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**IN A GLANCE**

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**Tourism** earnings rose more than a third to **Sh157 billion** buoyed by arrivals from Uganda and Tanzania whose visitor numbers raced ahead of the UK. (Business Daily)

Last month the **African Development Bank (AFDB)** announced a **Sh2.52 billion** fund for **renewable energy** projects in the continent. (The Standard)

Uganda has regained its position as the **biggest buyer of Kenyan goods** after making orders worth **Sh61.9 billion** from Nairobi last year, fresh official trade data shows. Kampala's rise to the top export market position is at the expense of Pakistan, whose purchase of **Sh59.39 billion** worth of Kenyan goods last year was **Sh4.67 billion (7.29 percent)** less than its 2017 orders. <https://www.businessdailyafrica.com/economy/3946234-5007996-yydsw2/index.html>

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**KENYA**

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Nairobi is set to receive **62.914 Euro million (Sh7.33 billion)** loan from African Development Bank (AFDB) to build a 220 –Kilometre **sewerage network and waste treatment** plant in Dandora to ease blockage and leakage of waste. (Business Daily)

**The European (EU)** has committed seven million euro (**Sh805 million**) to help combat the fall of **armyworm** across East Africa (The East Africa)

Family- Owned construction materials **Devki Group** has inked a **Sh25.5 billion** deal with Chinese firm **Sinoma Energy** to **power** its Mombasa- based raw steel processor and the new Athi River cement clinker. (Daily Nation)

Chinese firm Zhongcheng import and Export Co, Ltd has announced the signing of **Sh4.8 billion** contract to build a **medical facility** in Machakos County. (Daily Nation)

British **renewable energy** firm **BBOX** has secured **\$ 31 million (Sh3.15 billion)** Investment from the Africa Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM) fund its Kenyan expansion. (Daily Nation)

The World's fifth largest charity, **Ford Foundation**, has awarded the **University** of Nairobi (**UoN**) **Sh 40 million** towards renovation of the Iconic Taifa Hall. (Business Daily)

The **Geothermal Development Company (GDC)** has received a major boost in its efforts to upscale the exploitation of **geothermal resources** in the country. Geothermal Risk Mitigation facility (GRMF) approved a **Sh1.3 billion** grant to GDC to facilitate the drilling of six geothermal wells and support the development of key infrastructural works at the Baringo – Silali Geothermal project (Business Daily)

**French Development Agency (AFD)** has invested **Sh150 million** in Safaricom-backed **healthcare app** M-Tiba that will go towards growing number of individuals and healthcare providers on the Platform. (Business Daily)

The **African Guarantee Fund** for small and Medium- sized enterprises (**AGF**), has received a capital injection of **EUR 25million** ( **Sh2.9 billion**) from the German government- owned **kfW** Entwicklungsbank (KfW) Development.

The United Nations project services (**Unops**) has injected **Sh 1 billion** into Kenya's **affordable housing** programme targeting decent urban living units for low-income earners. (Daly Nation)

Kenya venture capital firm **Africa Tech ventures** has received over **700 million** from the African Development Bank (AFDB) to support Sub- Saharan Africa's innovative **start-ups**. (The Standard)

**Online Trading platform** Afrikasokoni raised **Sh 62.5 million** from foreign financiers in the past year to launch its operations in Kenya (Business Daily)

### **RWANDA**

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Rwanda has signed a **\$400 million (Sh40.4 billion)** deal to produce **bottled gas** from Lake Kivu, which emits dense clouds of methane and is known as one of Africa's 'Killer Lakes' (Business Daily)

### **TANZANIA**

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Two Italian companies have entered Tanzania's **leather sector** to take advantage of the large quantities of raw hides and skins produced every year in the country. **Toscana Machine Calzature (TMC)** and **Ital Progetti** have signed an agreement with the prisons department and the Public Service Social Security Fund to establish two leather factories in Moshi in Kilimanjaro where they have invested **\$24.5 million** and the two factories will be managed jointly with Karanga Leather Industries Company Ltd in Karanga Prisons.

### **UGANDA**

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The government of Uganda has secured **US \$18m** for the construction of the 8km Kabale-Lake Bunyonyi **Road and purchase of a ferry** that will be transporting people across the lake. <https://constructionreviewonline.com/2019/03/uganda-secures-us-18m-for-construction-of-kabale-lake-bunyonyi-road/>

**AFB** signs **270 million €** credit facilities with Uganda to support access to clean water and sanitation These two projects will be implemented by **National Water and Sewerage Corporation** and are in line with Uganda Vision 2040 and the National Development Plan (NDP). <https://ug.ambafrance.org/AFD-signs-270-million-EUR-credit-facilities-with-Uganda-to-support-access-to>

### **TENDERS**

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The Wajir Water and Sewerage Company (**WAJWASCO**) hereby invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and installation of generators. <https://cbagroup.com/treasury/treasury/exotic-currencies/>