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EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY ADOPTS SWEEPING REFORMS TO RESTORE STABILITY AND BOOST REGIONAL COORDINATION

The East African Community (EAC) has taken a series of bold decisions aimed at stabilizing the bloc after months of financial strain and growing concerns over the pace of regional integration. According to regional analysts, the resolutions address long-standing expectations from East Africans seeking to strengthen the Community's foundations and restore momentum. During the 25th Ordinary Summit of EAC Heads of State held in Arusha, leaders adopted a new financial contribution formula and appointed a new Secretary General. The summit transferred the bloc's rotating chairmanship to Uganda's President, Hon. Yoweri Museveni.

These decisions come at a time when the eight-member regional bloc, home to more than 300 million people, has been grappling with delayed member-state contributions and questions surrounding its institutional effectiveness. One of the most significant outcomes of the Summit was the adoption of a hybrid financial contribution model. Under the new system, 50% of the EAC budget will be contributed equally by all Partner States. The remaining 50% will be assessed based on each country's economic size, measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The new formula is expected to ease financial pressures on smaller economies while ensuring that larger economies contribute proportionately more to sustain the Community.

[Source: Daily News](#)

NEW PROJECTS RESHAPE ZANZIBAR LAND SECTOR

The Zanzibar government has rolled out a series of major legal reforms, new land-use plans, and large-scale housing projects during the first 100 days of President Hussein Mwinyi's second term, to strengthen land security and expand sustainable urban development across the islands. Presenting the Ministry's progress report, the Minister for Lands and Housing Development, Ms. Rahma Kassim Ali, said the initiatives reflect the government's commitment to modernizing land administration, improving housing services, and promoting orderly settlement planning. A key reform currently underway is the review of the 2018 Zanzibar Land Policy, being conducted in collaboration with the Ardhi Institute of Dar es Salaam, which is serving as the technical consultant.

The update aims to align land governance with the government's new development priorities and emerging socio-economic needs. In addition, the government is preparing to repeal the 1994 Land Tribunal Act and replace it with the Land and Rent

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Tribunal Act, 2026, which will strengthen the legal framework for resolving land and tenancy disputes. The new law is expected to improve efficiency, enhance access to justice, and provide clearer mechanisms for dispute handling.

The reforms form part of a broader agenda to ensure secure land tenure, encourage responsible urban growth, and provide citizens with affordable and planned housing solutions.

[Source: The Guardian](#)

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY WILL NO LONGER PAY MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL PARLIAMENT

The East African Community (EAC) will no longer pay the salaries of Members of Parliament representing Partner States at the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA). According to a joint communiqué issued during the recent EAC Heads of State Summit in Arusha, the decision forms part of the bloc's new Financial and Institutional Reform Framework, which aims to strengthen governance and improve financial sustainability at the Secretariat. Beginning with the next EALA term in 2027, MPs will be remunerated directly by the national parliaments of their respective countries rather than by the EAC Secretariat. The regional body will only cover allowances related to official duties during Assembly sessions.

During the Summit, outgoing EAC Chairperson President Hon. William Ruto explained that the reforms aim to establish a more predictable and equitable funding structure for the Community the revised model will take effect from January 2026. In another significant institutional change, the Summit resolved that decisions within the EAC will now be adopted either by consensus or by a 65% majority of Partner States. Previously, all decisions required full consensus, a system that often-slowed progress and complicated key decision-making processes.

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TANZANIA'S STRONG MINERAL POTENTIAL ELEVATES ITS GLOBAL INVESTMENT RANKING

Tanzania has strengthened its position as an attractive destination for mining investment, ranking 34th out of 68 jurisdictions worldwide in the Fraser Institute's Annual Survey of Mining Companies 2025. The improved standing is largely attributed to the country's strong mineral endowment and gradual enhancements in the policy and regulatory environment. The survey, widely regarded as a key reference for global mining investors, also places Tanzania fourth in Africa, behind Botswana, Morocco, and Zambia, on the Investment attractiveness Index. This index reflects a combination of geological potential and the quality of a jurisdiction's policy framework governing mining activities.

According to the released report, Tanzania's overall score increased to 68.04 in 2025, up from 62.75 in 2024 and 46.38 in 2023. This steady rise signals growing investor

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confidence supported by abundant mineral resources, expanded exploration activities, and ongoing regulatory reforms aimed at improving the business environment. However, the report also notes that while Tanzania's mineral potential remains high, the country still lags behind regional leaders like Botswana in terms of policy perception. This indicates that further efforts to enhance regulatory stability, predictability, and administrative consistency will be crucial for sustaining investor confidence and attracting long-term capital into the mining sector.

[Source: Daily News](#)

BANK OF TANZANIA STRESSED RESILIENCE IN PAYMENT SYSTEMS

The Bank of Tanzania (BoT) has assured the public that the country's payment systems remain secure and resilient against cyber threats, reinforcing growing confidence in the safety and reliability of Tanzania's rapidly expanding digital financial infrastructure. This assurance reflects the central bank's ongoing efforts to support secure economic activity nationwide. The statement follows confirmation by the central bank that no successful hacking incidents have been recorded in any bank or financial platform operating under its supervision. Speaking in Dar es Salaam recently, BoT Governor Mr. Emmanuel Tutuba said that the national financial infrastructure continues to operate efficiently as authorities intensify cybersecurity and fraud-prevention measures.

These efforts aim to safeguard the country's digital payments landscape, which has expanded significantly in recent years. He emphasized that Tanzania's strong cybersecurity posture is a result of continuous collaboration between financial institutions and regulators, all working to reinforce digital security as the country's financial ecosystem becomes increasingly technology-driven.

[Source: The Guardian](#)

CHIEF JUSTICE CALLS UPON JUDICIAL COLLEGE TO INTEGRATE CUSTOMARY, ISLAMIC LAWS INTO CURRICULA

Chief Justice Hon. George Masaju has proposed a significant overhaul of judicial training to better reflect Tanzania's legal diversity. He suggested that the Institute of Judicial Administration (IJA) Lushoto include Islamic law in its main curriculum to enable magistrates to deliver culturally sensitive, nuanced, and fair justice. Chief Justice made these comments last week while presiding over the swearing-in of two newly appointed Resident Magistrates, Ms. Moonlight Martin Tupa and Mr. Deus Philo Nyimbo. The event, held at the High Court of Tanzania in the capital, served as a platform to reaffirm the judiciary's duty to respect and uphold the diverse legal traditions within the communities they serve.

Emphasizing the need to align justice with local realities, Chief Justice Masaju noted that the Constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania recognizes and respects multiple legal systems. He highlighted that magistrates, particularly those in Primary Courts regularly handle disputes involving inheritance, land rights, marriage, and

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family issues, where customary and Islamic laws are frequently applied. By integrating these elements into the IJA Lushoto training program, the Chief Justice believes that magistrates will gain a broader legal perspective, enabling them to resolve complex social disputes with greater empathy, cultural awareness, and legal accuracy.

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TANZANIA PORTS AUTHORITY OUTLINES NEW FEES AND REASONS FOR DEFERRAL

A day after announcing the new Port Infrastructure Development (PID) fee, the Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA) has postponed its implementation to July 1, 2026. The fee was initially expected to take effect on March 8, 2026, but the announcement triggered widespread public debate, with some members of the public expressing surprise and others questioning the role of DP World, the company managing the port, in the proposed infrastructure developments. In a statement, TPA Director General Mr. Plasduce Mbosa explained that the extension aims to give domestic and international clients, as well as the public, sufficient time to prepare. The extension allows service providers to fulfil the terms of existing contracts with their clients within the remaining period up to June 30, 2026.

TPA's Director of Marketing and Communications, Dr. George Fasha, stated that the fees were expected, pointing out that the Authority had held stakeholder consultations over the last six months and used the feedback to finalize the announcement. The delay will give stakeholders more time to prepare for the upcoming changes, while TPA continues with its broader plan to expand and modernize port infrastructure. According to TPA, the reforms aim to improve efficiency, support long-term sustainability, and lower operational costs for port users.

Source: Daily News

HIGH COURT ORDERS SAHARA MEDIA GROUP TO WIND UP

The High Court Commercial Division has ordered the winding up of Sahara Media Group Limited, a Tanzanian company engaged in mass media, press services, advertising, and publicity. Judge Hon. Dr. Mwajuma Kadilu issued the ruling after granting a petition filed by the company, supported by an affidavit sworn by its Principal Officer, Mr. Steven Diallo, together with the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, a certificate of name change, an extract of a Board of Directors' resolution, tax demand notices from the Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA) Mwanza, and audited financial statements for 2023 and 2024.

In her decision, Judge Kadilu stated that the company is no longer commercially viable, with its debts outweighing its assets and no ability to settle its liabilities. Having been proven that the petitioner is in significant loss and unable to pay its debts, winding up is the appropriate course. She ruled that I am satisfied that Sahara Media Group Limited qualifies to be wound up. Consequently, this petition is allowed. The

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petition presented evidence of the company's inability to pay its debts, including outstanding tax liabilities amounting to TZS 97,746,606. Financial reports revealed a loss of TZS 3,934,269,231 in 2023 and significant losses over the past five years. The company's operations had become heavily constrained, with nearly 80 percent of its revenue directed toward settling tax liabilities, leaving it unable to meet both long-term and short-term financial obligations.

ZANZIBAR FAIR COMPETITION COMMISSION CALLS FOR STRONGER CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Zanzibar Fair Competition Commission (ZFCC) has pledged to intensify public education and enforcement efforts aimed at protecting consumers and strengthening fair competition in the market. Speaking during a press briefing at the Commission's offices in Malindi ahead of activities marking World Consumer Rights Day, Acting Director General Ms. Aliyah Emanuel Juma emphasized that businesses must ensure all products and services offered to consumers are safe, properly labelled, and free from misleading information. Ms. Juma noted that the Commission continues to receive and address consumer complaints while overseeing the enforcement of laws designed to promote fair competition and safeguard consumer rights across Zanzibar.

She further urged stakeholders to cooperate with the Commission in building a transparent and competitive marketplace that prioritizes consumer welfare. World Consumer Rights Day, celebrated globally every March 15, aims to raise awareness of consumer rights and promote accountability in markets worldwide. The annual observance is coordinated by consumer protection organizations and highlights the importance of fair, safe, and informed consumer choices.

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HIGH COURT ORDERS PRESTIGE-LAMAR FUEL DISPUTE TO PROCEED TO INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

The High Court's Commercial Division has stayed proceedings in a commercial dispute between Burundi-based oil importer Prestige Investment SA and Lamar Commodity Trading DMCC of the United Arab Emirates, directing that the matter be resolved through international arbitration in London. Judge Hon. Abdallah Gonzi ruled that the dispute must be referred to the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), in line with the arbitration clause contained in the party's Fuel Supply Agreement.

The ruling follows an application by Lamar challenging the Tanzanian court's jurisdiction to hear Commercial Case No. 130 of 2023, which had been filed by Prestige Investment. Lamar's counsel, Mr. Stephen Axwesso, argued that the agreement between the parties expressly required any dispute to be settled under LCIA rules and not before local courts. After reviewing submissions, the court concurred, holding that the matter falls outside the jurisdiction of the Tanzanian courts. In general, this application is granted, Judge Gonzi stated that, I hereby order

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that proceedings in Commercial Case No. 130 of 2023 between the parties be stayed pending arbitration before the London Court of International Arbitration in accordance with clause 10 of the petroleum supply agreement dated June 24, 2022. The decision reinforces the binding nature of contractual arbitration clauses under the Arbitration Act, affirming that courts must defer to agreed-upon international dispute-resolution mechanisms unless strong legal grounds exist to do otherwise.

[Source: The Guardian](#)

GOVERNMENT REFORMS BOOST BANKS' APPETITE FOR LENDING TO THE MINING SECTOR

Small-scale and artisanal miners in Tanzania can now approach banks and financial institutions with renewed confidence, following a series of transformative government policies aimed at modernizing the mining and quarrying sector. These measures have significantly boosted credit access for artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) operators, traditionally considered high-risk borrowers. According to the Bank of Tanzania's (BoT) Monthly Economic Review for February, credit to the mining and quarrying sector recorded historic growth of 91 percent for two consecutive months, December 2025 and January 2026, a dramatic reversal from the negative credit growth seen in the first quarter of the previous year.

The BoT attributes this sharp rise to deliberate reforms implemented by the government, which include Modernisation measures targeting small-scale mining operations, strengthened financing frameworks, and Flexible collateral requirements designed to bring formal financial services closer to ASM operators. BoT data further show that credit growth in mining and quarrying surpassed that of other major sectors by a wide margin. For comparison, the trade sector grew by 50 percent, while the transport and communication sector grew by 34.2 percent over the same period. A major policy driver behind this surge is the Finance Act of 2025/26, which introduced provisions requiring increased local participation in mining activities and Mining companies to use Tanzanian financial institutions for key transactions. These changes have channeled more capital into local banks and, in turn, expanded their capacity to lend to mining enterprises.

[Source: Daily News](#)

STAKEHOLDERS PUSH LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN PPP PROJECT

Stakeholders have underscored the need to prioritize local participation in the implementation of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects, arguing that empowering Tanzanians through ownership and deeper involvement must go beyond the traditional concept of local content. Speaking in Dar es Salaam during the launch of PPPC Centre Stage, experts stressed that as Tanzania prepares to roll out its Fourth Five-Year Development Plan (FYDP IV) 2026/27–2030/31, meaningful domestic participation in PPPs will be crucial for building national capacity and ensuring sustainable development. PPPC Centre Stage is a new national dialogue platform established by the Public-Private Partnership Centre (PPPC).

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The series aims to bring together policymakers, private sector leaders, investors, academics, and development partners to explore how PPPs can drive the country's ambitious development agenda. The Director of Policy and Research at the Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF), Ms. Mwanahamis Hussein, said that Tanzania must intentionally strengthen the role of its domestic private sector within PPP structures. She noted that Local participation should be a priority, not just in terms of providing goods and services, but through equity ownership. Tanzanian businesses should be part of the shareholding in companies managing PPP projects.

The discussions highlighted that with FYDP IV expected to focus on large-scale infrastructure, industrial expansion, and technological transformation, PPPs will play a pivotal role. However, stakeholders insisted that the success of these projects will depend on ensuring Tanzanians are not merely participants at the margins but active beneficiaries, investors, and decision-makers.

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Source: The Guardian

PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION COMMISSION HELPING PEOPLE WITH IMPAIRED EYESIGHT

The Personal Data Protection Commission (PDPC) has provided education on personal data protection to members of the Tanzania Association of the Blind (TAB) as part of efforts to ensure awareness on data privacy reaches all citizens, including people with disabilities. The training session, held in Dar es Salaam, brought together members of the association to learn about safeguarding personal information in the digital age. The initiative aims to empower visually impaired individuals with knowledge and practical skills to help them protect their personal information while using modern communication technologies.

Speaking during the training, TAB chairman Mr. Omary Itambu said the education was crucial in helping members understand how to manage and protect their personal data. He noted that the Rapid expansion of digital technologies has also led to an increase in cybercrime, including hacking and privacy violations. He added that the government needs to expand such training programmes to grassroots levels, including villages and hamlets, to ensure more visually impaired citizens are equipped with knowledge on safe technology use and digital privacy.

GOVERNMENT CLOSE TO FINALIZING LANDMARK USD 42 BILLION LNG PROJECT AGREEMENT

The government has entered the final phase of negotiations on a USD 42 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) project, a major investment expected to transform the country into a regional gas trading hub while creating thousands of jobs. The mega-project, one of the largest energy investments in Africa, is nearing completion of contractual discussions before moving into engineering and construction phases. Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC) managing director Mr. Musa Makame said here yesterday that the negotiations were in their final stages while

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outlining development projects being implemented for the 2025/26 financial year. He said once agreements are concluded, the project will proceed to front-end engineering design and detailed engineering, followed by the construction of LNG processing facilities.

TPDC has already begun institutional and technical preparations to ensure the project's successful implementation, including strengthening human resources, improving management systems, and developing the infrastructure needed for the large-scale investment, he said. The government is also prioritizing local participation to ensure Tanzanians benefit from employment and business opportunities linked to the project. Through its local content policy, TPDC aims to ensure that Tanzanians, especially young people, benefit from direct and indirect employment, as well as opportunities in supply chains, procurement, and service provision across multiple sectors.

[Source: Daily News](#)

COMMISSIONS RECOMMEND NGORONGORO LAND LAWS REVIEW

Presidential commissions established to address land disputes and voluntary relocation of residents within the Ngorongoro Area Conservation (NCA) have submitted key recommendations to the government, including a review of the NCA Act. The proposals aim to address and resolve challenges, strengthen conservation efforts, and enhance the welfare of communities living inside and around the protected areas. The first commission was tasked with assessing and using within the NCA. Pololeti Game Reserve and Lake Natron Controlled Area, while the second examined how Voluntary relocation of residents is being implemented. Both teams found that rapid population growth and increased livestock numbers have exerted significant pressure on land, disrupting the delicate balance between human activities, livestock grazing, and wildlife conservation.

The Chairperson of the First commission and judge of the Court of Appeal, Hon. Dr. Gerald Ndika said the recommendations followed a comprehensive review focused on tackling the identified problems and complaints, Indigenous communities should be supported to enjoy quality living standards to all Tanzanians, while ensuring sustainable conservation across the NCA, Pololeti game reserves and Lake Natron Controlled Area due to their critical role in protecting the Serengeti Mara ecosystem and safeguarding tourism Attractions.

The commissions further recommended that non-conservation activities be relocated outside protected zones to reinforce conservation efforts and improve community wellbeing they also proposed that all residents, their homes, he and livestock within NCA be officially registered in a central database and issued certificates of residence, urged Dr. Ndika. Strengthening cooperation among Pastoralists, council and the NCA authority, with proper financial oversight to support community services.

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