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FACT OF THE MONTH

According to the *African Development Bank (AfDB)*, Africa's infrastructure funding requirement is between US\$130 billion and US\$170 billion per annum.

Is South Africa the Gateway for Trade and Business into the Rest of the Continent?

The following is an extract from the Africa House podcast #37 of 18 May 2021 entitled "Africa Trade Landscape". Duncan Bonnett, Director at Africa House was replying to questions posed by his Africa House colleague Paul Runge.

There are many people (not only politicians) who constantly talk about South Africa as the gateway to Africa – something that was perhaps partially true twenty years ago but certainly is not the case today.

I don't think anyone would argue that South Africa is the gateway to Egypt or Morocco or any of the other North African countries. Certainly as we've seen countries like Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire develop in recent years, they've taken on much more significant sub-regional gateway roles. This provides both a challenge and an opportunity – utilising the networks in these regional gateways can fast-track access into important sub-regions relatively quickly.

So South Africa obviously remains a critical player in Africa and I think it should be nuanced a bit between perhaps trade and services in that some of our larger financial institutions, our telecommunications companies and even some of our retailers are definitely leading players in Africa.

But certainly from a trade perspective, once we move outside of the *Southern African Development Community* and more particularly outside of the *Southern African Customs Union* and the land-locked hinterland of Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia and the southern DR Congo, the influence of South African companies drops dramatically. Mozambique is sort of semi in our area of influence. Angola is definitely not. South Africa accounts for less than five percent of Angola's total imports. In many ways, we're reliant on our geographic proximity and ease of access to the immediate neighbourhood to remain competitive.

I think that when we talk about South Africa as the gateway, we are certainly a gateway and I think we could be a more robust gateway for manufactured

goods given the correct circumstances. By way of example, if we look at South Africa's exports to the rest of Africa, eighty-six percent of them on average go into the SADC region and probably eighty percent of that goes into SACU.

So we have a very strong Africa focus in our export basket. Around forty percent of all value-added exports from South Africa go into other African countries as opposed to Europe, Asia or the Americas. However, whilst we're generally increasing our exports in Rand terms, in US dollar terms, we're losing market share every year – peaking in 2010 at almost 11% of global exports to the rest of Africa, but dropping to 8.7% by 2019. This is only partly attributable to the decline in the value of the Rand also suggests that a weaker currency is not necessarily boosting exports to the degree expected.

We certainly have the ability to compete on the continent. We perhaps just haven't got that mix of DFI project support, government support, private appetite and long-term strategy footprint right yet. Perhaps AfCFTA will sharpen some minds as other markets grow far faster than our domestic one does?

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Africa definitely has this great opportunity now to leapfrog and close this digital divide and actually be considered equal to the other continents. The opportunity exists. Now we just need to take it."

(Paul Inglesby, ICT in Africa specialist.)

"'Substantial' is not a scientific term."

(Niall Kramer, oil and gas specialised consultant on the need for sound empirical evidence to support the resource viability of oil and gas finds in southern Africa.)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS EDITION

- Supply Requirements under the Mozambique Humanitarian Response Plan
- Announcement of First Operations at Lamu Port, Kenya
- Update on Developments regarding the Ncondezi Coal-Fired Power Plant, Mozambique
- Plans for Two Steel Production Plants, Zimbabwe
- MOU Concluded for Implementation of Angola-Zambia Oil Pipeline
- Award of Telecommunications Operating License, Ethiopia
- Roll-Out of Pre-Paid Water Meters in Windhoek, Namibia
- *Illovo* to Develop Sugar Production Factory in Tanzania
- Inauguration of Agro-Industrial Park, Ethiopia
- New Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Plant in Kenya
- Cotton Sector Development Programme, Côte d'Ivoire
- MOU Signed for Berbera-Ethiopia Logistics and Trade Corridor
- Developments at the Mambilla Hydro Power Plant, Nigeria
- Major Extension of Jwaneng Diamond Mine, Botswana
- Contract Awarded for New Oil Refinery in Nigeria
- Expansion of *TelOne* Fibre Optic Telecommunications Network in Zimbabwe
- Rehabilitation of Water and Sanitation Systems in Eastern Province, Zambia
- New Coffee Capsules Production Plant, Ethiopia
- New Tile Manufacturing Plant, Kenya

PROJECTS

Africa House subscribers should note that the projects listed below in this publication are a selection from our Project Database. Templates on many more projects can be found on the

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Projects & Opportunities



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PROJECT OF THE MONTH

The *United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA)* is coordinating the operations and funding of the [MOZAMBIQUE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN 2021](#) which is intended to provide relief to the 2,2 million population of Cabo Delgado Province. The province has been afflicted since 2017 by insurgent violence as well as cyclones and floods and there are approximately 212 000 internally displaced people in the area. The relief requirements have been categorised in clusters that include shelter, food, health, nutrition, water and sanitation and hygiene, logistics and emergency communications. *UNOCHA* has a target for the Plan of US\$ 254 million. Countries that have contributed include Germany, France, Sweden, the UK, Canada, the USA, Japan and Norway. Private organisations and individuals have also contributed. *UNOCHA* is coordinating inputs from numerous *UN* agencies and non-governmental organisations (NGO's). *UN* agencies involved and which have received funding include the *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*, *UNHCR* (camp coordination and management and shelter), the *World Food Programme*, *WFP* (food security and nutrition, logistics), the *United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation*, *FAO* (food security), the *United Nations Childrens Fund*, *UNICEF* (camp coordination, education, nutrition, water and sanitation), the *International Organisation for Migration*, *IOM* (camp coordination and management), the *United Nations Population Fund*, *UNPF* (health). NGO's involved and that have received funding include: *World Vision* (health, water and sanitation), *Oxfam* (water and sanitation) and *Caritas* (food security and water and sanitation).

Editor's Note: Africa House is constantly monitoring the situation in Cabo Delgado and can assist its subscribers with further information relating to the relief supply requirements of that province.

AGRICULTURE



COTE D'IVOIRE

The Ivorian agricultural organisation, *Intercoton* is implementing a **COTTON SECTOR PROGRAMME** in the north of the country. A credit agreement entailing 26 billion CFA or about US\$ 48 million has been secured for the project from the *Agence Francaise de Développement (AFD)*. The programme will assist about 120 000 farmers and includes rural roads, processing plants and storage facilities. The initiative falls under the Resilience of Cotton Systems Project. Côte d'Ivoire's national cotton production has increased substantially in recent years.

ETHIOPIA

Hebron Trading will be producing coffee capsules and value-added packaged coffee from its new [COFFEE PRODUCTION PLANT](#) situated on a site of 6 000 square metres in the Yirgalem Integrated Agro-Industrial Park in Sadama State, central Ethiopia. It will initially produce *Nespresso* capsules and other brands at a later stage. Production will commence in July 2021. Some 4 00 tons of value-added coffee will be produced annually mainly for the European export market. Brewing machines will be imported to stimulate the capsule coffee market in Ethiopia.

SENEGAL

The National Company for the Development and exploitation of Delta Lands (*SAED*) is planning the cultivation of 125 000 hectares of rice in the Senegal River delta. The **SENEGAL RIVER DELTA RICE CULTIVATION PROGRAMME** is strongly supported by a number of donors including the *Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)* and the *European Investment Bank (EIB)*. Rice is a major staple crop in Senegal and national consumption for 2021/2022 is expected to reach 2 million tons.

TANZANIA

Illovo Sugar Africa will be developing another **SUGAR FACTORY** in the Kilombero Valley in central-southern Tanzania. The company already has a smaller plant in Kilombero. The estimated cost is US\$ 238,5 million. The factory is expected to be operational by July 2023. Production capacity will be 270 000 tons per annum and about 15 000 small farmers will supply the new plant. It will also produce ethanol.

HEALTH



KENYA

Square Pharmaceuticals of Bangladesh has announced that it will soon be producing medicines from its US\$ 25 million [PHARMACEUTICALS MANUFACTURING PLANT](#) situated in the Athi River Export Processing Zone (EPZ). It will be producing registered branded generics for inter alia diabetes, malaria and cardiovascular diseases. Production should commence in mid-2021. It will supply Kenya and the neighbouring East African markets.

The new 350-bed [MATHARE-KOROGOCHO HOSPITAL](#) in Nairobi is scheduled to begin operations in July 2021. The five-storey hospital will include a kidney dialysis unit, an intensive care unit and a burns unit. The Ministry of Health is supplying equipment. The project is being implemented by the *Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS)*.

UGANDA

Johnson & Johnson is assisting the *Ugandan Academy for Health Innovation* with the **LAKE VICTORIA DRONE MEDICAL SUPPLY PROGRAMME**. Cargo drones are being utilised to supply drugs and essential medical supplies to the many islands on the Ugandan Kalangala District of Lake Victoria. Drones are also being used to supply remotely located populations of the Ukerewe District of Tanzania also on Lake Victoria.

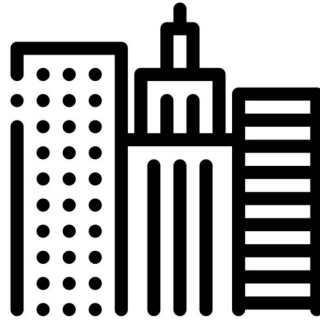
SOUTH AFRICA

The North West Province infrastructure team and the Matlosana Local Municipality have completed initial implementation of the **JOUBERTON COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE**. The operations are being phased in commencing with maternity followed by primary health services. The cost of the centre was R160 million or about US\$ 11,3 million. The North West Province will be opening another community health centre in Sekhing.



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HOTELS/COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY



ETHIOPIA

The Prime Minister recently inaugurated the [YIRGALEM INTEGRATED AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PARK](#) situated in Sadama State, central Ethiopia. The park is being developed on a 294 hectare site. Apart from the traditional industry of coffee processing, the park will cater for a wide range of agro-industries including meat, dairy, poultry, vegetables, fruits, and cereals. The government intends developing 17 integrated agro-industrial parks throughout the country by 2025.

KENYA

The Kenyan retail supermarket chain, *Naivas* is planning the opening of two new **SUPERMARKETS IN ELDORET**, western Kenya. It has recently opened an outlet in Eldoret. The company's expansion drive includes more outlets in Kisumu, Kiambu and an additional store in Nairobi. It is receiving support from the *International Finance Corporation (IFC)*.

Keda Ceramics International of China will be opening a [TILE MANUFACTURING PLANT](#) on a 150 acre site in Miwani, Kisumu County, western Kenya. The plant will have five production lines and will initially produce wall and floor tiles. The stated cost will be 16 billion Kenyan Shillings or about US\$ 148 million. The company plans to use Kisumu port for export to neighbouring countries. Clearance is awaited from the *National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)*.

ZAMBIA

The *Radisson Blu Group* has announced that the **MOSI-OA-TUNYA RESORT HOTEL** near Livingstone and the Victoria Falls will open by the end of 2022. It will comprise 174 rooms in the main hotel complex and 26 villas. There will also be a 500 square metre ballroom. This is the group's third hotel in Zambia.

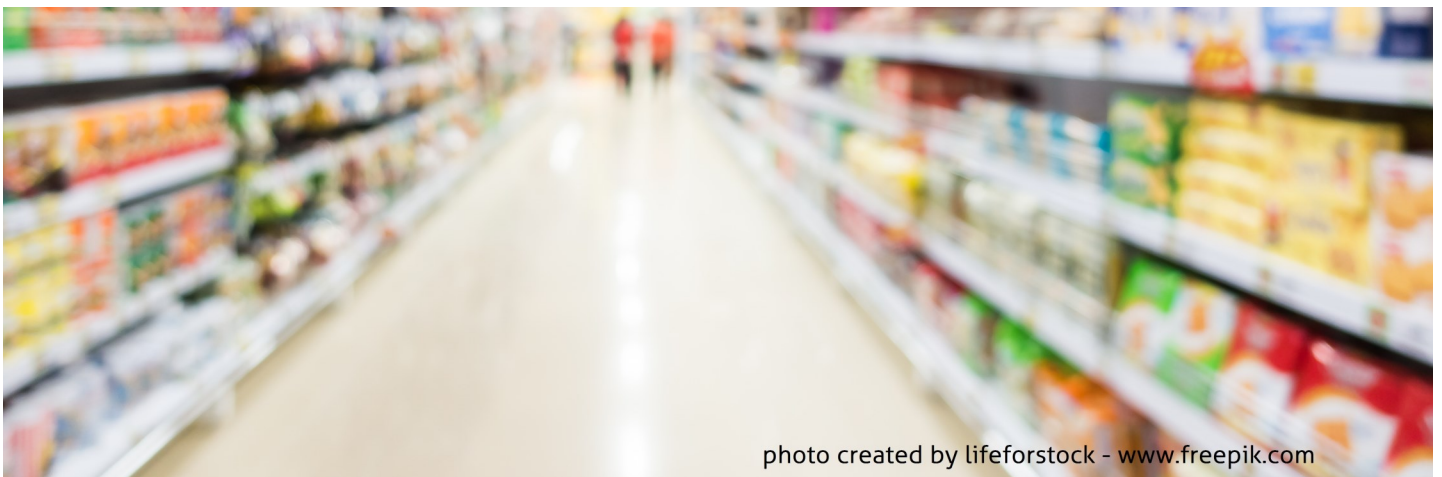
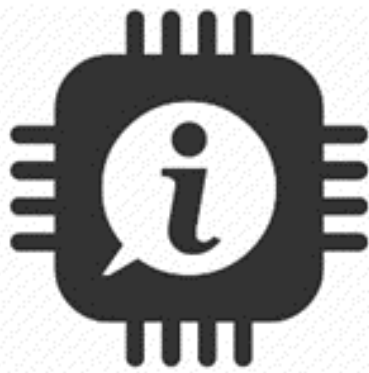


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ICT / TELECOMMUNICATIONS



ETHIOPIA

The award of a new private telecommunications operating license to the consortium comprising *Vodafone* (UK), *Vodacom* (South Africa), *Sumitoma* (Japan) and *Safaricom* (Kenya) for the moment does not include a **MONEY MOBILE LICENSE**. The government is giving *Ethio Telecom*'s new *Telebirr* money mobile service about a year to initiate its operations. A cashless electronic financial service is needed in a country with an inadequate banking system. A minority share in *Ethio Telecom* is also being offered to private investors. The consortium that lost the bid included *MTN* of South Africa and the *Silk Road Fund* of China. The government has not ruled out the award of a second private license in time once certain administrative changes have been made. The *Vodafone* consortium will invest US\$ 8,5 billion over the next ten years and is mandated to establish a 4G service throughout the country.

SOUTH AFRICA

The wholesale internet services company, *West Indian Ocean Cable Company* (WIOCC) of Mauritius will be establishing 30 new Points-of-Presence (POP's) along its 1 700 kilometre coastal **DURBAN-CAPE TOWN TERRESTRIAL FIBRE OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS LINE**. The POP's between the two cities will connect Doonside, Kingsburgh and Isipingo in KwaZulu-Natal Province and Somerset West, Caledon and Swellendam in Western Cape Province. The project will reinforce the internet network in South Africa and provide services for mobile network operators, Data providers and Cloud operators. The company has provided connectivity to some 550 locations in 30 African countries.

ZAMBIA

Paratus Telecommunications Limited will be opening a carrier-neutral [NEW DATA CENTRE](#) in Lusaka in mid-2021. The data centre will provide Zambia-based companies with a secure data storage facility. It will offer cloud computing and hosting services. It will have a power capacity of 1 MW and two dedicated power generators.

ZIMBABWE

The technology company, *Tejas Networks Africa* has been selected for the expansion of the **TelOne FIBRE OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**. The award followed the completion by *Tejas* of a test pilot project. The telecommunications industry in Zimbabwe has experienced a major rise in revenue generated and the demand for internet services has increased substantially.

MINING



BOTSWANA

The *Debswana Diamond Company* of *De Beers* and the Botswana government is planning a major extension of its [JWANENG DIAMOND MINE](#) in central Botswana. The Cut 9 project will cost an estimated US\$ 6 billion. The objectives are to increase production and to extend the life of the mine to 2035. The project entails a major extension of the tunnel network. The mine is expected to achieve production of 23 million carats in 2021 which represents an increase of nearly 40%.

ZAMBIA

GoviEx of Canada has had its mining permit for the [CHIRUNDU URANIUM PROJECT](#) in southern Zambia restored. There are five uranium deposits on the project site. The government has reinstated the permit on the basis that the company completes a definitive feasibility study. The cost of the initial investment is about US\$ 120 million. The project was originally named Mutanga and held by *African Energy Resources*. There has been an improvement in uranium prices.

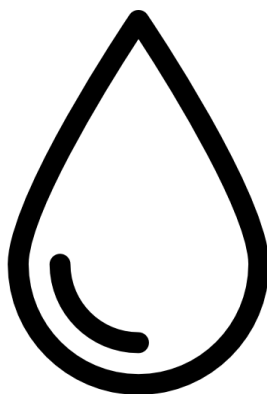
ZIMBABWE

Iron producer, *Steelmakers Zimbabwe* through its subsidiary, *Sponge Iron Mining and Beneficiation Industries (SIMBI)* is reportedly planning an enlargement of its **INTEGRATED STEEL PRODUCTION PLANT** in Masvingo, south-eastern Zimbabwe. It is requesting an allocation of a additional 200 hectares of land in the Masvingo industrial zone to enlarge its existing plant to 300 hectares. The objective is to add value to sponge iron for coal production.

Work has begun on the **CHIVHU STEEL AND FERROCHROME PROJECT** located in Chivhu (formerly Enkeldoorn) in Mashonaland East Province. It is being undertaken by *Tsingshan/Afrochine*. The project includes a ferrochrome production plant with a capacity of 500 000 tons per annum and a carbon steel plant with resource drawn from an iron ore mine. A US\$ 1 billion preliminary agreement was signed between the company and the Ministry of Mines and Mining Development in mid-2018.



OIL & GAS



REGIONAL

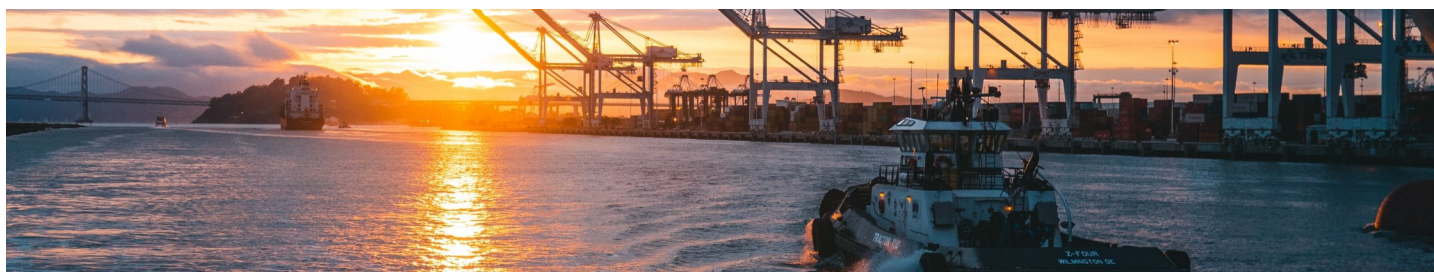
Angola and Zambia have concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the implementation of the [ANGOLA-ZAMBIA OIL PIPELINE \(AZOP\)](#) that will link a refinery in Lobito to a depot in Lusaka. The cost of the project is estimated at US\$ 5 billion and the possible sources of such funding are not stipulated. The 1 400 kilometre pipeline would have a capacity of 1 million barrels per day and there would be a number of terminals and sub-terminals. The project was first mooted in 2012 and a further two years of feasibility studies are envisaged. The parties involved include the Angolan Ministry of Petroleum, the Angolan national oil company, *SONANGOL* and the *Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)* of Zambia. Cheaper fuel is a major issue in Zambia. The Indeni refinery in Ndola which refines crude transported by pipeline from Tanzania is considered to be largely inadequate.

The governments of Kenya and Tanzania have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the implementation of the 600 kilometre [DAR ES SALAAM-MOMBASA GAS PIPELINE](#). The cost is estimated at US\$ 1,1 billion. The design and other project details have yet to be defined but the respective energy ministries have been tasked with immediate preparation of the project. The MOU was signed following talks between presidents *Hassan* and *Kenyatta*.

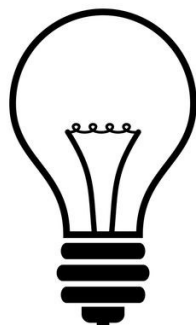
The Benin Ministry of Mines and the *West African Oil Pipeline Company (WAPCO)* Benin have launched construction of the initial 684 kilometres in Benin territory of the 1 980 kilometre [NIGER-BENIN CRUDE OIL EXPORT PIPELINE](#). Crude oil will be carried from Niger's Agadem oil field to the Benin port of Sèmè. Capacity is estimated at 90 000 barrels per day. The Benin section should be completed in 2023. The cost is estimated at US\$ 7 billion. There will be pump stations at Gogonou and Tachatchou and an export terminal at Sèmè. The project was developed by the *China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC)*.

NIGERIA

The Nigerian conglomerate, *BUA* has awarded the US engineering firm, *Kellogg Brown & Root (KBR)* a front end engineering design (FEED) contract for a new **OIL REFINERY** situated in Akwa Ibom State in south-eastern Nigeria. The contract includes environment-related work such as sulphur elimination and water treatment as well as heat integration. *KBR* did the initial feasibility study for the project. The capacity of the refinery will be 200 000 barrels per day.



POWER



ESWATINI

A consortium comprising *Globeleq* and *Sturdee Energy* will be developing two [SOLAR PV POWER PLANTS](#) at Ngwenya and Balekane in the north-west of the country. The plants will produce a total of 30 MW. The production will be connected to the national grid run by the *Eswatini Electricity Company (EEC)*. The projects were approved by the *Eswatini Energy Regulatory Authority (ESERA)*.

MOZAMBIQUE

Ncondezi Energy of the UK is in negotiations with the Mozambican government and *Electricidade de Mocambique (EDM)* regarding tariffs pertaining to the [NCONDEZI 300 MW COAL-FIRED POWER PROJECT](#) coal mine in Tete, Zambezi Valley, central Mozambique. The company is also engaged in negotiations with the *China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC)* regarding an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contract. It is reported that a number of preparations have been concluded including a transmission solution.

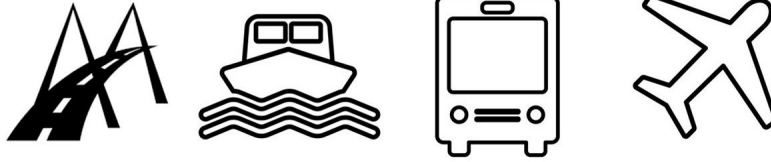
NIGERIA

There are reports that disputes relating to the long-mooted 13 000 MW [MAMBILLA HYDRO POWER PROJECT](#) on the Donga River in Taraba State, north-eastern Nigeria near the Cameroon border have been resolved. The project has been delayed due to claims by the *Sunrise Power and Transmission Company (SPTCL)* of breach of contract by the federal government.. The *Export-Import Bank of China* was delaying disbursements until the dispute was settled. A Chinese consortium led by *Sinohydro* was appointed to build the dam. The estimated cost of the project was US\$ 5,8 billion but the government is recalculating this figure. It would be Nigeria's single biggest power project.

RWANDA

The *Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Programme (NELSAP)* has indicated that one unit of the 80 MW [RUSUMO HYDRO POWER PLANT](#) in north-western Tanzania near the border with Rwanda will be operational by the end of 2021. Water will be drawn from the Akagera River that spans the borders of Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania. Three transmission lines to the three recipient countries will be erected and a feeder road network as well as a water pipeline constructed.

TRANSPORT



REGIONAL

Dubai Ports World and the Ethiopian Ministry of Transport have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the development of the [BERBERA-ETHIOPIA LOGISTICS AND TRADE CORRIDOR](#). The corridor will link the port of Berbera in Somaliland to dry ports in Ethiopia. *DP World* will help raise an investment of US\$ 1 billion over ten years for the project. The supply chain infrastructure includes warehouses, silos and cold chain depots. A special joint venture company will be set up to implement the project.

COTE D'IVOIRE

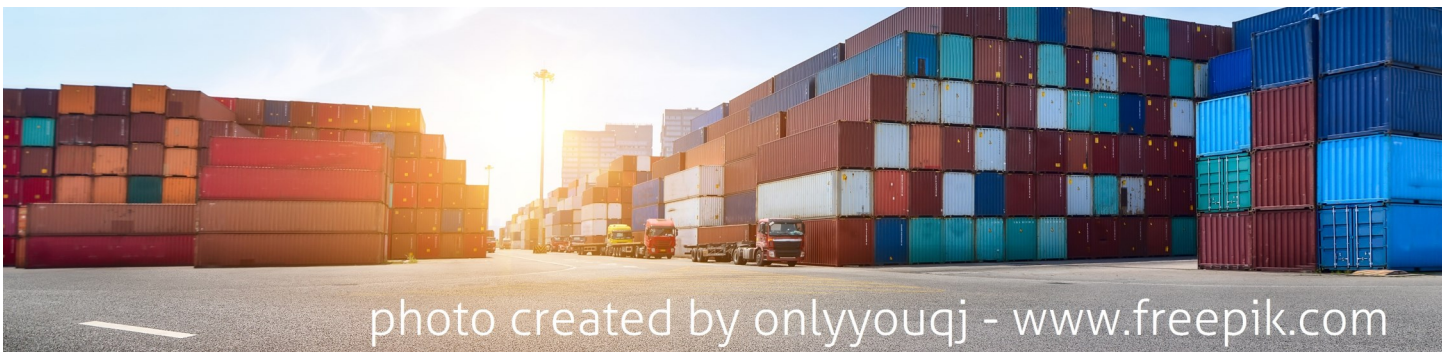
Work is about to commence on the [FERKESSEDOUGOU DRY PORT](#) situated in northern Côte d'Ivoire. The main contractor is the *China National Complete Plant Import Export Corporation (COMPLANT)*. The total cost is approximately US\$ 565 million with some of the required funds to be raised from the private sector. The project will be developed on a 730 hectare site and includes warehouses, cold chain facilities, an industrial development zone (IDZ) and a cattle market and slaughter house. Meat is sourced from the north of the country as well as neighbouring Burkina Faso.

KENYA

President *Kenyatta* has unveiled the first completed berth at [LAMU PORT](#) on Kenya's north coast and two *AO Moller-Maersk* vessels have made the first maiden calls to the port. Thirty-two berths are planned and construction is scheduled for completion in October 2021. The port is an integral part of the LAPSET Corridor linking Kenya with southern Ethiopia and South Sudan. The link roads to Garissa and Isiolo as well as the road to Moyale on the Ethiopian border are well progressed. Construction began in 2016 with the *China Communication Construction Company* as the main contractor. The stated costs of the new port vary between US\$ 3 billion and US\$ 5 billion.

MALI

Resolute Mining of Australia has appointed the global soil technology company, *Soil Solutions International* to upgrade the [AIRSTRIPE](#) at its Syama gold mine in southern Mali. *Soil Solutions* will be ensuring a sealed water-resistant surface to reduce flooding. The objectives are also to reduce dust thereby increasing visibility and to mitigate against loose gravel and skidding. Numerous airstrips are being developed throughout the sub-continent for the servicing of remote sites including resources and agricultural projects as well as tourism locations such as game reserves.



WATER & SANITATION



MAURITIUS

The *African Development Bank (AfDB)* through its Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA) has approved a grant of US\$ 1 million towards the development of the **DEEP OCEANS WATER APPLICATIONS PROJECT (DOWA)**. The project comprises development of an innovative system that will take cold deep water from a depth of 1 000 metres and 7,5 kilometres from Port Louis and pass this water through a series of heat exchanges to cool a closed freshwater supply network and enhance air conditioning for high-density buildings in the city. A net savings of energy for cooling will be achieved. A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) called *Urban Cooling Limited* is being created through the Mauritian engineering and construction company, *Sotravic Limited*.

NAMIBIA

The *City of Windhoek* has approved a framework for the initial roll-out of **PRE-PAID WATER METERS** for the city's residents. Three hundred water meters will be procured. Priority will be given to vulnerable people, pensioners and defaulting clients. A specialised billing system will be utilised. The project falls under the city's Water Management Plan.

ZAMBIA

Eastern Water and Sanitation Company Limited (EWSC) has concluded a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with an unnamed financier for the undertaking of a needs assessment for the **REHABILITATION OF WATER AND SANITATION SYSTEMS IN EASTERN PROVINCE**. Installation of new water systems is included. The cost of the project is estimated at US\$ 300 million. The contract will be undertaken on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis. The project is supported by the Ministry of Water Development, Sanitation and Environmental Protection.





- There has been some excitement in South African circles about recent oil finds off the country's coast. It is hoped that the **UPSTREAM PETROLEUM RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT BILL** to go before parliament in the next few weeks will provide clarity on the issue of permits and rights pertaining to exploration and production phases and thereby produce greater investor certainty.

- **KENYA-TANZANIA BILATERAL RELATIONS** are improving considerably. The new Tanzanian President *Samia Suluhu Hassan* has recently completed a 2-day official visit to Kenya and the Kenyan authorities have scrapped a work visa requirement for Tanzanian nationals. An agreement has been signed between the two countries for inter-connecting infrastructure including a gas pipeline.
- According to the *Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe*, **INFLATION IN ZIMBABWE** should fall to 55% in July 2021. This compares with over 800% in July 2020. The inflation rate has been dropping and was just under 200% in April 2021. The bank's reforms will hopefully result in lower interest rates for companies wishing to expand their activities.
- There are opportunities for **AVIATION SECTOR SUPPLIERS** relating to the increasing number of remote site air landing strips being developed in much of the sub-continent. The remote mines and agricultural developments are obvious recipients but remote tourism sites such as game reserves are also relevant.
- The US\$ 259 million **KAZANGULA BRIDGE** across the Zambezi linking Botswana and Zambia has recently been officially commissioned. Of interest is that President *Mnangagwa* of Zimbabwe joined the presidents of Botswana and Zambia at the commissioning ceremony. Zimbabwe was in the past not fully involved in the project that includes Namibia.
- The **FRANCO-AFRICAN POLICY** has been boosted at the Paris Africa Summit that commenced 18 May 2021. It was reported that fifteen African heads of state would be attending. France's insistence that it not only interested and involved in Francophone Africa is borne out by the presence at the summit of senior representatives of South Africa, Angola, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Ghana, Nigeria and Sudan. Rwanda is also listed. France is taking the lead in an initiative involving the redirection of US\$ 100 billion in *International Monetary Fund (IMF)* Special Drawing Rights to assist the continent with its post-Covid economic recovery.
- The imminent opening of the 350-bed Mathare-Korogocho hospital in Nairobi is a further manifestation of the importance of **NAIROBI AS A MAJOR HEALTH CENTRE** for the East African and sub-Saharan African region. The city hosts a good number of major public and private hospitals.
- ICT specialist, *Paul Inglesby* has emphasised the opportunities that lie in the supply of **ENERGY EFFICIENCIES** for mobile network operators and data centres. Energy optimisation is a strong requirement and innovative energy solutions involving renewables are needed.
- According to the South African Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC), the value of the **ENERGY STORAGE MARKET** in South Africa could reach R30 billion or about US\$ 2,1 billion by 2035.

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NELSAP has announced that a unit of the Rusumo hydro power plant will be operational before the end of 2021. *NELSAP* is part of the *Nile Basin Initiative (NBI)*.

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AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CONTACTS



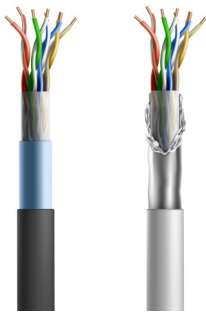
Engineer *Joseph Njorogo* is Principal Secretary at the **KENYA MINISTRY OF ENERGY**, telephone Nairobi 254 20 3310112, E-mail: zinfo@energy.go.ke Website: <https://energy.go.ke>

The ministries of energy of Kenya and Tanzania are planning the proposed Dar es Salaam-Mombasa gas pipeline project.

Chinyeaka Christian Ohaa is Permanent Secretary at the **NIGERIAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OF POWER**, E-mail: info@power.gov.ng Website: www.power.gov.ng

The ministry is promoting the Mambilla hydro power project.

ICT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS



Marius van Vuuren is Country Manager: Zambia at **PARATUS AFRICA TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY**, telephone Lusaka 260 211 262698, E-mail: info.zm@paratus.africa Website: <https://paratus.africa>

Paratus will be opening a new data centre in Lusaka.

Chipo Mtasa is Director General at **TelOne**, telephone Harare 263 24 2798111, E-mail: info@telone.co.zw Website: www.telone.co.zw

TelOne has appointed *Tejas Networks* to expand its telecommunications network in Zimbabwe.

Mike Last is Vice President: Marketing and International Business Development at the **WEST INDIAN OCEAN CABLE COMPANY (WIOCC)**, telephone Ebène 230 4669171 or Johannesburg 27 11 0300000, E-mail: info@wiocc.net Website: <https://wiocc.net>

The company is enhancing its coastal Durban-Cape Town fibre optic cable.

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Ethio Telecom has just launched its mobile money service, *Telebirr*.



MINING CONTACTS



Thabo Balopi is Director: Innovation at the **DEBSWANA DIAMOND COMPANY**, telephone Gaborone 267 3614200, E-mail: corporateaffairs@debswana.bw Website: www.debswana.com

Debswana is undertaking a major expansion of its Jwaneng diamond mine.

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Steelmakers is planning an expansion of its steel plant in Masvingo.

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The Zambian government has recently restored the company's license for the Chirundu uranium project.

Hanno Pengilly is Chief Executive Officer at **NCONDEZI ENERGY**, E-mail: info@ncondezienergy.com Website: www.ncondezienergy.com

Ncondezi is preparing a coal-fired power plant in the Tete area of Mozambique.

Onesimo Moyo is Permanent Secretary at the **ZIMBABWE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINING DEVELOPMENT**, telephone 263 7 77022, E-mail: mmmd@mines.gov.zw Website: www.mines.gov.zw

Afrochine is developing a major steel and ferrochrome project in Chivhu, Zimbabwe.

OIL & GAS CONTACTS



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Chimaobi Madukwe is Group Chief Operating Officer at the **BUA GROUP** of Nigeria, telephone Lagos 234 1 2623535, E-mail: info@buagroup.com Website: <https://buagroup.com>

The Group will be building a new oil refinery in Akwa Ibom State.

AGRICULTURE/AGRI-BUSINESS CONTACTS



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SAED is implementing the Senegal River Delta Rice Production Programme.

Daniel Eilu is Chief Executive Officer at **HEBRON TRADING**, telephone Dubai 971 52 9590480, E-mail: info@hebrontrading.com Website: <https://hebrontrading.com>

Hebron will soon be producing coffee capsules for the international market from its new production plant in Ethiopia.

Sandokan Debebe is Chief Executive Officer at the **ETHIOPIAN INDUSTRIAL PARKS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (IPDC)**, telephone Addis Ababa 251 11 6616986, E-mail: admin.info@ipdc.gov.et Website: www.ipdc.gov.et

The IPDC is developing the Yirgalem Integrated Agro-Industrial Park in Sadama State.

Soro Moussa is Chairman of the Ivorian agricultural organisation, **INTERCOTON**, telephone Abidjan 225 22 510533, E-mail: intercot@aviso.ci Website: <http://intercoton.org>

Intercoton is implementing a major cotton sector programme in northern Côte d'Ivoire.

Guy Williams is Managing Director at **ILLOVO SUGAR AFRICA/KILOMBERA SUGAR TANZANIA**, telephone 255 232626011, E-mail: kscl.info@ilovo.tz Website: www.illovosugarafrica.com

The company is building a new sugar production plant in Tanzania.

HOTELS/TOURISM/COMMERCIAL PROPERTY CONTACTS



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The Radisson Blu Group will be opening its Mosi-ao-Tunya hotel near the Victoria Falls, Zambia by the end of 2022.

Willy Kimani is Commercial Director at the Kenyan supermarket chain retailer, **NAIVAS**, telephone Nairobi 254 20 2329801, Website: <https://naivas.co.ke>

Naivas is undertaking an expansion programme that includes new stores in Eldoret.

Ruiqun Li is Managing Director for **KEDA CERAMICS INTERNATIONAL** of China, telephone 254 707251746 or 86 757 23832929, E-mail: ied@kedachina.com.cn Website: www.kedagroup.com

Keda has applied to build a tiles manufacturing plant in Kisumu County.

HEALTH SECTOR CONTACTS



Tapan Chowdhury is Managing Director at **SQUARE PHARMACEUTICALS**, telephone Dhaka, Bangladesh 88 2 222285902, E-mail: dicbar@squaregroup.com Website: www.squarepharma.com.bd

The company will be producing medicines from its new factory in Kenya.

Parkes Ratanshi is Director: projects at the **UGANDAN ACADEMY FOR HEALTH INNOVATION**, telephone 256 312211422, E-mail: theacademy@idi.co.ug Website: <https://theacademy.co.ug>

The Academy is implementing a drone-based medical supply programme on Lake Victoria, Uganda.

Mrs J Masilo is Deputy Director: Municipal and Social Services at the **MATLOSANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**, telephone 27 18 4878760, Website: www.matlosana.gov.za

The municipality and the North West Province have completed the Jouberton Community Health Centre.

Mohamed Badi is Director General at the **NAIROBI METROPOLITAN SERVICES (NMS)**, telephone 254 20 2718050, E-mail: procurement@nms.go.ke Website: <https://namsip.go.ke>

The NMS is overseeing the completion of the Mathare-Korogocho hospital in Nairobi.

DONOR/DFI/FUND/ECA CONTACTS



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UNITED NATIONS/NGO CONTACTS



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UNOCHA is coordinating the Cabo Delgado Province Mozambique Rapid Response Plan.

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The company will be producing medicines from its new factory in Kenya.

Simon Pitout is Vice President: Commercial and Marketing at **DUBAI PORTS WORLD**, telephone Dubai 971 4 8811110, Website: www.dpworld.com

DP World has concluded an agreement with the Ethiopian Ministry of Transport for the development of the Ethiopia-Berbera Port logistics corridor.

Hanno Pengilly is Chief Executive Officer at **NCONDEZI ENERGY**, E-mail: info@ncondezienergy.com Website: www.ncondezienergy.com

Ncondezi is preparing a coal-fired power plant in the Tete area of Mozambique.

WEBSITES



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A comprehensive list of announcements of **HOTELS** throughout the world can be found on www.hospitalitynet.org The announcements relate to hotels in the pipeline or now open or renovated or reopening or rebranded.

A list of **NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (NGO's)** in southern Africa can be found on the site: www.wango.org produced by the *World Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (WANGO)*.

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

The research house, *PMR.africa* has awarded **BOSCH PROJECTS** the Golden Arrow Certificate for project management in the built environment in South Africa at its 2020 *PMR.africa Business Excellence Awards*.

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

Kasada Capital Management has recently acquired the Safari Hotels and Conference Centre in Namibia. In early 2021, it also procured eight hotels in Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon and Senegal from the *Accor Group* of France. The head of *Kasada*, *Olivier Granet* was previously Director for Africa and the Middle East at *Accor*. *Kasada* is implementing a strategy for the acquisition of hotels in key cities in sub-Saharan Africa.

ABSA BANK of South Africa will be receiving a loan of up to US\$ 150 million from the *International Finance Corporation (IFC)* for the funding of environmentally-friendly projects. The *IFC* will also be providing technical assistance support for the projects.

According to the *United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)*, The USA intends increasing its annual development finance to Africa from about US\$ 5 billion to approximately US\$ 6 billion.

The *US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)* and the *FMO* of the Netherlands have launched a US\$ 75 million co-financing facility to assist companies in developing countries that have liquidity issues. This assistance will be undertaken by way of loans extended to the companies via financial intermediaries.

TRAVEL NOTES



Kenya Airways and *Airlink* of South Africa have concluded an interline agreement to extend their reach to major centres in **SOUTHERN AND EASTERN AFRICA**. *Airlink* passengers will be able to connect via Nairobi to East African airports such as Dar es Salaam and Kigali while *Kenya Airways* will be able to offer access to southern African cities such as Windhoek, Gaborone and Maputo.

Airlink will be launching two new **SOUTH AFRICA-ZAMBIA FLIGHTS** in May 2021. These are Johannesburg-Livingstone and Nelspruit-Livingstone.

AFRICA & THE WORLD



It is estimated that by 2030, the world will have forty **MEGACITIES** measured by a population of over 10 million. In sub-Saharan Africa, in 2020, Johannesburg, Kinshasa and Lagos were classified as megacities but by 2030, these should be joined by Luanda and Dar es Salaam.

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA HOUSE

Roelof van Tonder of Africa House hosted a virtual **ICT Focus webinar** on 18 May.

Guest speakers included: Chiboni Evans, CEO: South African Electrotechnical Export Council | Paul Inglesby, Independent Telecoms-ICT technical and business specialist | Leon Theron, founding member: Better Business Forum

Roelof van Tonder of Africa House hosted a virtual **Power Focus webinar** on 20 May.

Guest speakers included: Annelize van der Merwe. Director: Investment Promotion for the Green Economy, Investment South Africa. Department of Trade, Industry & Competition | Walter Englert, Managing Partner, E&P Focus Africa Consulting GmbH

Roelof van Tonder of Africa House hosted a virtual **Oil & Gas Focus webinar** on 25 May.

Guest speakers included: Niall Kramer, Independent Oil & Gas consultant | Tony de la Motte, Project Director: Shema Power Lake Kivu Limited.



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

- *Paul Runge* interviewed *Duncan Bonnett* about South Africa's current trade status in Africa and the strategic advantages that can be unlocked.
- *Roelof van Tonder* interviewed *Paul Inglesby*, a veteran of ICT Projects in Africa on project opportunities in the ICT Sector as an introduction to his full Presentation on this subject at the ICT Focus Group Meeting which took place on 18 of May 2021.

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COMMODITIES OF AFRICA

TYPE OF COMMODITY	COMMODITY	UNITS	PRICE: APRIL 2021	PRICE: MAY 2021	PRICE: June 2021
Agriculture	Cocoa	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	1.71	1.61	1.62
	Coffee	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	1.22	1.42	1.62
	Cotton	US\$ per Ounce (US\$/oz.)	0.79	0.88	0.82
	Rice	US\$ per Metric Ton (USD/MT)	557.00	557.00	495.00
	Sugar	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	14.84	16.83	17.36
Base and Precious Metals	Cobalt	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	50,105.00	47,140.00	43,615.00
	Copper	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	8,846.55	9,999.00	10,159.70
	Gold	US\$ per Troy Ounce (US\$/t oz.)	1,735.78	1,772.23	1,903.12
	Iron Ore	US\$ per Dry Metric ton (US\$/DMT)	163.89	179.31	184.63
	Platinum	US\$ per Troy Ounce (US\$/t oz.)	1,215.00	1,218.00	1,192.27
Energy	Coal: Industrial	US\$ per Metric Ton (USD/MT)	82.76	82.77	89.13
	Coal: Coking	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	92.45	90.4	109.00
	Gas: Natural Gas	US\$ per million British Thermal Units (USD/MMBtu)	2.52	2.90	3.02
	Oil: Crude Oil	US\$ per Barrel (US\$/bbl.)	63.85	67.08	96.43

Source: Various

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