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## FACT OF THE MONTH

According to the [\*United Nations Development Programme \(UNDP\)\*](#), almost 60% of Africa's population of 1,4 billion is under 25 and the total population is projected to double by 2050.

## Implications for the Economy & Business of the Change of Government in Zambia

The *United Party for National Development (UPND)* has just defeated the *Patriotic Front (PF)* in the Zambian elections. The prominent businessman, *Hakaidia Hichilema* (or *HH* as he is popularly known) will be replacing *Edgar Lungu* as Zambia's seventh president. The *UPND* won by almost one million votes. There was a high voter turnout of about 70% and the election was particularly noteworthy in that the youth vote was unusually strong.

What will be the implications of this development for Zambia's economy and business environment as well as for local and international investment in the country?

*HH* will have to urgently address the country's serious debt problem. He may start with an audit of the state of the Zambian economy. Debt now consumes 33% of state revenue. The nature of this debt burden is important. Most is owed to private lenders and this means that while a resolution with the *International Monetary Fund (IMF)* is a priority and will provide relief, much of the debt will have to be negotiated outside of the ambit of the *IMF* and public multinational financial bodies. Renegotiating debt with a range of private lenders will be a more arduous task.

The new administration will generally be more business and investor-friendly but will have to re-inject discipline. Likely actions include a freeze on local and international borrowing, stronger Central Bank controls, reform of the private banking sector to reduce lending, controls on government expenditure and down-sizing of the public sector with reform of government institutions including important state entities such as the *Zambia Development Agency (ZDA)*. A stronger stance on corruption is also likely and the judiciary should be strengthened.

Economic policy objectives will emphasise a greater localisation and participation of Zambian companies, small and medium-size enterprise development, and greater diversification of the manufacturing sector. Sectors that will be prioritised include renewable energies, agriculture and tourism.

Special attention will have to be paid to the vital mining sector. Mining project activity dropped sharply during the *Lungu* government's administration. Many supply contracts were cancelled and the multinational operators and investors were hampered. *HH* will be faced with the need for a balancing act. While the new government will want to ensure greater levels of local supply, it also has to provide some measure of comfort to the international operators. The current higher global copper price will improve the situation but the government will want to draw revenue from Zambia's most important industry and increased taxes and royalties may be levied.

The strong economic presence of China is an emotive issue in the country. Critics refer to China's economic domination rather than strong presence. There could be a move away from major China-funded projects although China's prominent role in business will remain.

Zambia's manufacturing sector accounts for over 70% of GDP. Apart from mining-related industries, Agri-industry is particularly important. The country supplies southern DR Congo with a wide range of manufactured products. As manufacturing in other Southern African Development Community (*SADC*) countries slows, the new *UPND* government will have the opportunity to generate increased revenue from a vitalised industrial sector.

We at *Africa House* have consulted at length with our Zambian contacts. Some support the *PF* and others, the *UPND*. Supporters of the latter are expressing considerable optimism for the economic future of their country while the *PF* contacts appear to be quite willing to accept and work for the greater good.



## QUOTABLE QUOTES

*"For Mozambique, we are in constant discussion with the Total customer. The hypothesis, obviously depending on the evolution of the situation in the country, is that work can be resumed in the first half of next year."*

(*Francesco Caio*, Chief Executive Officer of *Saipem* on the resumption of the LNG project in Cabo Delgado Province, Mozambique.)

*"Africa needs businessmen who don't need to make a living from politics but go into it to help grow African economies. Their policies will help take Africans out of poverty through enterprise."*

(*Hakainde Hichilema*, president elect of Zambia.)

## SPECIAL NOTE

### INTRODUCING NEW FEATURES ON THE AFRICA HOUSE PROJECT PLATFORM

*Africa House* is pleased to announce the addition of two new features on our Ventures Onsite Project Platform. The launching of the two new features will provide our subscribers with a complete online ecosystem that will reduce the time, risk and money spent on gaining access and insight into projects.

The most important of the two new features is the **"Lead Management"** system which can best be described as a tailored Customer Relationship Management system. The Lead Management system provides a space on the Project Platform where subscribers can identify, record, develop and manage future business opportunities. The system allows users to manage relationships with existing and potential clients through a system that is connected with the wider Africa House ecosystem of services such as Focus Group Meetings, the new supporting document feature and Group Visits. The Lead Management system is linked to projects and stakeholders already listed on the Project Platform and can be supported through separate bespoke research assignments aimed at identifying and populating the system with new and verified project linked leads. Bespoke research assignments fall outside of the current subscription service and Africa House can provide a priced proposal in this regard.

The important feature of the system is that leads are confidential and can only be seen by the subscriber. Other Africa House subscribers (including Africa House staff) cannot access the information allowing complete confidentiality and enhanced competitiveness addressing a regular concern of our subscribers around the fact that competitors get the same information as they do. To view a tutorial of the Leads Management System please click [here](#).

The second new feature is the **"Supporting Documents"** facility where project related documents can be made available to subscribers for downloading. These documents could be PowerPoint Presentations, Requests for Proposals, Project Appraisal Documents or any other document that will help our subscribers gain access or insight into a project. The documents will be loaded on an ongoing basis as and when they become available.

The two new features are live on the Project Platform. On logging in you will see a new heading called "Lead Management" in the menu bar on the landing page and a tab labelled "Supporting Documents" will appear on each project profile. The new features on the system will add a new dimension to the ability of subscribers to track and manage projects and we would suggest attending a training session with an Africa House staff member.

[Click here to register for Project Platform training](#)

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS EDITION

- Further Information on Mphanda Nkuwa Hydro Power Plant, Mozambique
- Rolling Stock Required for Transport of Manganese to Lüderitz Port, Namibia
- New Geothermal Power Plants for Kenya
- Plans for Increased Production at Tenke-Fungurume Copper Mine, DR Congo
- Plans for New Oil Refinery, Mauritania
- Tender for Second Private Mobile Telecommunications Operator, Ethiopia
- Initial Funding Secured for Lusaka Sanitation Project, Zambia
- *Dangote* to Increase Sugar Refinery Capacity , Nigeria
- New Cement Plant for Kribi, Cameroon
- Construction of Adjamé General Hospital Underway, Côte d'Ivoire
- Progress Registered for Lekki Deep Water Port, Nigeria
- Two New Solar Power Plants for *Zimplats*, Zimbabwe
- Scoping Study Completed for Etango-8 Uranium Project, Namibia
- Oil and Gas Prospection in Zimbabwe
- New Social Media Platform, Ethiopia
- Expansion of Horticulture Industry, Kenya
- Construction Initiated for New Five-Star Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia
- Funding Sought for New Vaccine Production Plant, Nigeria



## 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*

**Ventures Onsite Project Platform.**

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# Projects & Opportunities



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## PROJECT OF THE MONTH

The long-standing 1 500 MW [MPHANDA NKUWA HYDRO POWER PROJECT](#) in central Mozambique is being revived. The site is some 60 kilometres downstream from the Cahora Bass dam on the Zambezi River near Tete. A new project team, the *Mphanda Nkuwa Project Construction and Development Office* has been established under the leadership of the renowned Mozambican energy specialist, *Carlos Yum*. [Electricidade de Mocambique \(EDM\)](#) and [Hidroelectrica de Cahora Bassa \(HCB\)](#) will have minority shareholding in the project with 65% available to private investors. The estimated cost is between US\$ 4,5 billion and US\$ 5 billion and the duration will be 6-7 years. The authorities state that construction could begin in 2024. Some clarity is still required regarding identification of the off takers. There is for example an iron ore mine in the vicinity that would benefit from the electricity supply.

## AGRICULTURE



### REGIONAL

The [Africa Green Revolution Forum \(AGRF\)](#) has launched the **AGRIBUSINESS DEAL ROOM** in Abuja, Nigeria. The Deal Room will inter alia afford opportunities for micro, small and medium companies in the African agribusiness sector to make suitable pitches to international investors. The initiative is supported by the [United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation \(FAO\)](#). It forms part of efforts for Africa to achieve the *UN Sustainable Development Goals* regarding hunger and poverty.

### CAMEROON

The local Agri-industrial company, *Agrivar Cameroun*, part of the [AMV Group](#), has secured a tax exoneration agreement with the Cameroon investment promotion agency, [API](#) for its planned **SOYA BEAN PROCESSING FACILITY** in Douala. The project cost is estimated at 15 billion CFA or about US\$ 27 million. Soya beans are considered a high priority oil crop in the country.

### KENYA

Kenya is planning to export avocados to South Korea in terms of a recently signed bilateral agreement. The initiative falls under the country's **HORTICULTURE BUSINESS EXPANSION PROJECT**. The [Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service \(KEPHIS\)](#) has drafted sanitary standards for avocado exports and the [United Nations Industrial Development Organisation \(UNIDO\)](#) is training farmers. There are plans to also export other products including pineapples to South Korea and to supply Italy with mangoes. Kenya's long experience in exporting flowers and experience of agricultural logistics has made it easier for the country to embark on agricultural exports to specific overseas markets.

### NIGERIA

[Dangote Sugar Refinery \(DSR\)](#) will be increasing its **SUGAR REFINING CAPACITY** from 1,44 million tons of raw sugar per annum to 2 million tons. It will also be expanding its area of cultivation to 100 000 hectares in Adamawa, Taraba and Nassarawa states. The company is investing some US\$ 1 billion in its operational expansion programme.



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## HEALTH



### CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

The local information technology company, [Wiiqare DRC](#) has developed an **APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL CARE ACCESS** for the population of the Goma region of eastern DR Congo. The app which acts as a digital wallet facilitates access by the general population to medical treatment and medicines. Patients can make mobile payments and request credit. They can also accumulate savings. The Director General of the company is *Bienvenue Zigabe*.

### COTE D'IVOIRE

Prime Minister *Patrick Achi* has inaugurated the first phase of the inauguration of the [ADJAME GENERAL HOSPITAL](#) in Abidjan. The developer is *Medafrique*, an affiliate of the [SNEDAI Group](#) of Côte d'Ivoire. The hospital stands on a 3,5 hectare site. The first phase included the construction of a new floor. The cost of the renovation is given as 12 billion CFA or about US\$ 21,5 million.

[Standard Chartered Bank](#) of the UK has concluded a finance agreement with the Ministry of Economy and Finance for the [RENOVATION OF MATERNITY WARDS](#) in 62 hospitals in 24 regions as well as Abidjan. The value of the deal is 159 million Euros or about US\$ 189 million. The unnamed contractor will affect power and water supply upgrades and improved information technology systems. The finance deal is based on utilisation of export credit finance from the export credit agencies of [Denmark](#) and [Poland](#).

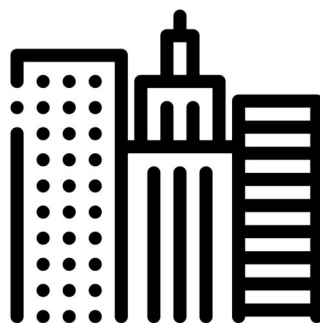
### NIGERIA

[Biovaccines Nigeria Limited \(BVNL\)](#) and [May & Baker Nigeria Plc](#) are seeking an initial US\$ 30 million to help finance a **VACCINE PRODUCTION PLANT** in Otta, Ogun State, south-western Nigeria. Various development finance institutions including the [International Finance Corporation \(IFC\)](#) and the [African Development Bank \(AfDB\)](#) have been approached. During the first phase of the project, the plant will be a 'fill and finish' operation and will progress later to a manufacturing facility. The country's previous vaccination plant was closed some 30 years ago.





## HOTELS/COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY



### CAMEROON

The *Société Internationale du Ciment (SIC)* of the Ivorian Atlantic Group is Planning to invest 39 billion CFA or about US\$70 million in a [NEW CEMENT PLANT](#) in Kribi on Cameroon's south-western coast. This follows an agreement reached with the [Agence de Promotion des Investissements \(API\)](#). The integrated cement plant which will have a capacity of 1 million tons per annum will be part of the Kribi Industrial Port Complex that is being developed.

### MOZAMBIQUE

The recently established state umbrella company, [MozParks](#) is planning the development of the [TOPUITO INDUSTRIAL PARK](#) in Nampula Province, Northern Mozambique. *MozParks* was requested by [Kenmare Resources](#) of Ireland to establish the park near its Moma Titanium Project. It will enhance local supply to the mine. The park is being designed as an eco-industrial complex with inter alia renewable energy supply and recycling works. Funding is sought from the international donors for the support infrastructure. The new park will include agro-industries.

### SOUTH AFRICA

The [Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure \(DPWI\)](#) has called for the fast-tracking of the [LUFHERENG HOUSING PROJECT](#) being developed over an area of 2 000 hectares in the western area of Greater Soweto, Gauteng Province. The land was allocated by the [City of Johannesburg](#). The model mixed-use suburb has seen only just over 1 300 units completed to date. The project was classified as a Strategic Integrated Project (SIP) in July 2020.

### ZAMBIA

Construction has begun on the five-star [PYRAMID CONTINENTAL HOTEL](#) located in Lusaka District. The hotel is being developed by [Zebra Manufacturing Limited](#) of Eritrea. The [Zambia Development Agency \(ZDA\)](#) is facilitating the project. The cost is estimated at US\$ 60 million. Completion is expected in 2024. The [Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry \(ZCCI\)](#) will be assisting with the identification of suppliers. The hotel will have 88 king size bedrooms, 69 twin rooms, 35 executive suites, 18 one-bedroom suites, one presidential suite, conference room, restaurant, gym, pool and water park, casino and office facilities.

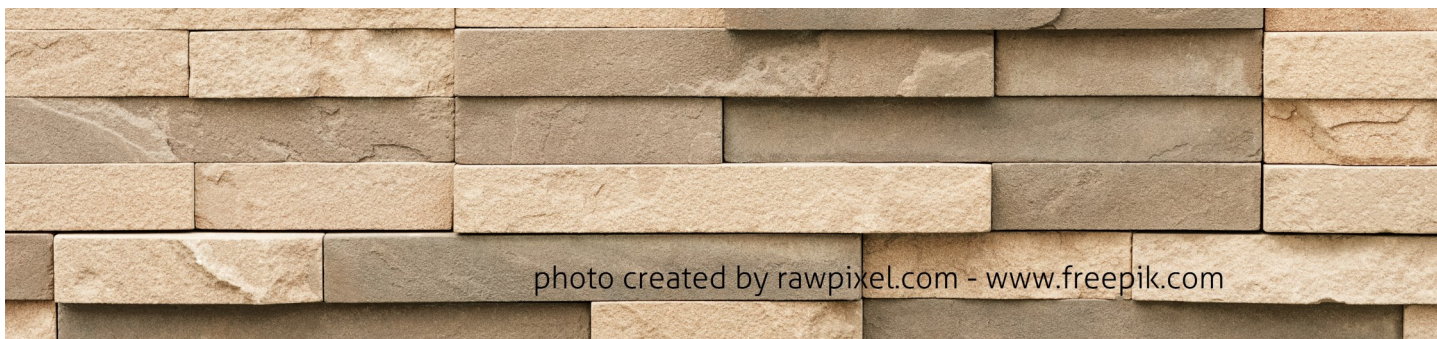
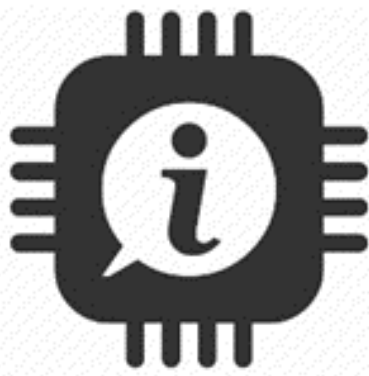


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## ICT / TELECOMMUNICATIONS



### REGIONAL

The [Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa \(COMESA\)](#) is recommending a **DIGITAL INTEGRATED COMMON PAYMENT SYSTEM** to assist micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in the region with cross border trade transactions. Introduction of the system would help avoid the problem of overlapping systems. A Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) dialogue is underway to draft a new policy that will include the system. The proposed payments platform falls under the Digital Financial Inclusion Project.

### ETHIOPIA

The [Ministry of Finance](#) has announced the commencement of the tender for the country's **SECOND PRIVATE MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR** in August 2021. The appointment is being adjudicated by the [Ethiopian Communications Authority \(ECA\)](#). The [International Finance Corporation \(IFC\)](#) is the transaction adviser. The Ministry has indicated that the license cost for the second private operator will be higher than the first at US\$ 850 million. Losers of the first award will be eligible for the second. The ECA is also adjudicating the 40% partial privatisation of the national operator, [Ethio Telecom](#).

The Ethiopian state utility, the [Information Network Security Agency \(INSA\)](#) has announced that it will be developing a new **SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM** to compete with *Facebook, Twitter, Zoom, Whatsapp* and other social media services. A trial of a platform to replace *Zoom and Whatsapp* has been completed. Following the outbreak of hostilities in Tigray, the authorities have complained of fake reports on social media and have implemented several shut-downs. Usage of social media in the country remains controversial.

### NIGERIA

The [Nigeria Ports Authority \(NPA\)](#) is implementing the **ETO ELECTRONIC TRUCK CALL-UP SYSTEM** at the Apapa and Tin Can ports in Lagos. The ETO app is being used for scheduling, entry and exit of cargo trucks arriving and leaving the ports. Implementation of the system began in February 2021 and considerable transport costs savings have been achieved already. The NPA will be installing electronic systems at the country's other main ports.



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## MINING



### BOTSWANA

The [LETLHAKANE URANIUM PROJECT](#) near Serule in the Central District has reportedly been delayed due to the fall in the world market for uranium as a result inter alia of oversupply. The mining license was awarded by the [Ministry of Mineral Resources, Green Technology and Energy Security](#) to [A-Cap Resources](#) of Australia in 2016 after the environmental impact assessment (EIA) was approved. The uranium reserve is estimated at 74,7 million pounds and the mine would have a life of about 18 years.

### CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

[China Molybdenum \(CMOC\)](#) is embarking on a major programme for an increase in production at the [TENKE FUNGURUME COPPER-COBALT MINE](#) situated near Kolwezi in Lualaba Province, southern DR Congo. The company will reportedly be investing US\$ 2,5 billion in increasing production to 200 000 tons of copper and 17 000 tons of cobalt per annum. It will also be operating three mineral production lines. The programme is scheduled for completion in 2023. The world prices for copper and cobalt are reaching record highs.

### MALI

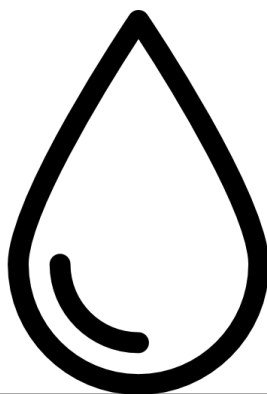
The Australian gold and lithium mining company, [Firefinch Limited](#) and its joint venture partner, [Jianxi Ganfeng Lithium](#) of China will commence production at the [GOULAMINA LITHIUM PROJECT](#) in 2023. The open pit mine is situated 150 kilometres from Bamako at Bougouni in the Ségou region of south-central Mali. Estimated annual production is 5,7 million tons of concentrate. [Digby Wells Environmental](#) undertook the environmental impact assessment.

### NAMIBIA

[Bannerman Energy](#) of Australia has just published a scoping study for the development of the [ETANGO-8 URANIUM PROJECT](#) situated in the Erongo Region, central Namibia. The mine is being developed in collaboration with [Paladin Energy](#) also of Australia. The study revises the production level down from 20 million tons per annum to 8 million tons and a yield of 3,5 million pounds of uranium dioxide per annum. The cost of development of the mine is estimated at around US\$ 270 million. The concession is for 15 years.



## OIL & GAS



### KENYA

The new [KIPEVU OIL AND GAS TERMINAL](#) in Mombasa is scheduled for completion by the end of 2021. The project experienced delays due to Covid-19 and accusations of excessive costing. The previous terminal had to be relocated to make way for a second container terminal at Mombasa port. The new terminal will have four berths for vessels and will be able to process larger oil tankers. Capacity will be 100 000 metric tons per annum. The final cost is estimated at 40 billion Kenya Shillings or about US\$ 368 million. The contractor is the [China Communications Construction Company \(CCCC\)](#) and the responsible utility is the [Kenya Ports Authority \(KPA\)](#). The contractor will install an onshore pipeline across the terminal as well as construct a materials testing laboratory.

### MAURITANIA

The [Directorate of Private Investment Promotion at the Ministry of Economy and Finance](#) is promoting investment in a [NEW OIL REFINERY](#) in the northern port of Nouadhibou. The city previously had an old refinery that operated well below capacity and is not functioning today. Some 11 years ago, *Winfield Resources* of Canada was unsuccessful in attracting investment for a new refinery in Nouadhibou. The estimated cost of a 300 000 barrels per day refinery was estimated at the time at US\$ 3 billion. Major oil and gas discoveries in Mauritania have led to a revival of interest in a new refinery.

*Editor's Note: Representatives from the Mauritanian investment promotion authorities recently addressed Africa House subscribers at an AH Oil and Gas Sector Focus Meeting. Subscribers are welcome to contact us for further details.*

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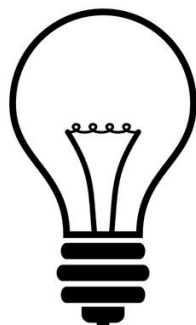
There are reports that [Total](#) and [Qatar Petroleum](#) are planning to drill at the [VENUS-1 EXPLORATION WELL](#) off the Namibian coast in September 2021. The *Total* well is in Block 2913B, covers an area of 8 215 square kilometres and the drilling could reach a depth of a little over 3 000 metres. [Maersk Drilling](#) has been contracted by *Total* for the drilling operation. If the exploration reveals commercial viability, the development of the discovery could take four years. The [Namibian Ministry of Mines and Energy](#) claims that the country has 11 billion barrels in offshore oil reserves.

### ZIMBABWE

[Invictus Energy](#) of Australia has begun field operations at the [MUZARABANI OIL AND GAS PROSPECT](#) situated in the Mashonaland Central Province in northern Zimbabwe near the Mozambique border. The company has raised just over US\$ 10 million for a 2D seismic study after it concluded a petroleum exploration and production agreement with the government. [The Ministry of Mines and Mining Development](#) is encouraging hydrocarbons exploration over a 200 square kilometre area. The government has set a target of 2023 for the development of a major oil and gas industry in the country.



## POWER



### COTE D'IVOIRE

The [\*Private Investment Development Group \(PIDG\)\*](#) will be providing US\$ 29 million towards the cost of the 44 MW [\*SINGROBO-AHOUATY HYDRO POWER PLANT\*](#) situated on the Bandama river in southern Côte d'Ivoire. The funds will be transacted through the South Africa-based [\*Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund \(EAIF\)\*](#). The total cost of the project is estimated at about US\$ 190 million. The plant will be developed by [\*Ivoire Hydro Energy \(IHE\)\*](#). Duration should be 36 months. There are numerous funding agencies involved including the [\*African Development Bank \(AfDB\)\*](#), the [\*DEG\*](#) of Germany and the [\*Africa Finance Corporation \(AFC\)\*](#). The Independent Power Producer (IPP) project includes a 35-year power purchasing agreement (PPA) with [\*Côte d'Ivoire-Energies\*](#).

### KENYA

The [\*Kenya Electricity Generating Company \(KenGen\)\*](#) is planning the development of [\*NEW GEOTHERMAL POWER PLANTS\*](#) over the next four years that will generate an additional 680 MW. The utility wants to achieve total installed generation capacity of 2 500 MW by 2025 with much of this coming from green energy sources. *KenGen* is currently identifying international geothermal experts to assist it as consultants to achieve these ambitious targets.

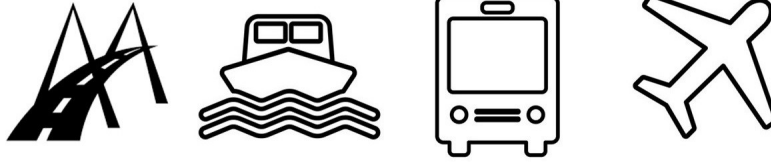
### NIGERIA

The Federal Executive Council (FEC) and the [\*Federal Ministry of Power\*](#) have announced approval of the 220 kilometre [\*CALABAR-IKOM 132 DOUBLE CABLE TRANSMISSION LINE\*](#) in south-eastern Nigeria. The cost is estimated at US\$ 40 million. Hydro power is generated from the Ikom river in Cross River State and the transmission line will transport electricity to the port city of Calabar and enhance development of the Calabar Free Zone.

### ZIMBABWE

The platinum mining company, [\*Zimplats\*](#) is planning the construction of two [\*SOLAR POWER PLANTS\*](#) with a combined capacity of 185 MW. A plant generating 105 MW will be built at the company's Ngezi project and another generating 80 MW will be constructed at Selous. The company will implement the projects on a construct, own, operate and maintain basis.

## TRANSPORT



### CONGO (REPUBLIC)

The [Senegalese government](#) has announced that rehabilitation of the 1 230 kilometre [DAKAR-BAMAKO RAIL LINE](#) will be commencing soon. The line links Dakar in Senegal to land-locked Bamako in Mali. The cost of the project is estimated at US\$ 2 billion. In early 2020, it was reported that the rehabilitation work would be undertaken by the [China Railway Construction Corporation \(CRCC\)](#). The line stopped running in 2018 due inter alia to lack of maintenance.

The iron ore mining company, *SAPRO Mayoko* has concluded an agreement with the South Africa-based *Thelo DB* partnership for the construction of the 410 kilometre [POINTE NOIRE-MAYOKO STATION RAIL LINE](#) in south-western Republic of the Congo. The partnership comprises [Thelo](#) and [DB Engineering and Consulting](#) of Germany. The stated cost is 600 billion CFA or just over US\$ 1 billion and the duration will be about 5 years. The line will link *SAPRO Mayoko's* iron ore operations in the Niari region to the planned iron ore port near Pointe Noire. Some 250 million tons of ore will be transported annually. In late 2019 *Thelo DB* signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the [Afreximbank](#) for the operation and financing of rail projects in Africa.

### NAMIBIA

The Namibian national rail services operator, [TransNamib](#) has called for Expressions of Interest from suppliers of locomotives and rolling stock and locomotives in particular for utilisation in transporting manganese from the Northern Cape to the Namibian [PORT OF LUDERITZ](#) in southern Namibia. The utility has expressed interest in leasing arrangements. The manganese is still largely transported by road.

### NIGERIA

The Nigerian authorities have indicated that the [LEKKI DEEP SEA PORT](#) in the Lagos Free Trade Zone could be operational within the next 18 months. The port is being built by the [China Harbour Engineering Company \(CHEC\)](#). The implementing agency is the [Nigeria Ports Authority \(NPA\)](#). This will be the country's first deep sea port and will be able to handle 18 000 TEU capacity vessels. The port will occupy 90 hectares of the Lagos Free Trade Zone's 830 hectare area.



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## WATER & SANITATION



### KENYA

The [Isiolo](#) Sub-County authorities are calling for additional water pipes to be laid to improve water distribution to farmers under the **KILIMANI IRRIGATION SCHEME** in central Kenya. The Isiolo Kilimani Galana buttress irrigation dam was completed in 2020. It has a storage capacity of 103 000 cubic metres and the scheme cost 145 million Kenya Shillings or about US\$ 1,3 million. A 13 kilometre water pipeline was constructed. Funding was from the government and the [African Development Bank \(AfDB\)](#).

### SOUTH AFRICA

The South African consulting engineering firm, [Zutari](#) has been involved in the design and environmental impact studies for phase 1 of the **CROCODILE MOKOLO WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT (CMWAP)**. The project is for the supply of water from the Crocodile River to the Medupi power station and the Laphalale area of Limpopo Province. It includes the development of two main bulk raw water systems. The cost of the project is estimated at R3 billion or about US\$ 210 million.

### ZAMBIA

The [European Investment Bank \(EIB\)](#) and [KfW](#) of Germany have approved initial finance of 2,7 million Euros (about US\$ 3,2 million) for the **LUSAKA SANITATION PROJECT**. The project includes providing access to clean water by over 500 000 families, expansion of wastewater treatment at new plants in Chunga and Ngwere and construction of 520 kilometres of sewage pipes. The implementing agency is the [Lusaka Water Supply and Sanitation Company](#). The [EIB](#) and [KfW](#) have indicated that they could provide additional finance totalling 135 million Euros (about US\$ 158,5 million) for the project. Other donors will also be complementing this allocation.





## WHISPERINGS - FOOTNOTES



- At a recent press conference, the Chief Executive Officer of *Saipem* stated that the *Total* LNG project in Mozambique's Cabo Delgado Province could possibly resume in the first half of 2022. This is obviously contingent on future developments in the north of the country. Thanks to the involvement of the Rwandans, the prospects are improving with for example the re-taking of the strategic town of Mocimboa da Praia by the government.

- There has been strong support from Southern African countries for the *Southern African Development Community (SADC)* stand-by military force to assist Mozambique to combat the **CABO DELGADO INSURGENCY**. South Africa, Tanzania, Botswana, Angola and Zimbabwe have committed troops. Rwanda as a non-SADC country has also allocated forces but this development has led to considerable opposition from Mozambican opposition parties and human rights organisations. However, as predicted by specialists, the Rwandan forces have been particularly effective.
- There are reports of discussions between the South African and Mozambican governments regarding the long-mooted concept of a **GAS PIPELINE** linking the Rovuma Basin gas fields in the far north to the existing gas pipeline in Pande/Temane in the south. There has been much scepticism in the past about the feasibility of the pipeline given the high cost, security implications and alternative transport of the gas via virtual shipping pipelines.
- Companies which hold **PROPERTY IN CABO DELGADO PROVINCE** are willing to share space with other companies that wish to establish some physical presence in the gas-rich Mozambican province.
- *ESKOM* is seeking funding for its **ESKOM GREEN ENERGY PROGRAMME** through a multi-lender loan facility from development finance institutions. The utility is reportedly planning to generate some 8 000 MW from green energy sources.
- South African construction industry organisations have welcomed the government's invitations for public comment on the National Infrastructure Plan 2050. However, South African construction companies remain concerned about the lack of implementation of projects. A clear **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT PIPELINE** would allow the companies to plan and allocate resources and would enhance investment.
- There are a number of recent political developments that indicate a more **PEACEFUL FUTURE SCENARIO FOR COTE D'IVOIRE**. Former president and now prominent opposition leader *Laurent Gbagbo* has returned to the country after some ten years in exile and imprisonment and has held a one-on-one cordial meeting with President *Alassane Ouattara*. The *International Monetary Fund (IMF)* is predicting growth of 6% for the country in 2021.
- **TRADE PATTERNS IN EAST AFRICA** are changing. Land-locked Rwanda is now diverting its cargo traffic away from Mombasa and in favour of Dar es Salaam. This follows the establishment of a single border between Rwanda and Tanzania as well as the improvement of road connections. It will be recalled that Uganda is also planning its oil pipeline from Lake Albert to Tanga Port in Tanzania.



- The global drive for emission reductions is further manifested by the decision of the *United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)* and other agencies involved in relief supply programmes to no longer procure **DIESEL GENERATORS** and to insist on clean sources of energy.
- A local Ugandan company, *Excel Construction Limited* has registered success in securing participation in the Kingfisher oil field development in Lake Albert. It is responsible for well pad site preparation, civil works for the well pads and for access road construction. The company's major project role will incentivise **LOCAL SUPPLY TO OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENTS** in the region.
- Real estate development and urbanisation of the **LEKKI PENINSULA** in Lagos is accelerating. Major projects such as the *Dangote* oil refinery currently under construction in the Lekki Free Zone are incentivising the movement of population to the area.

## WEBSITES



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*Editor's Note: Africa House recently hosted speakers from the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) at its Health Sector Focus Briefing. The following website references will be useful for Africa House subscribers interested in the supply of relief aid items and services to the World Bank-backed Northern Crisis Recovery Project (NCRP) pertaining to relief to internally displaced people impacted by the disturbances in Mozambique's Cabo Delgado Province.*

[www.ungm.org](http://www.ungm.org) is the site for the *United Nations Global Marketplace Register* and contains information on registration.

<https://data.unops.org> provides information on *UNOPS* procurement from various countries.

The [Procurement Manual](#) provides comprehensive information on *UNOPS* procurement practices.

The [Possibilities Portal](#) is the *UNOPS* 'Possibilities Portal' which caters for suppliers who wish to introduce new products and services to the agency.

The "[Capital Expenditure Project Listing January 2021](#)" report by the *Nedbank Group Economic Unit* lists **MAJOR PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS PLANNED FOR SOUTH AFRICA**. An analysis of the listing can be found on [Business Tech](#). 28 new projects worth R117,7 billion or about US\$ 8,17 billion are listed.

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

The consulting engineering firm, [ZUTARI](#) has been awarded the design and site supervision services contract for three major bridges as part of phase 2 of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project.

In October 2020, long-standing *Africa House* subscriber and friend, **ALAN WITHERDEN** was appointed Regional Representative: Southern Africa for Mauritius-based [Axis Fiduciary Limited](#). Another more recent achievement by Alan was his role at the just completed Tokyo Olympic Games as an official at the sprint canoeing regatta. This was Alan's fourth Olympic Games in this capacity.

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

The [INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION \(IFC\)](#) has concluded an agreement with the government of Côte d'Ivoire whereby US\$ 300 million will be allocated for stimulation of the country's medical sector. The funds will be used to assist Ivorian medical companies to purchase medical equipment from *General Electric* and *Philips*. The objective is to enhance Côte d'Ivoire's status as a medical hub for the region.

[Microsoft4Afrika](#) and the [International Finance Corporation \(IFC\)](#) are collaborating on an initiative to promote **DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE AFRICAN AGRIBUSINESS SECTOR**. *Microsoft4Afrika* is delivering a mobile platform in cooperation with the *IFC*'s Agribusiness Leadership Programme to provide logistics and other information, digital tools and training resources to small scale farmers. The initial target countries are Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Kenya and Uganda.

The [US Development Finance Corporation \(DFC\)](#) will be a key agency involved in the evolution of a **NEW UNITED STATES AFRICA POLICY**. The *Biden* administration is reviewing the "Prosper Africa" initiative established in 2018 under the *Trump* administration. The new US leaders are keen to support the involvement of US companies in Africa especially in the infrastructure, ICT and health sectors. Clarity is awaited on policy issues especially the government's stance on investment in the liquefied natural gas (LNG) sector.

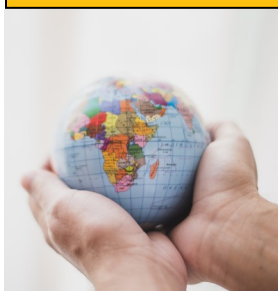
The [AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK \(AfDB\)](#) has approved grants totalling US\$ 2,5 million to be utilised by the [Regional Association of Energy Regulators for Eastern and Southern Africa \(RAERESA\)](#) for regional harmonisation of electricity regulations in the countries of the *Southern African Development Community (SADC)* and the [Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa \(COMESA\)](#) regions.

The [GERMAN HEALTH ALLIANCE \(GHA\)](#) is a health-focused network organisation comprising inter alia 150 member companies involved in the African health sector. Its network includes government agencies, NGO's, academic research agencies and it is supported by the German development finance institutions and aid agencies: *KfW*, *DEG* and *GIZ*. It is a member of the [World Health Summit](#). It brings together expertise across a broad spectrum of health and health-related issues including diagnostics, medical technologies research, insurance and logistics.

The Johannesburg-based private equity firm, [CONVERGENCE PARTNERS](#) has invested in three funds (Convergence Partners Investments, Convergence Partners Communications Infrastructure Fund and Convergence Partners Digital Infrastructure Fund) to address the digital divide in sub-Saharan Africa. The projects funded include wireless networks, undersea cable systems, satellite systems, data centres and terrestrial fibre networks.

Rwanda has reportedly raised US\$ 620 million through a ten-year **EUROBOND**.

## AFRICA & THE WORLD



According to the *World Bank*, the *International Monetary Fund (IMF)* and other global financial institutions, **ECONOMIC GROWTH IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA IN 2021** will be the slowest of all world regions. In 2020, Sub-Saharan Africa's growth contracted by 2% but is projected to grow by 3,4% in 2021. This can be contrasted with Asia where the contraction in 2020 was 0,7% and yet it's forecast for 2021 is estimated at 7,2%.

## TRAVEL NOTES



The following are the experiences of a driver who recently visited **ZIMBABWE AND BOTSWANA**:

- South Africa to Zimbabwe via Beitbridge border post. R850 for Covid test on South African side. Then R400 for Covid test on Zimbabwe side.
- Zimbabwe to Botswana via Plumtree border post. R400 for Covid test on Zimbabwe side. Then Covid test on Botswana side at no cost.
- Botswana to South Africa via Martins Drift border post. No Covid test provided officials are satisfied with previous Covid results. If Covid test is still required then the cost will be R850.

Note: All tests are valid for 72 hours.

**QATAR AIRWAYS** has announced six new Africa Country routes to Angola, Ghana, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It operates 32 flights per week into South Africa mainly to Johannesburg but also to Cape Town and Durban.

**SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS (SAA)** has announced that it will be resuming the following flights departing Johannesburg from 23 September 2021: Accra, Kinshasa, Harare, Lusaka and Maputo.

## RECENT ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA HOUSE

Roelof van Tonder of Africa House hosted a virtual **Health Focus webinar** on 12 August 2021.

Guest speakers included: *Janine Bowen*: Marketing / Business Development Manager, [ACO Systems](#) | *Michael Rabbow*: Ambassador for International Relations, [German Health Alliance](#) | *Fritz Sacher*: Independent Consultant | *Kripa Shah*: Procurement Manager, Kenya Multi Country Office, [UNOPS](#) | *Michel Bonenfant*: Senior Project Manager, Mozambique, [UNOPS](#) | *Rainer Frauenfeld*: Director, Kenya Multi Country Office, [UNOPS](#)

Roelof van Tonder of Africa House hosted a virtual **Oil & Gas Focus webinar** on 18 August 2021.

Guest speakers included: *Alex M. Mbonye*: [Africa House](#) Partner – Uganda | *Moses Nkanda*: [Africa House](#) Partner – Tanzania | *Johannes Tiba*: Senior Manager- Knowledge, Government Strategies and Corporate Compliance, [Fragomen](#) | *Jarred Milner*: Manager Africa Coordination, [Fragomen](#) | *Caroline Kanzara*: Senior Manager, [Fragomen](#) | *Aïssata Lam*: Director-General, [Mauritanian Investment Promotion Agency \(APIM\)](#) | *Mamadou Kane*: Chargé de Mission, Mauritania Ministry of Petroleum, Energy & Mines | *Yemi Gbadamosi*: CEO, [Tag Energy](#) | *Catherine Niwamanya Wabomba*: CEO, [Uganda Chamber of Mines & Petroleum](#)

Roelof van Tonder of Africa House hosted a virtual **Mozambique Country Focus webinar** on 24 August 2021.

Guest speakers included: *Gregor Binkert*: Board Member, [Beluluane Industrial Park](#) | *David Scheepers*: CEO, [Capital Star Steel SA](#) | *Florival Mucave*: President, [Mozambique Oil and Gas Chamber](#)

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

- *Roelof van Tonder* spoke to stakeholder who discussed the Tier 1 companies that have been appointed to execute the Tilenga, Kingfisher and EACOP Projects
- *Duncan Bonnett* chatted to *Paul Runge* and *Roelof van Tonder* about the implications for projects, exports and renewal in Zambia following the recent elections

# COMMODITIES OF AFRICA

TYPE OF COMMODITY	COMMODITY	UNITS	PRICE: July 2021	PRICE: August 2021	PRICE: September 2021
Agriculture	Cocoa	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	1.59	1.64	1.73
	Coffee	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	1.61	1.97	1.97
	Cotton	US\$ per Ounce (US\$/oz.)	0.85	0.91	0.95
	Rice	US\$ per Metric Ton (USD/MT)	493.00	466.00	414.00
	Sugar	US\$ per Kilogram (US\$/kg)	17.23	18.50	20.20
Base and Pre- cious Metals	Cobalt	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	48,500.00	52,430.00	50,110.00
	Copper	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	9,225.35	9,709.15	9,310.48
	Gold	US\$ per Troy Ounce (US\$/t oz.)	1,761.57	1,825.27	1,815.56
	Iron Ore	US\$ per Dry Metric ton (US\$/DMT)	214.36	214.44	159.58
	Platinum	US\$ per Troy Ounce (US\$/t oz.)	1,068.50	1,080.50	1,014.50
Energy	Coal: Industrial	US\$ per Metric Ton (USD/MT)	99.31	112.93	122.33
	Coal: Coking	US\$ per Ton (US\$/t)	125.25	149.2	171.3
	Gas: Natural Gas	US\$ per million British Thermal Units (USD/MMBtu)	3.67	3.80	4.33
	Oil: Crude Oil	US\$ per Barrel (US\$/bbl.)	74.78	77.72	72.26

Source: Various



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