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8 Sep 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. Senate president **Sama Lukonde** meets **United States (US)** assistant secretary of state for **African** affairs **Frank W. Garcia Jr.** to review bilateral agreements covering security, mining governance, energy transition and agriculture;

8 Sep 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. The government allegedly carried out drones strikes in the **Tigray Region**, killing three civilians;

8 Sep 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Daily Nation*. **Controller of Budget, Margaret Nyakang'o**, raises concerns over Sh364 billion (\$2.82 billion) in spending classified as “*crisis*” expenditure, highlighting questions around the government’s budget management and use of emergency funds;

8 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Madagascar launches a ten-day national conference to redefine its foreign policy and strengthen its position internationally, with a focus on sovereignty, economic diplomacy, strategic partnerships, maritime security, climate and technology;

8 Sep 2026 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania** (central bank) data highlights that the trade, mining and energy sectors are driving a sharp increase in **United States (US)** dollar-denominated transactions, reflecting growing foreign investment and cross-border business activity;

8 Sep 2026 **Kampala (Uganda)** *Monitor*. Uganda’s oil regulator, the **Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU)**, is awaiting the appointment of a substantive executive director following the departure of its long-serving head, **Ernest Rubondo**;

8 Sep 2026 **Kigali (Rwanda)** *The New Times*. Rwanda and **Oman** agree to establish resident embassies in Kigali and **Muscat** to strengthen diplomatic and economic ties, alongside a joint committee, business council and technical cooperation programme;

7 Sep 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *La Prosperite*. **Chinese**-owned mining companies in the DRC have pledged \$1m to support the government’s response to the **Ebola** outbreak, following an appeal by mines minister **Louis Watum Kabamba**;

7 Sep 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Mining Weekly*. **Australia**-headquartered **Kefi Gold and Copper** confirms it has suspended development activities at its **Tulu Kapi** gold project in **Oromia Region** following a serious security incident on 4 September that caused multiple fatalities, including a company employee;

7 Sep 2026 **Nairobi (Kenya)** *Reuters*. Government offers temporary amnesty to undocumented **East African** nationals after hundreds of **Burundians** flock to their embassy in Nairobi seeking travel documents, fearing a crackdown on small-scale traders from abroad;

7 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Madagascar assumes the chairmanship of the **Eastern and Southern Africa Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG)**;

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5 Sep 2026 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Borkena*. Foreign minister **Gedion Timothewos** meets **United States (US)** assistant secretary of state for African Affairs **Frank Garcia** to discuss strengthening bilateral ties, expanding trade and private-sector investment, and improving commercial cooperation;

4 Sep 2026 **Asmara (Eritrea)** *Sudan Tribune*. **Sudanese** army chief and **Sovereign Council** head **Abdel Fattah al-Burhan** arrives in Eritrea for talks with President **Isias Afwerki**, marking his second visit to the country in less than two months;

3 Sep 2026 **Kinshasa (DRC)** *Al Jazeera*. **World Health Organisation (WHO)** director-general **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** warns that the DRC's Ebola outbreak will continue to threaten the country and region unless all transmission chains are identified and broken, with deaths exceeding 3,000 and up to 80% of new cases occurring outside known contacts;

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