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WHAT ARE BELGIANS DOING IN EAST AFRICA

Frédéric Morel from **Energio Verda**, a renewable energy consultancy company and project developer operating in Tanzania, is now offering **GIS based services** from site searching to site validation and land securement. More on : www.energioverda.com

David Lecoque from Alliance for Rural Electrification (ARE in Brussels) in collaboration with the Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP), will host an **Off-grid Matchmaking Event** - <http://ruralelec.org/matchmaking-platform> - the day before **IOREC** (- <http://iorec.irena.org/>) on **29 Sept 2016** in Nairobi. The venue is the Pavilion room of the Safari Park Hotel, located Kasarani off Thika Road Nairobi.

IN A GLANCE

The Africa **Infrastructure Summit** Committee has organized an investors Forum scheduled at the Windsor Country Club in Nairobi, Kenya from **14-16 Sept 2016**. The aim is to bring together International Investors in Infrastructure and Showcase Kenya's priority PPP projects in the energy transport and housing sectors.

Japanese PM Shinzo Abe wound up his 3 day visit to Kenya last night after announcing a **Sh10 billion grant** to support development (Daily Nation)

KENYA

Kenya and France have signed **Sh3.63 billion** deal for **power grids** in Northern Kenya counties. (The Standard)

Kenya start-ups and Entrepreneurs in the **green technology** space stand to benefit from a **\$20 million (sh2.02billion)** fund launched in Nairobi (Business Daily)

The US government has approved an additional budget of **Sh 20billion (\$200 million)** to boost Kenya's fight against **HIV** (The Standard)

Canada has released **Sh360 million** to boost **health services** for women and children. The project will target both lactating and expectant mothers as well as the youth and children under five. (The Standard)

Pastoralists are set to benefit from a **Sh7.7 billion** World Bank loan expected to ease losses related to drought and disease. The financing is expected to cater for a range of activities including **water provision, re-seeding** of rangelands, **animal vaccination** and **storing** fodder to ensure increased yields for about 93,000 pastoralist households. <http://www.nation.co.ke/business/Kenyan-pastoralists-get-Sh7-7bn-World-Bank-support/996-3325892-vrc9riz/index.html>

Non Governmental Organization CAP Youth Empowerment institute (Cap Yei) and the MasterCard Foundation have announced a **1billion (\$10.5million)** partnership to **create jobs for the youth** (Business Daily)

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is set to lend up to **\$4.5 million (Sh450 million)** to **spices and snacks maker** Tropical Heat Limited to finance the construction of a new factory on an eight acre piece of land in Limuru (Business Daily)

TANZANIA

Smallholder farmers in Tanzania are set to benefit from a **\$25million (about Sh55billion)** new **agriculture Finance** (AgriFin) programme launched last week. (Business Daily)

Tanzania has secured a **\$7.6 billion** loan from China's Export-Import Bank (Exim) for the construction of a **railway line** that will link it with Burundi, Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo. (The East Africa)

Chinese Investors plan to invest **USD100m** in the construction of a **tile plant** in Mkiu Village, Mkuranga District, Coast Region of Tanzania. <http://www.tanzaniainvest.com/industry/tile-factory>

Tanzania has set aside **\$3million** in grants to **small scale miners**, in a plan that seeks to develop the sector and boost revenue collection. The World Bank will be funding the programme which targets different groups of artisan miners, with women's groups being allocated 30% of the total fund. (The East African)

The World Bank (WB) is set to spend **\$ 195 million (Ksh19bn)** for implementation of Tanzania's Dar es Salaam **Metropolitan Development project** (DMDP) (Daily Nation)

Tanzania is to develop **irrigation and hydropower** projects in the southern highlands after receiving **\$2.26 million** under the Africa Water facility (AWF) project for a 22 month pre feasibility study. The project will be funded by the African Development Bank (AFDB) and the government of Tanzania. (The East African)

RWANDA

The European Investment Bank has pledged to provide **EUR 28 million** alongside **EUR 28 million** being provided by Bank of Kigali, **to back private sector** investment across Rwanda. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201607251253.html>

The African Development Bank and the Government of Rwanda signed a financing agreement amounting to **UA35.9 million (USD 50.200 million)** to **finance the third phrase** of the Skills, Employability and Entrepreneurship Programme III (SEEP III). <http://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/article/african-development-bank-supports-employability-and-entrepreneurship-in-rwanda-with-usd-50-million-15983/>

Rwanda and Germany are in final negotiations that will see the former receive **\$84 million**, one-third of which will go toward **Technical and Vocational Education and Training** (TVET). <http://www.newtimes.co.rw/section/article/2016-08-12/202548/>

Foreign funding will help pay for key **road rebuilding** work in Rwanda. Loans worth **US\$162.4 million** are being provided by the African Development Bank and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), with a **\$22 million** development grant also coming from the EU. <http://www.worldhighways.com/categories/auctions-equipment-supply-servicing-finance/news/funding-for-rwanda-roads-rebuild/>

BUSINESS MISSION

Belgian Trade agencies will organize a fact finding mission to Tanzania & Mozambique on the week of 14th November 2016. An **introduction seminar** "TANZANIA-MOZAMBIQUE" will be organized on **Tuesday 20th September 2016** at 14h00, in the AWEX office, Place Saintelette 2, 1080 Brussels. Registration (free of charge) with Mme Katia Low : k.low@awex.be