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Regional

AfDB formalises framework on public private partnerships for infrastructure

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has approved its first strategic framework for the development of public private partnerships (PPP). Africa's infrastructure investment gap is estimated at more than \$100 billion a year which affects the living conditions of people and also the continent's global competitiveness. AfDB experts say public private partnership offer an additional way to increase private sector investments and a higher level of efficiency to develop and operate infrastructure assets on the continent. AfDB Group President Akinwumi Adesina said the new Framework would now form the bedrock of their engagement in the infrastructure sector. "This eagerly awaited strategic framework will go a long way to enabling the Bank to provide much-required assistance for the development and implementation of public private partnerships in our regional member countries, and we look forward to its success," said Adesina. (Source: ESI Africa)

Angola

Webcor, Grupo Arco to hit sweet spot with opening of US\$45 million confectionery factory

Angola's Webcor Group is set to commence production at its newly constructed Dulceria Nacional cookie and candy factory. The facility has been established in partnership with the Argentine multinational confectionery company, Grupo Arco, at a cost of US\$45m. It is expected to produce 6,000 tons of biscuits, candy and chocolates brands in the first year. It will scale up to 15,000 tons afterwards to serve both the local market and those of neighbouring Congo, Namibia, Zambia, and Botswana, bringing a competitive advantage in terms of cost and distribution. "The new factory marks another milestone in Webcor's history of direct investment in Angola, underlining the Group's commitment to expanding its local production footprint in the region," said Wissam Nesr, Webcor Group CEO. The announcement follows the company's opening of its new US\$9.5m raffia bag processing unit in November last year, through its industrial subsidiary IMEX. With a production capacity of 60 million bags a year and 70% coverage of current market needs, IMEX eyes the export market after covering all the needs of home market. Meanwhile, IMEX's sister company, Grandes Moagens de Angola, recently completed construction of the first phase of its wheat flour mill in Lobito. The silos, with a total storage capacity of 66,000 tons of grain, can unload grain ships at up to 300 tons per hour and perform pre-cleaning at 150 tons per hour. The new processing facility is an addition to its wheat mill located at the heart of Luanda's port, featuring state of art machinery with a processing capacity of 1,200 tons of wheat/day. (Source: Food Business Africa)

Angola

DP World to work with Angolan government to develop country's logistics sector

DP World and the Government of Angola, on Wednesday 2nd February signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which will see both parties cooperating to further develop the country's trade and logistics sector. The MoU paves the way for the two parties to enter into formal discussions to explore cooperation in the areas of ports and terminals, special economic zones and logistics parks, cross border trade facilitation, trade finance and marine services, as well as logistics support in other commodity-based sectors. On 1 March 2021 DP World began operations at the Multipurpose Terminal (MPT) at the Port of Luanda after having been awarded a 20-year concession to manage, operate and modernise the facility. Since then, DP World Luanda has invested in new equipment and facilities, technology and the development and training of staff, as part of a US\$190 million initial investment to transform the terminal into a major maritime hub along the western coast of Southern Africa. Ricardo Viegas d'Abreu, Angola's Minister of Transports, described DP World as a strategic partner for the transport and logistics sector in Angola. He said DP World brought together the professionalism and skills necessary to drive the vision of an integrated and sustainable economy, with an effective and efficient logistics chain. (Source: Africa Ports)

DR Congo

Tshisekedi launches construction of Congo's first deep-water port

Democratic Republic of Congo President Felix Tshisekedi has launched the construction of the country's first deep-water port, a \$1.2 billion project that has drawn criticism for being built on the edge of a protected wetlands. Banana Port, to be built by Dubai's port giant DP World, will border Congo's Mangrove Marine Park, a nature reserve that contains a variety of vulnerable or endangered plant and animal species. The port at Banana, a sandy spit of land at the mouth of Congo River, will process 322,000 containers per year, Congolese Minister of Industry Julien Paluku said on Twitter, posting a picture of Tshisekedi laying the first stone of the project. Congo's Presidency said on Twitter that Tshisekedi was realising an old dream of the country for a deep-water port on the Atlantic Ocean, which would be completed in 2025. In December DP World said the first phase of the port will include a 600-meter (1,968.5-foot) quay with an 18-metre (59-foot) draft, to be completed in 12 months. (Source: Reuters)

Kenya

Kenya plans more big projects amid surging cost fears

Kenya will continue spending massively on infrastructure projects in the five years to 2027, in what will keep the country as a big construction site for the next decade. In its new medium-term plan, the Treasury says it will prioritise spending to upgrade the nation's rail system, road network and building of new power plants despite mounting concerns of the high costs of the projects that in the past fuelled a controversial debt binge by the government. "The fourth medium-term plan will prioritise increased investments in improving infrastructure so as to lower the cost of doing business which in turn improves national competitiveness and productivity," says a concept note presented yesterday by Treasury teams at the start of the budget-making process. "It will fast track expansion and rehabilitation of national and county roads, model Jomo Kenyatta International Airport into an aviation hub, expansion and modernisation of airports and rehabilitation of airstrips." Economists under the plan are also calling for the continued modernisation of sea and inland ports and the expansion of rehabilitation of railway infrastructure to facilitate seamless connectivity. The plan will also accelerate the transition to clean energy, promote energy efficiency and shift to auctions as a successor to the feed-in-tariffs policy to address high electricity tariffs. (Source: Business Daily)

Mozambique

TotalEnergies aims to restart \$20 billion Mozambique LNG project in 2022

TotalEnergies CEO Patrick Pouyanne has said the French firm aimed to restart a \$20 billion liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in the north of Mozambique that was halted by an insurgent group with links to Islamic State almost a year ago. "When I will see that life is back to normality, which means having some state services and population, then the project can restart," Pouyanne said on a visit to Mozambique on Monday. "My objective is that we will restart in 2022." TotalEnergies had intended for the project to produce its first cargo in 2024. "A lot of progress has been done and frankly in a very short period of time," Pouyanne told reporters, after signing a deal to train 2,500 young Mozambicans in a way that will help them contribute to the project, such as growing vegetables which they can then sell to feed workers on the project. However more steps needed to be taken to ensure these achievements were sustainable, he said, adding that this also included a return to normality in towns that were left largely abandoned, without any public services. (Source: Reuters)

Mozambique

Mozambique's graphite for Tesla's EV car batteries

Graphite mined from Mozambique's Balama will be part of the supplies to Tesla's Electric Vehicles Assembly plants from 2025. But the US based electric car maker will not be purchasing the commodity directly from the East African country. Tesla will, instead, buy the material from Syrah Resources' processing plant in Vidalia, Louisiana, which sources graphite from its mine in Balama, Mozambique. Tesla plans to buy up 80% of what the plant produces — 8,000 tons of graphite per year. Graphite, a higher form of coal (crystalline form), is a key resource in the making of lithium-ion batteries, which are themselves key components in electric vehicles. The Balama mine is described, by some sources, as the world's largest high-grade graphite deposit. It is located on a 106km² mining concession within the Cabo Delgado province in the district of Namuno. (Source: Oil & Gas Africa)

Rwanda

TotalEnergies signs MoU with Rwanda Development Board

During a visit to the country by Patrick Pouyanné, TotalEnergies and Rwanda Development Board, a Rwandan public institution responsible for accelerating Rwanda's economic development, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop collaboration on projects related to energies. The scope of the agreement covers in particular:

- The energy products distribution (including LPG, and electric charging),
- The supply of LPG as a substitute for burning biomass,
- The renewable hydro-electricity generation,
- The development of power storage solutions for the electrical network,
- The development of Natural Based Solution for carbon storage,
- The implementation of education and training programs on new energies and the energy transition.

TotalEnergies also announced the incorporation of a local branch TotalEnergies Marketing Rwanda Ltd, and the opening of a permanent representation office in Kigali. (Source: Club of Mozambique)

Tanzania

New Blueprint on Horticulture eyes \$1bn in export earnings

Tanzania has rolled out a new grand strategy that will see the value of horticultural exports ballooning to \$1 billion annually by 2026. Netting the economy \$779 million annually at the moment, horticulture strategically offers Tanzania a long-term potential to create decent jobs, generate windfall foreign exchange and boost the country's poverty reduction efforts. The ambitious blueprint – which is a

brainchild of the Tanzania Horticultural Association (Taha) – was launched during the Horticulture Business Forum and 15th Taha’s Annual General Meeting in Arusha. The 45-page grand strategy seeks the joint efforts from public, private sectors and development partners to open up regional and international markets for horticulture in the coming five years. (Source: The Citizen Tanzania)

Uganda

Chinese, French oil majors seal deal for Uganda megaproject

Chinese and French oil giants have sealed a landmark \$10-billion deal to develop Uganda's energy resources and build a vast regional oil pipeline. The so-called Final Investment Decision was announced at a ceremony in Kampala by the heads of France's TotalEnergies and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC). "Today is the day we commit to invest \$10 billion in the Tilenga and Kingfisher projects and the 1,443-km long pipeline," TotalEnergies chairman and CEO Patrick Pouyanne said in a statement. The project aims to exploit the huge crude oil reserves at Lake Albert, a 160-kilometre (100-mile) natural border between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The oil would be pumped from landlocked Uganda through a 1,443-kilometre (900-mile) heated pipeline — said to become the longest of its type when completed -- through Tanzania to the Indian Ocean port of Tanga. "From today with the FID, the project will fully enter into the construction phase," he said. (Source: Africa News)

Uganda

Uganda, lenders review Bukasa port financing

Uganda plans to renegotiate a financing deal with lenders of Bukasa inland port on Lake Victoria, to save the project which has stalled at the dredging, swamp removal, and reclamation stage. Uganda is pushing for opening up the \$229 million project to African developers considered cheaper than the Belgian firms to be allowed to compete for the bids. The Ministry of Works and Transport has asked the Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development to renegotiate the financing agreement. "We advertised three times calling Belgian firms to develop the port but their offer price is higher than what we had planned to spend on the project," Rosemary Tibiwa, Commissioner for Transport Services told The EastAfrican. The latest bid appeared in the Brussels Times on October 20, 2021. It attracted two valid offers from Belgian construction companies specialised in dredging works, however, the two firms' offer price was higher than Uganda's Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets regulations ceiling. Bukasa port, part of the EAC Inland Waterway Transport Infrastructure Development Project, once completed, is expected to handle up to 5.2 million tonnes of freight annually and ease the movement of goods from the Tanzanian ports of Dar es Salaam and Tanga, via rail to Mwanza port on Lake Victoria. (Source: The East African)



Upcoming Events:

FIDIC Asia Pacific Member Associations / companies can attend 3 Virtual Focus Groups per year at a cost of US\$20 per delegate, per webinar

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Africa 2022

Date: Wednesday, 09 February 2022

Time: 08h50 - 13h00 (SAST)

Venue: Microsoft Teams

No cost to attend, registration is compulsory.

Please RSVP via the link below: <https://form.jotform.com/213412224477551>

Agriculture Focus Group

Date: Thursday, 17 February 2022

Time: 09h00 - 11h30 (SAST)

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Registration of attendance is compulsory

Please RSVP via the link below: <https://form.jotform.com/220112543461543>

Tanzania Country Focus Group

Date: Wednesday, 23 February 2022

Time: 09h00 - 11h30 (SAST)

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Registration of attendance is compulsory

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Africa House: Africa 2022	Multi-Sectoral	Hybrid Event (in-person event & Webinar)	09 February 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za

Africa House: Agriculture Focus Group	Agriculture	Hybrid Event (in-person event & Webinar)	17 February 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Country Focus Group	Multi-Sectoral	Webinar	23 February 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Oil & Gas Focus Group	Oil & Gas	Webinar	3 March 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Hotels & Commercial Property Focus Group	Hotels & Commercial Property	Webinar	9 March 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: ICT Focus Group	ICT	Webinar	17 March 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Mining Focus Group	Mining	Hybrid Event (in-person event & Webinar)	31 March 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Health Focus Group	Health	Webinar	6 April 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Power Focus Group	Power	Webinar	21 April 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za

Africa House: Transport & Logistics: Airports Focus Group	Airports	Hybrid Event (in-person event & Webinar)	5 May 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Country Focus Group	Multi-Sectoral	Webinar	11 May 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Oil & Gas Focus Group	Oil & Gas	Hybrid Event (in-person event & Webinar)	2 June 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Ports & Rail Focus Group	Ports & Rail	Webinar	8 June 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Water & Sanitation Focus Group	Water & Sanitation	Webinar	23 June 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Mining Focus Group	Mining	Webinar	7 July 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Agriculture Focus Group	Agriculture	Webinar	13 July 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Power Focus Group	Power	Webinar	27 July 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za

Africa House: Health Focus Group	Health	Webinar	11 August 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Hotels & Commercial Property Focus Group	Hotels & Commercial Property	Webinar	17 August 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: ICT Focus Group	ICT	Webinar	25 August 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
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Africa House: Water & Sanitation Focus Group	Water & Sanitation	Webinar	5 October 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za

Africa House: Power Focus Group	Power	Webinar	19 October 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Transport & Logistics: Roads & Bridges Focus Group	Roads & Bridges	Webinar	27 October 2022	Africa House: Nicole Drake Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: ndrake@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Country Focus Group	Multi-Sectoral	Webinar	2 November 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za
Africa House: Ports & Rail Focus Group	Ports & Rail	Webinar	16 November 2022	Africa House: Nicole Kruger Telephone: 27 11 728 5878 E-mail: nicole@africainfo.co.za