tonder* of Africa House hosted a virtual Oil & Gas Sector webinar on 28 July 2020 (Guest speakers included: *Alex. M. Mbonye*: Projects Consultant, **NX Project Resources Ltd Kampala** | *Gino Mutemba*: Resources Sector Lead, **FNB Mozambique**).

During July, Podcast discussions were produced for *Africa House* clients on the following topics:

- *Duncan Bonnett* chatted to International PPP Expert *David Baxter* about PPPs in Africa and their significance today and in a post-Covid environment.
- *Roelof van Tonder* presented on the recently launched Africa House Inc Project Preparation Facility.
- *Duncan Bonnett* talked to Alan Witherden about Mauritius as a springboard into Africa and debunking recent announcements around its financial services sector.
- *Roelof van Tonder* interviewed Gino Mutemba from First Rand (FNB) about opportunities in the Resource Sector of Mozambique.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

HOW TO ESTABLISH A PRESENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE

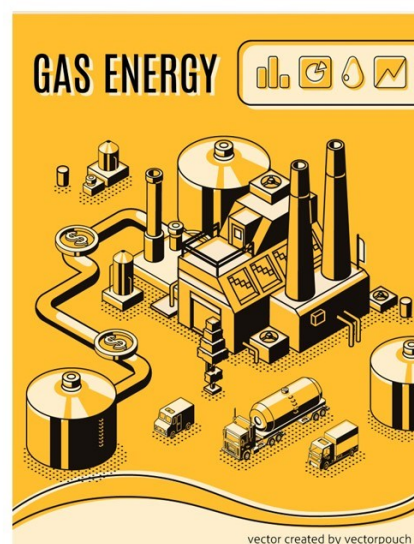
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One of the most challenging decisions that companies with an interest in supplying goods and services into the US\$ 125 billion LNG projects being undertaken in Cabo Delgado Province will have to make is the who, what, when and where of establishing a presence in Mozambique.

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COMMODITIES OF AFRICA

TYPE OF COM-MODITY	COMMODI-TY	UNITS	PRICE: May 2020	PRICE: June 2020	PRICE: July 2020
Agriculture	Cocoa	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	2.34	2.16	1.61
	Coffee	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	1.05	0.96	1.61
	Cotton	US\$ per Pound (US\$/lb.)	0.58	0.62	0.61
	Rice	US\$ per Metric Ton (USD/MT)	542	498	520
	Sugar	US\$ per Pound (US\$/lb)	11.16	16.31	16.47
Base and Pre-cious Metals	Cobalt	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	30,000	29,072	33,000
	Copper	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	2,397	5,895	6,475
	Gold	US\$ per Troy Ounce (US\$/t oz.)	1,708.31	1,776	1,961.41
	Iron Ore	US\$ per Dry Metric ton (US\$/DMT)	91.64	103.95	105.59
	Platinum	US\$ per Troy Ounce (US\$/t oz.)	843.56	827.34	920
Energy	Coal: Indus-trial	US\$ per Metric Ton (USD/MT)	57.28	53.8	49.60
	Coal: Coking	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	38.55	45.25	52.55
	Gas: Natural Gas	US\$ per million British Ther-mal Units (USD/MMBtu)	1.78	1.62	1.92
	Oil: Crude Oil	US\$ per Barrel (US\$/bbl.)	35.34	42.02	43.25

Source: Various

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