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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK UNVEILS PLAN TO BOOST AFRICA'S DOMESTIC REVENUE

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has identified five key pillars to enhance domestic revenue mobilization across African nations, emphasizing its vital role in funding development and boosting economic resilience. These pillars include strengthening tax policy and administration, simplifying tax systems, speeding up digitalization, reducing revenue losses, and implementing reforms in a strategic order. According to the AfDB, African countries could generate an additional USD 469.4 billion annually between 2025 and 2029 through better enforcement and increased use of digital technologies.

Speaking about the initiative, Professor Kevin Chika Urama, the Bank Group's Chief Economist and Vice President for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, stated that domestic revenue mobilization is not solely a fiscal matter, but a crucial enabler of resilience, sovereignty, and sustainable development. The Bank's strategic approach combines policy-based financing, institutional support, capacity building, knowledge sharing, and strategic collaborations with global institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, and the African Tax Administration Forum to help countries bolster their revenue systems.

[Source: Daily News](#)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER CONDEMS FORCED CHILD LABOUR

Dodoma District Commissioner Mr. Jabin Shekimweri has condemned the practice of some parents forcing children into work to support family income, describing it as unacceptable exploitation. Speaking ahead of the International Day for Street Children, to be marked on April 12, Mr. Shekimweri issued the warning during a media briefing at the Nkuhungu Ward Government Office, where he represented Dodoma Regional Commissioner Ms. Rosemary Senyamule. He emphasized that while instilling a work ethic in children is important for building responsibility, forcing them into labor for economic gain violates their rights and well-being.

The District Commissioner noted that families have a duty to guide, protect, and nurture children into responsible adults, not to treat them as sources of income. Citing recent data, Mr. Shekimweri said that in 2026, Dodoma Region identified 69 street-connected children, with government interventions successfully reuniting 65 of them with their families. He commended social welfare officers under the Ministry of Community Development, Gender, Women, and Special Groups for their role in

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rescuing and reintegrating affected children into safe environments, adding that addressing the challenge of street-connected children requires strong collaboration among families, communities, government institutions, and development partners.

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GOVERNMENT TARGETS USD 72 MILLION EXPORT BOOST

The government of Tanzania is targeting USD 72 million in exports through its Special Economic Zones (SEZs), a goal linked to ongoing strategic projects aimed at boosting industrial growth and trade. To date, 34 SEZs have been designated, with 25 projects under active implementation valued at USD 280.8 million, all part of broader efforts to accelerate industrialization and expand the nation's export capacity. Presenting the Prime Minister's Office budget in Parliament, Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba stated that these SEZ initiatives are expected to generate USD 672.63 million in exports.

Key SEZ developments include Bagamoyo, Buzwagi, Nala, and Kwala SEZs, as well as the expanded Benjamin William Mkapa SEZ. At the same time, major flagship projects comprise the Magadi Soda project at Engaruka and the Liganga–Mchuchuma iron and coal project, collectively forming part of the government's strategy to strengthen industrial economic growth and boost exports.

[Source: The Guardian](#)

EAC LEADERS, EXPERTS GATHER TO LAUNCH INITIATIVES SET TOWARDS A REGIONAL CIRCULAR ECONOMY OF ANNUAL WASTE

East African Community (EAC) leaders and experts convened in Arusha for the 25th Ordinary Summit to launch initiatives aimed at advancing a regional circular economy and improving the management of the region's 56.7 million tonnes of annual waste. The forum emphasized transforming waste into economic resources, creating jobs, and promoting sustainable development under the theme Harnessing Policy, Innovation, and Digital Collaboration for a Circular East Africa, marking a shift from the traditional linear take-make-dispose model to a regenerative system that keeps materials in use and restores natural ecosystems.

The urgency of the agenda was highlighted by current statistics showing that less than 10 percent of recyclable materials in East Africa are recovered, with projections indicating that waste generation could increase by 60–74 percent by 2030 without intervention, posing serious risks to public health and environmental stability. Dr. Joe Assoua of the Eastern and Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI) warned that global waste could rise by 70 percent by 2050 if circular practices are not prioritized. The meeting concluded with a commitment to prepare a comprehensive regional policy brief for the EAC Secretariat, focusing on harmonizing waste management standards, promoting digital innovation for improved traceability and

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resource management, and formalizing the informal waste sector to protect and empower waste pickers.

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BARRICK, AMNESTY REACT AS COURT CASE IS DISMISSED

Canada's Court of Appeal for Ontario has dismissed a lawsuit against Barrick's North Mara Gold Mine, a decision that has drawn mixed reactions from the company and human rights advocates. The case stemmed from allegations of deaths and assaults in and around the North Mara mine in Tanzania. In a ruling delivered on April 7, 2026, a panel of judges upheld an earlier decision that the matter should not proceed in Ontario, concluding that Tanzania is the more appropriate jurisdiction to hear the claims. The lawsuit, originally filed in November 2022, focused on allegations of excessive use of force by police officers assigned to provide security at the mine in northern Tanzania.

According to court documents, the area is largely inhabited by members of the Kuria community, many of whom have historically relied on small-scale mining, and the claim alleges that residents' attempts to access waste rock for subsistence have been met with disproportionate force, resulting in more than 70 deaths over the past two decades. In a statement, Barrick welcomed the ruling, noting that it upholds an earlier decision by the Ontario Superior Court affirming that Tanzania is the appropriate forum for the case.

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TCRA ANNOUNCES 5G COVERAGE REACHES ONE-THIRD OF TANZANIANS

By December 2025, 5G services in Tanzania had reached 30.13 percent of the population, covered 10.9 percent of the national landmass, and ensured that every region has at least one 5G installation, according to the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA). Speaking at a press conference, TCRA director general Dr. Jabiri Bakari noted that advanced internet-ready technologies have expanded significantly over the past four years, with a major milestone being the rollout of fifth-generation mobile communication (5G), introduced in 2022 and now serving nearly a third of the population across just over 10 percent of the country's surface area.

He highlighted that the communications sector has undergone a substantial transformation driven by strong policy frameworks and effective spectrum management, leading to a 400 percent growth in service coverage nationwide. This digital expansion is supported by the National Information and Communications Technologies Backbone (NICTBB), whose capacity increased tenfold from 200 Gbps to 2,000 Gbps, enabling a more inclusive digital economy by expanding access to e-commerce and e-Government services. Dr. Bakari added that the surge in

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connectivity is also reflected in the doubling of active SIM cards from 52.8 million to over 106.8 million during the same period.

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TISEZA REGISTERS OVER 14,200 PROJECTS

The Tanzania Investment and Special Economic Zones Authority (TISEZA) has registered 14,209 investment projects and issued certificates of recognition, according to recent data shared by Deputy Minister of State in the President's Office (Planning and Investment), Dr. Pius Chaya, during a question-and-answer session in the National Assembly in Dodoma. Responding to a question from Special Seats MP Dr. Neema Majule, he noted that the authority continues to register projects from both local and foreign investors based on established capital thresholds.

Dr. Chaya further explained that, to harness digital opportunities, TISEZA has developed a National Private Sector Investment Database that will integrate systems from various institutions involved in company registration, to improve access to accurate investment information, including capital invested and jobs created. He added that the government is also running a campaign to promote domestic investment and encourage all unregistered investors to register with TISEZA.

BRELA LAUNCHES UPGRADED ONLINE SERVICES PLATFORM

The Business Registrations and Licensing Agency (BRELA) has officially launched its upgraded online service platform, known as the BRELA Online Services (BOS), aimed at simplifying business and industrial license registration processes. According to a public statement issued in Dar es Salaam, BOS began offering services for the registration of new business names and industrial licenses on April 8, 2026, with stakeholders now required to submit new applications through BOS, while clients with ongoing applications will continue to use the previous Online Registration System (ORS).

BRELA's Director of Companies and Business Licensing, Mr. Isidor Nkindi, explained that BOS initially covers two modules of registration of business names and industrial licenses as part of a gradual rollout intended to consolidate services into a single system, unlike ORS, which handled only registration services. He emphasized that other functions, including company registration, certificates of good standing, trademarks, and ongoing applications, will continue to be managed through ORS for the time being.

Mr. Nkindi added that the introduction of BOS aims to simplify business procedures, reduce service delays, and improve accessibility for both local and international entrepreneurs and investors. Services that will remain on ORS include changes of particulars, company registration processes, filing of company documents, annual returns, progress reports, cancellations, trademark registration and related filings, payment of annual maintenance fees, and patent registration and filing of patents or utility model documents.

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