

Newsletter from East Africa

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UPCOMING

The National Construction Authority of Kenya is organizing a delegation to visit the Trade Fair Batibouw https://www.batibouw.com/en/i-would-participate and B2B meetings at the Flanders Investment and Trade building in Brussels. The delegation composed of 10 Kenyan companies will be willing to source products from Belgium from the construction industry. They will arrive on Tuesday 21st of February and leave on Sunday 26. Profile of the delegation is available from Nairrobi@belemb.eu

WHAT ARE BELGIANS DOING IN EAST AFRICA?

The Belgian roofing tiles manufacturer COVERITE SPRL is pleased to announce that **Roko Technical Services Ltd** has been appointed as Uganda representative for **Coversys Steel Roof Tiles** <u>www.coversys.com</u>

Brussels- based global hotels group, Carlson Rezidor (Radisson Blu Hotel), is set to open an additional four hotels in Kenya in the next three years. (Business Daily)

IN A GLANCE

TradeMark East Africa is counting on a grant of **9.8 million Euros** advanced by the **Finland government to** enhance trade integration across the East African Community. (Daily Nation)

Kenya Uganda & Tanzania are among 13 African countries that will receive \$55 million from the Global Fund to fight HIV/Aids among adolescent girls and young women. (The East African)

Tech giant **IBM** is investing **\$70 million** to build digital, cloud and cognitive **IT** skills to help support a 21st Century workforce in Africa. (The Standard)

KENYA

The European Union plans to invest at least \$200 million on projects at the Mombasa port, including modernisation of berths. (Daily Nation)

President Uhuru Kenyatta inked a **Sh19 billion** agreement with the **French government** to build a dam in Ruiru. (Daily Nation)

British explorer, **Tullow Oil** will spend at least **Sh. 22.5 billion** on appraisal and exploration activities in Kenya. (Business Daily)

Nyeri Water & Sewerage Company has secured **Sh.178 million** from the **World Bank** for improved sewerage and sanitation services project. (The Standard)

The Government of Kenya has received financing from the **World Bank** towards the cost of the Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project. http://projects.worldbank.org/P117635/kenya-enhancing-water-security-climate-resilience?lang=en



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United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is looking for potential suppliers of Animal feeds. http://www.tendersoko.com/tender/Procurement-Of-Animal-Feed-7293/

Kenyan tycoon of GL Africa Energy has won a Sh. 37.5 billion tender to build a 250MW gas power plant in Mozambique. (Business Daily)

TANZANIA

The Government of Tanzania has announced tenders for the construction of the central line railway to the standard gauge. The tenders are divided into phases as follow:

- [a] Morogoro Makutopora 336 Km design and build contract
- [b] Makutopora Tabora 294 KM design and build contract
- [c] Tobora Mwanza 248 KM Build contract

Detailed information is available in the website of is www.rahco.go.tz

Tanzania has signed a deal with Turkish and Portuguese construction companies to undertake the Dar es Salaam – Morogoro standard gauge railway project. (Business Daily)

The World Bank recently approved USD225m loan to improve access to water supply and sanitation services in Dar es Salaam. http://www.tanzaniainvest.com/construction/world-bank-wb-financing-water-dar-es-salaam

Tanzania will receive a \$305 million loan from the World Bank to expand its main port in Dar es Salaam. (The Standard)

Tanzania's poultry industry will benefit from a four-year **USD21.4m** grant, aimed at enhancing the country's poultry production. http://www.tanzaniainvest.com/agriculture/poultry-industry-grant-wpf

UGANDA

The African Development Bank has given a grant of about **Sh.104 million** (\$1million) to Earth Energy Limited to finance feasibility studies ahead of the development of a 20MW biomass power plant in northern Uganda. (Business Daily)

Uganda is negotiating a \$2.3 billion loan with China's Exim Bank to fund an initial 273 km stretch of rail line. (Business Daily)

A new **\$12.7 million** fund has been launched by Uganda to ease access to affordable credit by enterprises involved in value addition in the agricultural sector & is supported by the National Security Fund, The European Union & the International Fund for Agricultural Development. (The East African)

RWANDA

The Government has announced it will sell its stake in **I&M Bank** to the public through an Initial Public Offer & targets to fund construction of the new Bugesera International Airport. http://allafrica.com/stories/201702090069.html

BURUNDI

Rainbow Rare Earths listed on the London stock market raises \$10 million to invest in its Gakara project in Burundi. (Business Daily) http://www.rainbowrareearths.com/the-gakara-project/overview/

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs & UN has launched the Burundi Humanitarian Response 2017 to people who are vulnerable due to food insecurity and other challenges. http://allafrica.com/stories/201701230125.html



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