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## IN A GLANCE

The World Bank and the African Development Bank will together commit more than \$47 billion (Sh4.7 trn) by 2025 to help African countries tackle the effects of **climate change** between 2020 and 2025 (Business Daily)

## WHAT BELGIANS ARE DOING IN AFRICA

The non-profit WMH is building a school for 400 **disadvantaged children** in the area of Fort portal in Uganda. MH is looking for Belgian organizations that want to partner up and strengthen their CSR policy by supporting their cause. For more information, check [www.rambiaschool.org](http://www.rambiaschool.org), or send an email to [toon.vandevelde@wereldmissiehulp.be](mailto:toon.vandevelde@wereldmissiehulp.be)

## KENYA

Focused on Nature (FON) is an organization founded by prince Hussain Aga Khan to assist in the **conversation protection** of threatened and endangered species and habitat conservation. The Aga Khan Development Network contributes to various sectors in the economy and areas for social development. [www.agakhanacademies.org](http://www.agakhanacademies.org)

The government has launched programme to improve productivity in the **Dairy sector** in 21 counties. The programme dubbed Dairy value Chain platform is financed by the **World Bank** with **\$219 million** (Sh21billion)

**Cytonn Investment management Plc** has reached a deal with mid-tier **SBM Bank Kenya** for a **Sh650 million** loan signalling a plan to diversify its **funding** sources. (Business Daily)

Kenya will benefit from a (**\$38 million**) fund by the **Coca-Cola Company** to stimulate **plastic recycling**. The Initiative aims at creating awareness on plastic waste pollution over the next three years. (The Standard)

The Northern region is set to open up for more Investment after the **European Union (EU)** gave grants worth **Sh402 million** to Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT) conservancies for **infra structural** development. The high-grade infrastructural Equipment donated will facilitate construction of **21 airstrips** within 39 community conservancies and open up internal roads to boost tourism, security, economy, livelihoods together with the conservation of nature and wildlife across 10 counties. <https://allafrica.com/stories/201903180116.html>

The government is negotiating with China for a loan of about **Sh370 billion** to complete the **third phase of the standard gauge railway**. According to Kenya railways Acting Director Philip Mahinga, the corporation is also holding talks to finance a system that will ensure the railway, its passengers, goods and equipment are secure as they snake through sparsely populated regions in its 974-kilometre journey from Mombasa to Malaba in Busia County. <https://allafrica.com/stories/201903200401.html>.

Kenya is set to sign a **US\$ 25M** contract with **China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC)** to refurbish the **Nairobi Commuter railway network**. (<https://constructionreviewonline.com/2019/03/kenya-to-refurbish-the-nairobi-commuter-railway-network/>)

Mandera town residents will benefit of a **Sh2.5 billion water and sewerage** project set for completion within 20 months.

Kenyan –based global software developer, compulynx, has injected **Sh30 million** into a partnership with a **US tech firm, Chain Works**, in establishing a **block Chain- based** technology firm.

<https://www.businessdailyafrica.com/markets/marketnews/Compulynx-inks-Sh30m-blockchain-deal/3815534-5041654-672gf1/index.html>

Over 130 Kenyans stand to benefit from **\$100 million** business funding from a leading philanthropist. **The Tony Elemelu Foundation (TEF)** said 3050 African Entrepreneurs drawn from the entire continent have been selected to join the foundations fifth cycle of its **entrepreneurship programme** this year. (The Standard)

## UGANDA

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Kikagati hydropower project in Uganda has received **US \$27M** funding from the **Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund (EAIF)**. Kikagati Power Company Limited (KPCL), developer of the ongoing 16MW run-of-the-river **hydro electricity** generating station project confirmed the reports.

<https://constructionreviewonline.com/2019/03/kikagati-hydropower-project-in-uganda-receives-us-27m-funding/>

Government signed a multi-billion deal with the China Railway Seventh Group to design and construct Masindi-Biso, Kabaale-Kizirafumbi and Hohwa-Nyairongo-Kyarushesha-Butole road. **The 97km road** is part of the 700km critical oil roads that are supposed to be tarmacked ahead of onset of oil production in 2021.

<https://allafrica.com/stories/201903270096.html>

Proparco, the private sector Financial arm of the **French development Agency** plans to inject 80 million Euro (Sh0.06 billion) in the country through direct and indirect Investment. (The Star)

## TANZANIA

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Tanzania through **Jumeme rural Power Supply Ltd** has embarked on construction of **solar- hybrid mini-grids** to boost electricity power output in an effort to meet the rising demand of electricity in the country.

<https://constructionreviewonline.com/2019/03/construction-of-22-solar-hybrid-mini-grids-in-tanzania-in-progress/>

The **Aga Khan Development Network (AFDN)** opened phase two **expansion of the Aga Khan hospital** in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, which is expected to provide services to over **1 million** patients annually (Business Daily)

## UPCOMING EVENTS & MISSION

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The Trade commission will have a booth on MEDIC EAST AFRICA from 24 - 26 September 2019 <https://www.medicestafrica.com/en/home.html>, and a mission to Kenya & Uganda beginning of November 2019 with a focus on the Construction segment.

## SENEGAL

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The new Trade Commission office in DAKAR, Senegal is now open.

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The “Forum de Dakar”, under the patronage of H.E President Macky Sall and with the participation of Youssou N’Dour will take place from 24 to 26 April 2019 with a focus on tourism, creative industries, digitalisation and sustainable development issues. <https://www.afrika-innovation.com/>