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United States (US) vice president Kamala Harris visits Tanzania between 29 and 31 March in an effort to increase US influence in the country and region. Harris unveils several US-led initiatives targeted at expanding US-Tanzanian trade during a State House meeting on 30 March with President Samia Suluhu Hassan (2021-current). The US government also highlights the importance of Tanzania's critical mineral sector through a strategic partnership with US-headquartered LifeZone Metals and Kabanga Nickel Ltd. Health ministry announces an outbreak of Marburg virus disease (MVD) on 21 March. Following comprehensive measures to contain the virus, the international community commends the government for its transparent approach. Business leaders from Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) convene on 17 March at a business forum in Dar es Salaam to increase trade and investment cooperation in various sectors. While both governments prioritise interconnectivity and access to markets, the ongoing conflict in DRC's Kivu region has created an influx of refugees seeking safety in western Tanzania where refugee camps are already over capacity.

US vice president visit adds weight to US influence in Africa

United States (US) vice president **Kamala Harris** visited **Tanzania** between 29 and 31 March as part of US President **Joe Biden's** (2021-current) commitment to go "*all-in on Africa*."¹ Her visit to Tanzania follows recent high-profile visits to African countries this year by treasury secretary **Janet Yellen**, US ambassador to the **United Nations (UN)** **Linda Thomas-Greenfield**, first lady **Jill Biden** and secretary of state **Antony Blinken**.² Biden is also expected to visit the continent this year.³ The importance the current Biden administration has placed on state visits is markedly different to former president **Donald Trump's** (2017-2021) approach under which he did not visit Africa a single time during his presidency.

Following the **US-Africa Leaders Summit** held in December, the US has increasingly prioritised deepening its outreach in Africa to counter **Chinese** and **Russian** influence.⁴ China is Tanzania's largest trading partner with 2021 exports from Tanzania to China valued at \$273.09m, while exports from Tanzania to the US amounted to \$39.08m in the same period.⁵ President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** (2021-current) was the first African head of state invited to visit China in November by recently re-elected President **Xi Jinping** (2013-current) and China's new foreign minister, **Qin Gang**, launched his term in office with a five-nation tour of Africa in January.⁶

Russia's economic development minister **Maxim Reshetnikov**, and **Ashatu Kijaji**, investment, industry and trade minister signed an intergovernmental agreement on 30 December on the establishment of a joint intergovernmental commission on trade and economic cooperation focusing on areas such as exploration and production of mineral resources, tourism, energy and information and communication technologies.⁷

The ongoing **Russia-Ukraine** war has also divided much of Africa with many countries having abstained to vote on the February 2023 **UN General Assembly (UNGA)** resolution to demand Russia pull its troops out of **Ukraine**, including Tanzania, rather opting for a position of non-

¹ The White House, whitehouse.gov, 24 Mar 2023

² The White House, whitehouse.gov, 24 Mar 2023

³ NPR, 24 Mar 2023

⁴ NPR, 24 Mar 2023

⁵ UN Comtrade Database

⁶ Foreign Policy, 29 Mar 2023; The Africa Report, 24 Feb 2023

⁷ Tass, 30 Dec 2022

alignment.⁸ High-level visits by US government officials to these countries provide an opportunity to showcase what the US can offer the continent in contrast to China and Russia.

Researcher **Cameron Hudson** from the **Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)** stated on 25 March that while the US wants to “*check the ambitions*” of the expanding Russian and Chinese influence on the African continent, they also want to support African countries to grow their political voices in international settings.⁹ During a press briefing before Harris’s visit, a **White House** official said “*we’re not asking our partners in Africa to choose. We want to expand African options, not limit them.*”¹⁰

Harris’s visit to Tanzania also emphasised women’s leadership and provided an opportunity for the US to recognise the efforts made by Hassan and her government to promote democratic reforms in the country.¹¹ Harris called Hassan a “*champion of democracy*” and acknowledged the lifting of the ban on political party public rallies and efforts to improve the freedom of the press.¹² Harris also stressed the importance of good governance for economic growth, noting “*good governance delivers predictability, stability, and rule of law, which businesses need to invest.*”¹³

During former president **John Magufuli’s** (2015-2021) tenure the country was considered inaccessible to foreign political and business activities and diplomatic relations deteriorated.¹⁴ Hassan has made strides to re-open the country and has amended several policies to facilitate and promote investment since assuming the presidency. Harris’s visit was also received with great excitement with one Tanzania-based analyst observing that people felt Hassan’s efforts to reform Tanzania was “*being rewarded with recognition from an economic and political superpower.*”¹⁵

... as Kamala Harris presents heavy portfolio of initiatives

Harris announced \$560m in bilateral assistance for Tanzania intended to expand the US-Tanzania trade relationship and encourage democratic governance during a press conference with Hassan on 30 March. She stated that the **Export-Import Bank of the United States (EXIM)** and Tanzanian government will further sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to facilitate \$500m in US export financing to Tanzania in infrastructure, transportation, digital technology, and climate and energy security.

Leaders additionally signed an MoU on 27 March to establish a capacity building and collaborative partnership on 5G, cybersecurity, and regulator policies and frameworks and on 29 March the **US Agency for International Development (USAID)** and Tanzania signed a five-year \$1.1 billion assistance agreement for collaboration in economic growth, education, democracy, and governance. Harris also highlighted a \$1m feasibility study grant to develop a new fibre backbone and access network infrastructure in Tanzania, **Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and Uganda.**

US support to Tanzania additionally focused on encouraging biodiversity and food security considering global climate change. USAID invested \$25m in marine conservation and sustainable fishing which included \$8.4m to launch the **Heshimu Bahari** (respect the ocean) programme and \$16m to launch the **Kilimo Tija** (agricultural productivity) project. Harris additionally highlighted US cooperation in the health sector by partnering on Tanzania’s **Marburg virus disease (MVD)** response and mentioned USAID’s \$1.3m contribution to the **World Health Organisation and United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)** for key

⁸ Foreign Policy, 29 Mar 2023

⁹ Voice of America, 25 Jan 2023

¹⁰ The White House, whitehouse.gov, 24 Mar 2023

¹¹ Mwananchi, 30 Mar 2023

¹² The White house, 30 Mar 2023

¹³ The White house, 30 Mar 2023

¹⁴ Mwananchi, 30 Mar 2023

¹⁵ AP News, 30 Mar 2023

prevention activities and provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) to Tanzanian first responders.

Harris also announced US strategic involvement in enhancing processing and export of critical minerals for electric vehicle batteries. She promoted Tanzania's role in the green energy transition and stated that US-based supplier of metals to the battery and EV markets **LifeZone Metals** "*important and pioneering*" plan to open a new processing plant in Tanzania will deliver battery-grade nickel to the US and global markets by 2026.¹⁶ LifeZone's CEO **Chris Showalter** explained that the company provides "*one of the cleanest, greenest operations to the market*" which will help address the climate crisis, build resilient global supply chains, and create new industries and jobs.¹⁷ LifeZone Metals operates in Tanzania under the subsidiary **Kabanga Nickel Limited** which in January 2021 formed a share partnership company with the government called **Tembo Nickel Corporation Limited** for the development of the Kabanga nickel deposits in the **Ngara** district (**Kagera**). Showalter reported that the project is development ready with all licenses, permits, and funding completed.¹⁸

Regarding human rights and democracy, Harris stated that the **US Department of State** plans to provide \$1m for projects that encourage lifting restrictions on freedom of expression and \$400,000 to support the work of the **Tanzania Centre for Democracy** in the lead-up to the 2024 local and 2025 national elections.¹⁹ Although international human rights organisations noted that Harris's visit provided an opportunity for her to urge the government to end restrictive policies and actions on the **Maasai** communities' rights to land and access to health, no public statements regarding the matter were made.²⁰ Similarly, Harris did not address the growing trends of repression against LGBTQ+ expression in the country or the region. Remarking on such issues would likely have been counterproductive to US goals of countering China and Russia's influence.

China has funded large infrastructure projects such as the construction of government offices, a university library, the 5th, and 6th sections of the **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)**, the **Julius Nyerere Hydropower Station**, as well as the **Dar es Salaam port** expansion, there has been a lack of visible US investment on the ground. The recent visit by Harris and the package of initiatives targeted at increasing US-Tanzania trade relations signals a shift in US rhetoric towards providing a more measurable impact of US investment in the country.

Government responds to deadly Marburg virus outbreak

The health ministry declared an MVD outbreak in Tanzania on 21 March following a public announcement on 16 March about the existence of an unknown illness in Kagera region. Officials in Kagera recorded eight MVD cases including five deaths by 22 March. It is the first outbreak of MVD in Tanzania.²¹ MVD is from the same family of viruses as **Ebola** and is spread from wildlife to humans who then transmit the virus through contact with body fluid. MVD has a 21-day incubation period and a case-fatality rate (CFR) that ranges from 23-90%.²² The current outbreak in Tanzania has a CFR of 62.5%.²³ There are currently no vaccines or antivirals approved to treat the illness and treatment focuses on rehydration and clinical care of infected patients.²⁴

MVD has previously appeared in sporadic outbreaks throughout **sub-Saharan Africa** including in Uganda in 2017, 2014, and 2012, in **Angola** between 2004 and 2005 and in DRC between

¹⁶ Reuters, 2 Apr 2023; The White house, 30 Mar 2023

¹⁷ The White house, 30 Mar 2023

¹⁸ CNBC, 2 Apr 2023

¹⁹ The White House, 30 Mar 2023

²⁰ Human Rights Watch, 29 Mar 2023

²¹ World Health Organization, 13 Feb 2023

²² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC.gov, 31 March 2023

²³ World Health Organization,

²⁴ Financial Times, 23 Mar 2023

1998 and 2000.²⁵ It is likely that isolated cases occur occasionally throughout the region without official recognition but due to the global experience with **Covid 19**, the recent outbreaks have received a great deal of media attention and the government has made significant efforts to demonstrate a comprehensive reaction to it.

Government activated national and regional public health emergency operation centres and deployed national and regional rapid response teams following the outbreak. The government additionally developed an emergency response budget of \$12.26m for the next two to three months and the health ministry has called national coordination meetings with partners to monitor emergency response aspects²⁶ Hassan also announced 21-day quarantine measures for 212 individuals who had been in close contact with the eight confirmed cases.²⁷

WHO assessed the risk of spread of the outbreak as “*very high*” at the national level, “*high*” at the subregional level, and “*moderate*” at the regional level due to Kagera’s proximity to both Uganda, **Burundi**, and **Rwanda**.²⁸ Kenya’s health ministry called on health officials to increase screening measures at border crossings and although WHO assessed global risk to be “*low*”, **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** and **Saudi Arabia**’s health authorities issued travel advisories which warned citizens and residents against travel to Tanzania.^{29 30} The US **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** urged travellers to avoid contact with sick people and to monitor for symptoms for 21 days after leaving the country.³¹

The transparent and rapid action to contain the spread of MVD is a marked difference from how former president Magufuli initially handled the Covid-19 pandemic. US ambassador to Tanzania **Michael Battle** commended Hassan’s government for demonstrating “*good leadership to the world about the health safety of all Tanzanians and the world in general*” during a meeting with health minister **Ummu Mwalimu**.³² Harris reiterated Battle’s sentiments during her visit to the country:

“Your continued coordination and information sharing with international partners has been critical to contain the spread of the virus.”³³

Mwalimu stated on 4 April that the government managed to control the rate of new infections with no new cases reported.³⁴ At the time of writing two individuals remain in quarantine and although the health ministry considers the virus “*timely controlled*”, it urged people to pursue their social, economic, and spiritual activities.^{35,36}

Tanzania and DRC focus on increasing trade and investment ties

The **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** in collaboration with DRC’s **Investment Promotion Agency (ANAPI)** hosted a business forum in **Dar es Salaam** on 17 March that focused on increasing trade and investment cooperation in mining, manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, energy, tourism, and information and communication technologies (ICT).³⁷ TIC director of research and information technology **Mafutah Bunini** positioned Tanzania as a

²⁵ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC.gov, 31 March 2023

²⁶ Relief Web, 4 Apr 2023

²⁷ United Nation News, 29 Mar 2023; The Citizen, 24 Mar 2023

²⁸ World Health Organization, 24 Mar 2023

²⁹ The Star, 25 Mar 2023

³⁰ The National, 1 April 2023

³¹ CNN, 31 Mar 2023

³² Daily News, 24 Mar 2023

³³ The White house, 30 Mar 2023

³⁴ IPP Media, 5 Apr 2023

³⁵ IPP Media, 5 Apr 2023

³⁶ NY Times, 3 Apr 2023

³⁷ Tanzania Investment Centre, 15 Mar 2023

prime investment destination for DRC investors, calling on them to “*tap opportunities*” with Tanzania’s abundance of arable land to fill such deficit gaps as edible seed oils.³⁸

ANAPI director **Anthony Kamole** in turn called on Tanzanian investors to develop tourism, fishing, and mining sectors. He highlighted “*huge potential*” in critical minerals mining and touched on opportunities in increasing copper and cobalt production; “*there are many areas that have not yet been explored or have been underexplored.*”³⁹

DRC is the newest member of the **East Africa Community (EAC)** and offers the other six member countries access to its market. Currently, 38% of cargo that comes through Tanzania’s Dar es Salaam port is destined for DRC and with ongoing infrastructural projects such as the standard gauge railway (SGR) aimed at increasing the region’s interconnectivity, Tanzania stands to benefit greatly from being DRC’s logistics hub on the **Indian Ocean**.⁴⁰ During the forum Bunini revealed that DRC had to date invested in 19 projects worth \$463.34m, creating 1,018 jobs in Tanzania’s construction, industries, commercial buildings, transportation, defence, tourism, and service industries⁴¹

DRC president **Felix Tshisekedi** (2019-current) and Hassan signed an MoU in October for cooperation in promoting development of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), following on from several meetings in the last two years with high priority given to increasing connectivity and improving the ease of bilateral business.⁴² However, one important issue that the leaders have yet to address publicly is the increasing number of refugees entering western Tanzania from eastern DRC as they flee the violence between the **M23** rebel group and the Congolese army in DRC’s **Kivu** region.

The regional coordinator for the western zone refugee department **Nashon Makundi** said on 14 March that the department recorded 2,643 people entering in groups of 300–600 in March so far. He stated that the refugees predominately enter Tanzania via canoe across **Lake Tanganyika** and as Tanzania’s laws prohibit people from entering the country without crossing the designated border posts and presenting needed documentation, the refugees are picked up by authorities and taken to the **Nyarugusu** refugee camp in **Kasulu** district (**Kigoma**).⁴³

A factsheet from the **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)** published on 14 February shows that Nyarugusu refugee camp currently hosts over 130,000 refugees and is at three times its original capacity.⁴⁴ Refugees are almost entirely dependent on humanitarian assistance due to restricted freedom of movement and access to livelihood.⁴⁵ While Tanzania has financially contributed to the **EAC Peace Facility Fund** for the implementation of the DRC peace process, Tanzania has not committed to sending its soldiers as part of the **East African Community Regional Force (EACRF)** despite regional neighbours agreeing to do so.⁴⁶

Independent humanitarian information provider **ACAPS** stated that the arrival of more refugees and asylum seekers to Tanzania stands to increase an “*already unserviceable level of needs.*”⁴⁷ Overcrowding in the camp, ongoing food insecurity throughout the country due to drought and rising inflation, high-risk factors for the spread of disease, and inadequate funding of humanitarian agencies threaten to considerably inflate problems for not only the refugees but also citizens and the government.

³⁸ The Citizen, 18 Mar 2023

³⁹ The Citizen, 18 Mar 2023

⁴⁰ The Exchange, 31 Oct 2022

⁴¹ Daily News, 17 Mar 2023

⁴² The Exchange, 23 Oct 2022

⁴³ The East African, 16 Mar 2023

⁴⁴ United Nations Refugee Agency, unhcr.org, 14 Feb 2023

⁴⁵ US Dept of State, Country report on Human Rights Practices for 2022

⁴⁶ The Citizen, 6 Feb 2023

⁴⁷ United Nations Refugee Agency, unhcr.org, 14 Feb 2023

Planner

7 April **(Tanzania) Karume Day** (national holiday)
26 April **(Tanzania) Union Day** (national holiday)
27 April **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Summit
21-27 May **Arusha (Tanzania)** FESTAC Africa 2023
31 May-3 Jun 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** UNESCO World Heritage conference
5-9 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** Africa's Food System Forum (AGRF) Summit
20-21 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** Tanzania Energy Congress
20-27 Sep 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** Chinese investment and trade visit
3-5 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** Tanzania Health Summit
25-26 Oct 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** Tanzania Mining & Investment Forum
11-13 Dec 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania) European Alliance for Innovation (EIK)** International Conference on Emerging Technologies for Developing Countries
2023 **(Tanzania)** Commencement of construction of **Bagamoyo Port**
2024 **(Tanzania)** Local elections
2025 **(Tanzania)** Expected commencement of construction of **Lindi**-based LNG project
2025 **(Tanzania)** General elections

Chronology

5 Apr 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *Africa Times*. **East African Court of Justice** is set to hear arguments on whether it has jurisdiction in a legal battle brought forward by activists over the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline** with **Uganda** and **Tanzania's** government among the parties challenging the case;

3 Apr 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **Africa E-Mobility Alliance** report for March 2023 shows that there are at least 5,000 electric vehicles (EVs) in Tanzania but that e-mobility remains "very young" due to high import taxes, unclear government policy, limited funding, too few technicians, low electricity grid access and limited consumer knowledge;

1 Apr 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *DW News*. Traders doing business in **Kenya** raise concerns that the weekly demonstrations in Kenya are negatively affecting business as traders have been incurring losses and decreased goods volumes;

1 Apr 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. A senior officer in the **Tanzania Police Force** has allegedly fled to **South Africa** after KSh4.8 billion (\$2.04m) went missing under his watch;

31 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Shanta Gold press release*. **London-listed Shanta Gold Ltd** announces the first gold pour at the **Singida Gold Mine** in central Tanzania;

31 Mar 2023 **Tehran (Iran)** *Iran International*. News channel **Iran International** obtains a video which shows Iranian intelligence officer **Hamidreza Abraheh** revealing the Islamic Republic's plans to recruit agents from Africa's **Baluch** minority in **Tanzania**;

29 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** orders investigations in the finance ministry after it emerged some Tsh414 billion (\$176.4m) had been irregularly paid to contractors for the **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** mega project;

29 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** receives the **Controller and Auditor General (CAG)** and **Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB)** reports for the 2021/22 financial year which reveal delays and mismanagement of funds in several projects;

28 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. A delegation of at least 30 businesspeople from **South Africa** is in Tanzania to explore the potential of the mining sector for prospective investment;

28 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Civil Aviation Authority** data shows that cargo handled in 2022 surpassed pre-pandemic levels by 32% to reach 35,130.83 tonnes;

28 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Ministry of Foreign Affairs*. Foreign affairs and **East African** cooperation minister **Stergomena Tax** and the **Cuban** ambassador to Tanzania **Yordenis Despaigne Vera** establish new areas of cooperation in the fields of health, trade and investment, fertiliser production and agriculture.;

28 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Fintech Times*. African payment company **NALA** receives a **Payment Service Provider (PSP)** license from the **Central Bank of Tanzania (BoT)**, following close collaboration between the company and Tanzania's financial regulators;

27 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Stakeholders, commenting on the '2022 Africa: The Big Deal' report note that start-up funding in Tanzania amounted to \$80m in 2022 compared to \$1.1 billion in neighbouring **Kenya**, due to the benefits of a digital economy, lack of appropriate policies and poor branding are among factors affecting the financing of start-ups in Tanzania;

26 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Business Insider*. **Gilead Teri**, executive director of the **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** announces that since **China's** President **Xi Jinping** visited Tanzania in 2012, China's investment in Tanzania has hit \$1.8 billion;

25 Mar 2023 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Government allocates an additional TSh 9 billion (\$3.8m) to the constitutional and legal affairs ministry's budget to revive the new constitutional-writing process for the amendment of election laws and the reforms of the **National Electoral Commission (NEC)**;

24 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania donates \$1m in aid to **Turkey** following the 6 February 7.8 earthquake that hit southern and central Turkey and northern and western **Syria**;

24 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Market Screener*. **United States** agriculture department forecasts Tanzania's wheat production to fall 9.3% in the marketing year beginning July 2023 through June 2024 compared with the current year;

24 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. Works and transport ministry states that the **Precision Air** flight which crashed into **Lake Victoria** killing 19 people in November was due to pilot error in failing to heed warning signals;

22 Mar 2023 **Tabora (Tanzania)** *EACOP twitter*. **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** signs a **Free Prior and Informed Consent Agreement (FPIC)** with **Taturu** community in **Tabora** region to reflect EACOP's commitment to mitigate impacts associated with the project;

22 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (Ewura)** reveals that liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) imports increased nearly 13-fold since 2010, from 18,170 tonnes to 250,200 tonnes in 2022;

22 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** executive director **Gilead Teri** states that during the two years of President **Samia Suluhu Hassan's** leadership, a total of 575 investment projects worth \$8.64 billion and 87,187 jobs had been registered.

21 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. Tanzania sends relief aid to flood victims in **Malawi** including two military helicopters with fuel supplies, 100 service men and women, 1,000 tonnes of maize flour, 6,000 blankets, mattresses, tents, and medical supplies worth \$1m and \$300,000;

20 Mar 2023 **Moshi (Tanzania)** *International Livestock Research Institute*. **International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)** in collaboration with **Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)** and the **Tanzania Livestock Research Institute (TALIRI)** launch the **EnviroCow** project to generate data on smallholder dairy farms' contribution to methane emissions and use the information to help farmers cope with the challenges of climate change;

20 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Business Insider*. **Bank of Tanzania** and the agriculture ministry data shows Tanzania has developed into a centre for food exports, feeding nations in the **East African** region as well as the rest of the world;

20 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Mining.com*. **Canada's Barrick Gold CEO Mark Bristow** and President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** meet to discuss Barrick's \$30m pledge towards the expansion of education infrastructure in the country;

20 Mar 2023 **Moscow (Russia)** *Vedomosti*. **Alexei Maslov**, director of the **Institute of Asian and African Studies at Moscow State University** announces that Swahili will begin to be taught at Russian schools;

19 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Education, science, and technology minister **Adolf Mkenda** urges educational institutions to work with the private sector to develop curricula that are in tandem with the requirements of the labour market;

19 Mar 2023 **Pretoria (South Africa)** *The East African*. **South African** President **Cyril Ramaphosa** meets with President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** to discuss growing mutual ties, increased trade, and other cooperation;

18 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **Air Tanzania** and **Air Senegal** are considering joint action against **United States (US)** engine manufacturers **Pratt & Whitney** over the grounding of Airbus A220-300 aircraft owing to technical problems;

17 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Investment Monitor*. **Keda Industrial Group**, a **China**-based building materials manufacturer announces plans to invest \$86.8m to build a new glass plant in **Tanzania** which is expected to have an annual production capacity of 600 tonnes of architectural glass;

17 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Proactive Investors*. **Canadian** gold producer **TRX Gold** announces plans to expand production at its **Buckreef** gold mine in Tanzania with a fully permitted special mining license to 2032;

17 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania** and **India** agree on a bilateral trade settlement which allows them to use their currencies (the shilling and rupee) in transactions;

16 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. **Benoit Araman**, chairman and managing director for **Oryx Gas Tanzania**, observes that Tanzania's liquefied petroleum gas market is growing daily, with consumption growing at 2% annually, and offering opportunities for investment and business development;

16 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Mining company **Uranex Tanzania** country director **Peter Tsegas** discusses the potential value to Tanzania of the agreement signed with **United States**-based electric vehicle company **Tesla** to supply materials for manufacturing batteries;

15 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania signs a loan agreement with **African Development Bank (AfDB)** amounting to \$161.47m for financing the 87.8 MW **Kakono** hydropower project;

15 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **United States (US)** company **Titan Lithium Inc** announce plans to pursue formal drilling approvals from the authorities after initial results indicated high lithium grades in two locations straddling **Kilimanjaro** and **Arusha** regions;

14 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** data shows that in February, a total of 41 projects were registered across the country, representing a 128% increase compared to 18 projects registered in February 2022;

14 Mar 2023 **Windhoek (Namibia)** *Daily News*. **Tanzania** and **Namibia** sign three Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) on political and diplomatic consultations, cooperation, security matters as well as energy resources;

13 Mar 2023 **Manyara (Tanzania)** *Mwananchi*. Police arrest **Joel Saitoti**, manager of **Gem and Rock Venture** mining company, and 21 of his employees for attacking and injuring five government officials and six **Franone Mining and Gems LTD** employees at the **Mirerani Tanzanite Mine** and for disobeying a legal order to stop mining activities at their mine;

12 Mar 2023 **Iringa (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Rufiji Basin Water Board (RBWB)** officials say interference from local politicians is among challenges that hinder its ability to carry out and accomplish President **Samia Suluhu Hassan's** directives to safeguard the river basin's environment to guarantee a steady supply of water for the dam and the neighbouring agricultural and fishing activities;

10 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. The **French-Tanzanian Chamber of Commerce (FTCC)** and **Sahara Accelerator**, an impact accelerator supporting early-stage businesses, sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to support Tanzanian start-ups;

9 March 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily Nation*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** says that Tanzania has the best-performing economy in **East Africa** while neighbours are "begging us for guarantees so that they can buy fuel" following reports that commercial banks in **Kenya** had run out of dollars and had resorted to borrowing from Tanzania;

9 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Private Sector Foundation (TPSF)** chairperson **Angelina Ngalula** meets with **Switzerland's** state secretary for economic affairs **Helene Artieda** to agree on key issues to boost bilateral;

8 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Tanzania Invest*. **Bank of Tanzania's (BOT)** monthly economic review shows that coal worth \$195.5m was exported during the year-ending January, representing an increase of +780% compared to \$22.2m exported in the year ending January 2022;

8 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Proactive Investors*. Australia's **Evolution Energy Minerals Ltd** settles vital agreement with the government covering the ownership, development, and management of the company's **Chilalo** graphite project, establishing a new joint venture **Kudu Graphite Limited** with the government;