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## WHAT ARE BELGIANS DOING IN EAST AFRICA?

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has approved the conversion of the Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) to a multi-donor trust fund bringing the governments of Italy and **Flanders (Belgium)**, who are contributing **€4.7 million (\$5 million) and €2 million (\$2 million)**, respectively to the fund. <https://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/africa-climate-change-fund-scales-up-its-operations-with-new-contributions-from-italy-and-flanders-16818/>

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology in collaboration with the **Belgian Universities** KULeuven and Vrije Universiteit Brussels have worked together to establish a Legume Centre of Excellence for Food and Nutrition Security. The program funded by VLIR-UOS was officially launched on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 <http://www.jkuat.ac.ke/centres/lcefons/about-us-introduction/>

## IN A GLANCE

The World Bank has announced a **\$ 57 billion (Sh5.7 Trillion)** Financing for **Sub Saharan Africa**, the bulk of which will be used for development. (The Standard)

The upgrade of a **118 km road** section connecting **Kenya** and **Uganda** has gathered momentum after the African Development Bank Group (AFDB) approved **Sh26.1 billion (\$253 million)** for the project. (Business Daily)

Kenya, Ethiopia, and Uganda are among countries that will benefit from a \$6.8 million fund to build **agricultural resilience** against climate change in the horn of Africa <http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/scienceandhealth/-climate-change-Kenya-Ethiopia-Uganda--6-8m-agriculture-grant/3073694-3861132-pu9ddd/index.html>

## KENYA

Chinese Mining firm Chuanshan will invest **\$40 million** in exploration and **mining of Diatomite** at Marigat in Kenya's Baringo County. (The East African)

The European Investment Bank (EIB) will fund new projects in the **power and transport** sectors to the tune of **60million euros (Sh6.7 billion)**. (The Standard)

**Sh1.3 billion** will be spent to equip over 6,500 youth in marginalized areas with **vocational skills** at the coast. They will be done together by the **European Union, Kenya Red Cross Society, The Aga Khan Foundation, GIZ** and representatives from the **national government**. (Daily Nation)

The government has signed a **Sh18billion** deal with two Chinese firms to rehabilitate **206km of roads** in South Nyanza. Kenya National Highways Authority (KENHA), with the support of the African Development Bank is set to roll out rehabilitation of the road. (The Standard)

Counties will receive **Sh19.1 billion** annually for five years to advance **reproductive, maternal neonatal, child and adolescent healthcare**. **World Bank** will fund **Sh15 billion** while **4 billion** will be provided by the **Global Financing Trust Fund** and 10 million by a **Japanese Government Grant**.

Some 300,000 more homes will be **connected to the power Grid** at subsidized rates after Kenya received a Sh 20 billion support from the European lenders.

The Global Fund has set aside Sh6 billion for 15 million free **mosquito nets** to malaria prone counties in Kenya.

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) says it is willing to make an additional investment of up to **\$60 million (SH6billion)** **insurance group** Britam in the next 12 months. (Business Daily)

Turin Based Iveco has returned to Kenya through Global Motors Centre which is building a **Sh2.3 billion assembly plant in Mombasa** to produce the Italian automaker's range of Commercial Vehicle brands. (Business Daily)

French billionaire businessman Mohed Altrad has **donated 3,000 books** worth **Sh5million** to Mount Kenya University (MKU) (Business Daily)

UK will donate **Sh500 million** to support Kenya's effort mitigating the effects of the **current drought**, (The Star)

Kenyan government has approved **Sh6.7 billion (\$65 million)** towards the country's last mile connectivity project. The loan signed with European Investment Bank (EIB) concerns a multiple scheme **electrification** project, targeting universal access to electricity for the Kenyan population by 2020, the Standard reported. <https://www.esi-africa.com/news/kenya-rural-electrification-project-obtains-funding/>

## TANZANIA

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A series of major **road projects** are now being planned in Tanzania, with funding sources for much of the work having been identified and secured. <http://www.worldhighways.com/categories/auctions-equipment-supply-servicing-finance/news/tanzania-road-development-projects-being-planned/>

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has approved a **USD 29.8 Million** loan to Tanzania to help the country mobilize domestic resources and unlock the potential of its **natural gas resources** through leveraging domestic markets and local content initiatives. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201704060561.html>

## UGANDA

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Last week Friday, the AfDB's board of directors approved a project preparation grant of **\$2.3 million** to kick-start future investments in decentralised **power systems in rural and urban areas**. <https://www.esi-africa.com/news/afdb-supports-ugandas-off-grid-master-plan/>

## RWANDA

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**Prime Cement** has signed a deal with Denmark's FLSmidth to build a **US\$65m** cement grinding plant in Musanze District. The plant will have a cement production capacity of 0.7Mt/yr. A second phase will add an integrated clinker plant within the next 5years <http://www.globalcement.com/news/itemlist/tag/Prime%20Cement>

The Government of Rwanda and World Bank signed a **\$46 million (approx. Rwf38 billion)** loan to support **farming** across the country. <http://www.newtimes.co.rw/section/article/2017-03-10/208749/>

Rwanda and Japan signed a financing agreement worth **US\$18.8 million** to support the phase 3 of the second strategic Plan for the Transformation of **agriculture** (PASTA II). <http://rwandaeye.com/rwanda-agricultural-sector-gets-us-30-billion-boost/>

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