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*Tanzania's Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) approves the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project on 21 February. The decision comes despite global controversy regarding the project's environmental and human impact. Energy minister January Makamba reveals on 7 March that negotiations are complete on the final Host Government Agreement (HGA) for the offshore Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project in Lindi. The European Union (EU) and government host the first-ever Tanzania-EU business forum on 23 and 24 February. European Investment Bank (EIB) also extends a EUR 370m (\$393.3m) loan for the private sector. President Samia Suluhu Hassan (2021-current) remains committed to fostering an investor-friendly environment and positioning Tanzania as a strategic gateway to landlocked African countries. Information minister Nape Nnauye reveals plans to amend the 2016 Media Services Act, a move welcomed by journalists and human rights organisations. However, this accompanies a crackdown on 'imported cultural' ideals which government officials say are contrary to traditional Tanzanian culture.*

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#### Positive developments in oil and gas sector

Tanzania's Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) approved the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** project on 21 February, paving the way for construction to begin once the ongoing land access process is complete. The \$10 billion EACOP project, including the \$3.5 billion pipeline, will transport crude oil across 1,443km from **Hoima** in western **Uganda** to **Tanga** port in eastern **Tanzania**. It is planned for 1,147km of the insulated pipeline to be buried underground in Tanzania and upon completion, is expected to be the longest heated pipeline in the world.<sup>1</sup> **EACOP** Tanzania general manager **Wendy Brown** acknowledged the positive progress made on the pipeline:

*"We are grateful to the government of Tanzania for the expedited delivery of the application as per the commitment in the Host Government Agreement (HGA) and the continuous support for implementation of the EACOP project."*<sup>2</sup>

EACOP's shareholders are **France's TotalEnergies** (62%), the **Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC)** (15%), **Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)** (15%), and the **China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC)** (8%). TotalEnergies and CNOOC declared a final investment decision on the project in February 2022, which includes the development of oil fields, processing facilities, and the pipeline network. Export production is expected to begin in 2025.<sup>3</sup>

Amid the global push away from fossil fuels, environmental activists have mounted pressure against new oil and gas projects, such as EACOP. **Aryampa Brighton**, CEO of the Uganda-based non-profit organisation **Youth for Green Communities**, called for governments to stop banks from financing "dirty projects such as the dangerous EACOP."<sup>4</sup> **United States (US)** based **Climate Accountability Institute (CAI)** called the project a "midsized carbon bomb" that would tip the world closer to a "full blown climate catastrophe."<sup>5</sup> Human rights and environmental groups have targeted EACOP shareholders, project financiers, contractors, and insurance companies, campaigning against them and building a blacklist of the companies involved in the project.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Energy Voice, 22 Feb 2023

<sup>2</sup> EACOP press release, eacop.com, 21 Feb 2023

<sup>3</sup> Journal of Petroleum Technology, 27 Feb 2023

<sup>4</sup> Energy Monitor, 27 Feb 2023

<sup>5</sup> The Guardian, 27 Oct 2022

<sup>6</sup> #StopEACOP, stopeacop.net

Environmental groups have also highlighted the role the pipeline will have in displacing communities and endangering wildlife, arguing that the EACOP project violates the **Equator Principles (EP)**, a set of voluntary guidelines adopted by financial institutions to assess and manage the potential human and environmental impacts of large-scale development projects.<sup>7</sup> Although Uganda has already begun drilling oil, the increased activism and attention on the project may hinder TotalEnergies and CNOOC from securing the entirety of the project's financing before their end of March target. Thus far, 24 banks and 20 insurers have ruled out financing and insuring the project.<sup>8</sup>

During **India Energy Week**, held between 6 and 8 February, Tanzania's energy minister **January Makamba** called for a "*move away from hypocrisy*" by wealthy nations who refuse to finance gas projects in developing countries.<sup>9</sup> He criticised **Japan's** rejection of a proposal to finance a gas-fired power plant in southern Tanzania:

*"Japan is one of the largest importers of LNG (liquefied natural gas). So if gas is good for you to run an economy but it's bad for me to generate power, there's a problem."*<sup>10</sup>

Makamba further dismissed the human rights and environmental concerns as "*propaganda*" and emphasised that Tanzania has complied with environmental, safety, and human rights standards throughout the stages of the project.<sup>11</sup> EACOP project coordinator from TPDC, **Asiadi Mrutu**, noted that 89% of the project-affected persons (PAPs) had already received TSh 29 billion (\$12.35m) in compensation and were preparing to vacate their homes by May ahead of pipeline construction.<sup>12</sup> Furthermore, in line with EACOP's commitment to local content, the construction of replacement houses will be carried out by local construction companies.<sup>13</sup>

The Tanzanian government has also emphasised the positive role the pipeline will have on the economy. **Michael Mjinja**, the energy ministry's commissioner for petroleum and gas stated that EACOP is "*crucial*" due to the income generation, job creation and technology transfer to the local population.<sup>14</sup> The services and retail sectors have also experienced an increase in the creation of small and medium-sized enterprises and according to global law firm **Clyde & Co**, foreign direct investment is expected to rise to 60% during the construction phase.<sup>15 16</sup>

The \$30 billion planned offshore liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in the **Lindi** region in southern Tanzania is similarly expected to boost the local economy. Uganda's **Stanbic Bank** estimates the project will create between 277,356 to 647,048 jobs, lifting Tanzania's GDP by up to 7.5% and bringing in between \$5-7 billion per year.<sup>17</sup> **United Kingdom**-headquartered **Shell** and Norway's **Equinor** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2021 confirming the joint development of the project and ratified a framework agreement with the Tanzanian government in June 2022. Makamba tweeted on 7 March that negotiations on the final HGA were complete and contract preparations underway as well as a contract relating to integrated product sharing agreement.<sup>18</sup> Although no timeline was provided, this was welcome news after months of inactivity due to delays in government licensing agreements.<sup>19</sup> Makamba further stated that government talks with UK-based transaction advisor **Baker Botts LLP** were finalised, smoothing the way for a final investment decision to be signed by 2025. **Charles Sangweni**, director general of **Petroleum Upstream Regulator Authority (PURA)** estimated

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<sup>7</sup> Business Insider, 26 Feb 2023

<sup>8</sup> The East African, 26 Feb 2023

<sup>9</sup> Reuters, 7 Feb 2023

<sup>10</sup> Reuters, 7 Feb 2023

<sup>11</sup> Construction & Civil Engineering News, 2 Mar 2023

<sup>12</sup> The Citizen, 17 Feb 2023

<sup>13</sup> EACOP, eacop.com, 28 Feb 2023

<sup>14</sup> The East African, 26 Feb 2023

<sup>15</sup> The Citizen, 31 Jan 2023

<sup>16</sup> Clyde & Co, Navigating 2023: Projects & Construction

<sup>17</sup> Clyde & Co, Navigating 2023: Projects & Construction

<sup>18</sup> Reuters, 7 Mar 2023

<sup>19</sup> Reuters, 21 Feb 2023

that construction will begin in 2025 and production and exports ready for global markets by 2030.<sup>20</sup>

While global criticism against EACOP is likely to continue, the lack of an active protest culture within Tanzania coupled with the government's commitment and emphasis on local economic benefits will help maintain project development. The upcoming **10th East African Petroleum Conference and Exhibition** taking place in Uganda from 9 to 11 May, although likely accompanied by demonstrations, will additionally provide the Tanzanian government and project stakeholders a platform to promote further investment and exploration in the country's oil and gas sector.

### **EU-Tanzania business forum reaps \$574.4m worth of investment deals**

The **European Union (EU)** and government hosted the first-ever Tanzania-EU business forum on 23 and 24 February at the **Julius Nyerere International Convention Centre** in **Dar es Salaam**. The forum, organised in cooperation with EU member states and the Tanzanian private sector, was attended by over 600 investors and business leaders interested in exploring investment and trade opportunities in Tanzania.<sup>21</sup> EU Ambassador to Tanzania, **Manfredo Fanti**, stated that event aimed to present Tanzania as a "*strategic destination*" for direct investments, showcasing the country's comparative advantages in business and investment opportunities.<sup>22</sup>

Panels featured discussions on opportunities in agriculture, energy transition, manufacturing, connectivity, construction, transport, and logistics and participants had the opportunity to meet with government officials during business to government (B2G) break-out sessions.<sup>23</sup> The forum was opened with a keynote address by vice president **Phillip Isdor Mpango** and closed by **Zanzibar's** president **Hussein Ali Mwinyi** (2020-present). The theme of promoting Tanzania as a strategic location as an investment hub was reiterated by Mpango's opening remarks, branding Tanzania as a "*de facto gateway to and from landlocked countries*."<sup>24</sup> Investment deals valued at \$574.4m were signed between Tanzania and EU institutions.<sup>25</sup>

French foreign trade minister **Olivier Becht** and Tanzania's transport minister **Makame Mbarawa** signed a Bilateral Air Services Agreement (Basa) between the French government and the **Tanzania Civil Aviation Agency (TCAA)** to increase the number of flights between the countries. **Air France** announced in November the inauguration of a new direct route from **Paris** to Dar Es Salaam, and from June 2023, Paris and **Marseille** will be open to Tanzanian airlines with defined long-haul routes which include **Mayotte** and **Reunion**.<sup>26 27</sup>

This deal follows the recent positive trend in French-Tanzanian relations which feeds into France's increasingly prioritised focus on **East Africa**.<sup>28</sup> President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** (2021-current) met with her French counterpart **Emmanuel Macron** on 14 February to discuss trade and business deals, extending an official invitation for Macron to visit **Dodoma**.<sup>29</sup> A delegation of over 40 French companies visited Tanzania in May 2022 to explore investment opportunities in energy generation and distribution, transport and logistics, marine transport, water and sanitation, telecoms, and health. **Business France** director **Jerome Revole** said that the number of French establishments in Tanzania has increased from 12 in 2019 to 40 in 2022.<sup>30</sup> Official data indicates trade between Tanzania and France in 2021 was valued at \$81.1m

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<sup>20</sup> Daily News, 7 Mar 2023

<sup>21</sup> The Citizen, 24 Feb 2023

<sup>22</sup> The Chano Initiative, 23 Jan 2023

<sup>23</sup> Tanzania – EU Business Forum, eu-tzbf.com

<sup>24</sup> The East African, 24 Feb 2023

<sup>25</sup> Tanzania Invest, 24 Feb 2023

<sup>26</sup> Air France press release, 28 Nov 2023

<sup>27</sup> Business Insider Africa, 24 Feb 2023

<sup>28</sup> The Citizen, 2 Mar 2023

<sup>29</sup> RFI, 14 Feb 2022

<sup>30</sup> The citizen, 19 May 2022

and over the next five years French public and private involvement is expected to reach \$4.2 billion in investment.<sup>31</sup>

**Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)** director general **Plasduce Mbossa** and **Port of Antwerp-Bruges International (PoABI)** director **Mario Lievens** additionally signed an MoU targeted at the improvement of Tanzanian ports infrastructure.<sup>32</sup> PoABI has been working with TPA since 1979 on a sustainable partnership and Mbossa stated that this recent MoU is aimed at developing exchange on various port-related activities, in addition to training and capacity building.<sup>33</sup> TPA is eager to promote Tanzania's geostrategic position as providing connectivity to central Africa through the development of dry ports and lake ports and is aware that preparing for additional capacity is central to positioning the country as a regional transport hub.

Other agreements signed at the forum include an agreement for the construction of the new **Kakono** hydro-power plant in the **Kagera** region and an announcement by **Knauf Gypsum Tanzania Limited Company** to triple their production in the country to EUR 47m (\$49.9m) by 2025. **European Investment Bank (EIB)** also announced a EUR 370m (\$393.3m) loan to local partner banks for lending to the Tanzania private sector with the expectation that the banks will lend at least 30% of the funds to women-led businesses and entrepreneurs or companies active in the blue economy sector.<sup>34,35</sup>

Trade between the EU and Tanzania has increased from \$1.2 billion in 2019 to \$2.1 billion in 2022, accounting for 10% of total trade in 2022.<sup>36</sup> Hassan has prioritised creating a competitive business and investment climate for private sector development since assuming the presidency, and the government passed the new **Tanzania Investment Act** in December which reduced the minimum investment capital threshold for a business owned by a Tanzanian from \$100,000 to \$50,000 (the minimum investment capital threshold for foreigners remains \$500,000) and removed limits on the number of work and residence permits that can be granted to new investors.<sup>37</sup> Hassan recognised the necessity of a good working relationship between the government and the private sector during a 3 March speech, where she emphasised the importance of clear communication between government bodies and foreign investors:

*"The goal is to make the country attract more investments and trading partners. The government has to be facilitative to investors."*<sup>38</sup>

Hassan acknowledged that high levels of bureaucracy, combined with the tendency for foreign businesses to receive conflicting information from different ministries remain an obstacle to foreign investment.<sup>39</sup> However, her tendency to reshuffle and replace cabinet ministers and deputies is likely to motivate government leaders to comply with Hassan's policies and goal of attracting and maintaining investment for the near future.

### **Government to amend Media Services Act amid crackdown on immoral culture**

Information, communications, and information technology minister **Nape Nyaue** stated during a press conference on 9 February that the government has committed to amending **The Media Services Act 2016 (MSA)** and that the amended bill would be tabled in parliament for the first reading on 10 February. Nyaue's announcement marks a shift in the government's priorities from January, when government spokesperson **Gerson Msigwa** explained that the amendment bill would not be tabled until April 2023 because of the parliament's "*tight calendar*."<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>31</sup> The citizen, 19 May 2022

<sup>32</sup> Our Ports Magazine, 24 Feb 2023;

<sup>33</sup> Daily News, 24 Feb 2023

<sup>34</sup> The Chanzo Initiative, 24 Feb 2023

<sup>35</sup> The East African, 24 Feb 2023

<sup>36</sup> The Chanzo Initiative, 24 Feb 2023

<sup>37</sup> Clyde & Co, 18 Jan 2023

<sup>38</sup> The Citizen, 3 Mar 2023

<sup>39</sup> The Citizen, 3 Mar 2023

<sup>40</sup> GlobalVoices, 23 Feb 2023

However, due to the cancellation of the tabling of the **Universal Health Coverage Bill**, the MSA agenda was pushed forward, signalling to observers that the government is stepping up its legal review and taking seriously stakeholders' recommendations.

The MSA was enacted during **John Magufuli's** (2015-2021) presidency to censor opposition politicians, journalists, and human rights activists from publishing media critical of the government. Section 9 (a and b) gives the information minister sweeping authority to register, deregister, or revoke a newspaper's license as well as the ability to ban any publication that prints information thought to "*affect national security and public safety*" without due consultation or the right to appeal.<sup>41</sup>

The MSA additionally requires freelance medial contributors and correspondents to be nationally accredited and restricts social medial platforms through burdensome licensing processes.<sup>42</sup> Section 50 criminalises the publishing of information which is "*knowingly to be false or without reasonable grounds for believing it to be true*" and Section 52 concerns seditious offences which are defined as intended to "*bring into hatred or to excite disaffection against the lawful authority of the government.*"<sup>43</sup>

Journalists and human rights groups have criticised the MSA as infringing on the constitutional right of journalists and media houses and as violating the right to freedom of expression. The weekly newspaper **Mawio** was suspended in June 2017 after it published an article outlining problems in the mining industry, linking the role of former presidents **Benjamin Mkapa** (1995-2005) and **Jakaya Kikwete** (2005-2015) to disputes in the minerals sector.<sup>44</sup> **Swahili-language** weekly **Mwanahalisi** was accused of sedition in October 2016 after it published a story calling for prayers for opposition leader **Tundu Lissu**, who at the time had been shot 16 times in a politically motivated attack.<sup>45</sup> Other newspapers that have been banned in the last five years include **Tanzania Daima** and **Mseto**.

Three nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) filed a lawsuit with the **East African Court of Justice (EACJ)**, which found in a landmark judgement in 2019 that multiple sections of the MSA restricted press freedom and freedom of expression and violated the treaty of the **East African Community (EAC)**.<sup>46</sup> The EACJ subsequently directed the government to bring the act into compliance with the EAC treaty and although the court's decision was received as a victory by civil society and human rights groups, the government denied that its media laws were oppressive and media continued to be stifled.<sup>47</sup> The **Tanzania Editors Forum (TEF)** met with Hassan in June 2022 to discuss reviewing the media laws, and in November TEF chairman **Deodatus Balile** submitted recommendations for amendments to the then-information minister **Ashatu Kijaji**.<sup>48</sup>

Overall, Hassan has been leaning into the recommendations of civil society and opposition groups regarding legal and constitutional reform and in April 2021, she lifted the ban on and reissued licenses to Mwanahalisi, Mawio, Mseto and Tanzania Daima newspapers.<sup>49</sup>

While Hassan's reversals of many of her predecessor's repressive policies are praised as opening the political space and allowing constitutional freedoms, some other aspects of daily life appear to be moving in a more restrictive direction. Education minister, **Adolf Mkenda** announced on 15 February an immediate ban on the US-authored children's book '*The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*' calling the series "*morally repugnant*" and "*contradict[ing] Tanzanian cultural norms*

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<sup>41</sup> The East African, 15 Feb 2023

<sup>42</sup> Civicus, civicus.org, 20 Jan 2023

<sup>43</sup> The East African, 11 Sep 2021

<sup>44</sup> The East African, 16 Jun 2017

<sup>45</sup> International Press Institute, 15 Apr 2018

<sup>46</sup> Committee to Protect Journalists, 28 Mar 2019

<sup>47</sup> The East African, 11 Sep 2021

<sup>48</sup> The East African, 15 Feb 2023

<sup>49</sup> The Citizen, 6 Mar 2023

*and morals.*<sup>50</sup> Mkenda added that the government would monitor libraries in public and private schools to enforce the ban. This follows the announcement of the formation of a task force charged with removing books on sex education and/or containing terms such as ‘transgender’ or related to LGBTQ+ issues.<sup>51</sup>

Homosexuality remains a punishable offence in Tanzania and Mkenda called upon the public to report similarly “immoral” books to his ministry’s hotline.<sup>52</sup> Hassan warned university student leaders at an event organised by the education ministry and the **Tanzania Higher Learning Institutions Students’ Organisation (Tahliso)** to “*be wary of imported cultures...If you are Tanzanian, live according to our culture*”.<sup>53</sup> The **Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA)** has stated that they have increased funding to tighten restrictions on citizens’ access to content that is considered immoral and contrary to Tanzanian ideals.<sup>54</sup>

Hassan’s openness to review media freedoms and freedoms of expression of journalists alongside the protectionist stance against “immoral” aspects of foreign culture suggests that while aspects of the media laws will be amended, the content spread through print and online media will remain heavily scrutinised.

## Planner

15-16 March 2023	<b>Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)</b>	East Africa LPG Exposition
31 May-3 Jun 2023	<b>Arusha (Tanzania)</b>	UNESCO World Heritage conference
5-9 Sep 2023	<b>Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)</b>	Africa’s Food System Forum (AGRF) Summit
20-21 Sep 2023	<b>Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)</b>	Tanzania Energy Congress
3-5 Oct 2023	<b>Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)</b>	Tanzania Health Summit
25-26 Oct 2023	<b>Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)</b>	Tanzania Mining & Investment Forum
11-13 Dec 2023	<b>Arusha (Tanzania)</b>	<b>European Alliance for Innovation (EIK)</b> International Conference on Emerging Technologies for Developing Countries
2023	<b>(Tanzania)</b>	Commencement of construction of <b>Bagamoyo Port</b>
2024	<b>(Tanzania)</b>	Local elections
2025	<b>(Tanzania)</b>	Expected commencement of construction of <b>Lindi</b> -based LNG project
2025	<b>(Tanzania)</b>	General elections

## Chronology

8 Mar 2023	<b>Moshi (Tanzania)</b>	<i>IPP Media</i> . President <b>Samia Suluhu Hassan</b> accepts main opposition party <b>Chadema</b> ’s invitation to attend a meeting celebrating International Women’ s Day marking the first time in 30 years that the country’s leader will attend an opposition event;
8 Mar 2023	<b>Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)</b>	<i>Engineering News-Record</i> . The joint venture between <b>China Civil Engineering Corporation</b> and <b>China Railway Construction Corporation</b> secures the contract to construct the sixth and final portion of the standard gauge railway (SGR);

<sup>50</sup> The East African, 15 Feb 2023

<sup>51</sup> Africa News, 15 Feb 2023

<sup>52</sup> Daily News, 14 Feb 2023

<sup>53</sup> The Citizen, 12 Feb 2023

<sup>54</sup> The Citizen, 10 Feb 2023

7 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. Natural resources and tourism ministry reveals plans to introduce the first-ever modern 50-seater tourist boat in the **Indian Ocean** to boost water tourism;

5 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** hands over a land ownership deed to **East African Community (EAC)** secretary general **Peter Mathuki** in a gesture of hospitality to the regional bodies based in **Arusha**;

4 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Bank of Tanzania**'s monthly economic review notes national debt increased by TSh6.9 trillion (\$2.94 billion) in the 12 months ending January 2023;

4 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)** authorises 20 companies, either locally owned or joint ventures, to build Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations as part of a larger initiative to deliver cleaner and more affordable energy;

3 Mar 2023 **Baku (Azerbaijan)** *Daily News*. Vice president **Philip Mpango** holds talks with **Azerbaijan's** deputy prime minister **Shahin Mustafayev** to discuss areas of cooperation in the oil and gas energy sector, education, tourism, trade and investment;

1 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **Switzerland** launch the **Switzerland–Tanzania Chamber of Commerce (STCC)** to serve as a platform for businesses to explore new opportunities for growth and development;

1 Mar 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **United States**-based automotive, artificial intelligence and clean energy company **Tesla** signs an agreement in terms of which it will purchase anode active material (AAM) from Tanzania;

28 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. Government receives TSh1.4 billion (\$599,000) from the **International Standard Chartered Bank Ltd** which will be used to maintain the environment along the construction line of the third and fourth phases of its standard gauge railway (SGR);

27 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Proactive Investors*. **Australia's AuKing Mining Limited** CEO **Paul Williams** says **Tanzanian Mining Commission's** decision to revoke two out of five of the company's **Manyoni** prospecting licences was taken without prior notice and contrary to the provisions of the **Mining Act** and that the company will appeal;

26 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** makes changes in her cabinet and regional administration in a cabinet reshuffle, transferring deputy ministers and appointing new permanent secretaries and deputies;

25 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Gaudence Milanzi**, Tanzania's high commissioner to **South Africa**, states that bilateral trade has developed rapidly with Tanzanian exports to South Africa reaching \$971m;

24 Feb 2023 **New York (United States)** *The East African*. Tanzania declines to register a vote at the 11th emergency session of the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** to endorse a resolution asserting the 'Principles of the Charter of the UN regarding the withdrawal of **Russian** forces from **Ukraine**;

24 Feb 2023 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *Southern African Development Community*. Tanzania signs the intergovernmental Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the establishment of a **Southern African Development Community (SADC) Humanitarian and Emergency Operations Centre** which aims to coordinate humanitarian and emergency support to member states affected by disasters within the region;

23 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Vodacom Tanzania** says **United States**-based satellite internet service **Starlink**, whose services are set to be available during the first quarter of 2023, is not a threat but instead offers an opportunity for partnership;

21 Feb 2023 **Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)** *Andalou Agency*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** and **Zambian** president **Hakainde Hichilema** agree on the need to fast-track the upgrading of the 1,000km **Tanzania Zambia Mafuta (TAZAMA)** oil pipeline;

21 Feb 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Zanzibar's** president **Hussein Mwinyi** officiates the opening of the consulate general of the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** in Zanzibar;

20 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Government proposes a bill supplement to extend the value-added tax (VAT) exemption on the supply of air charter services to June 2026;

20 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Proactive Investors*. **Mining Commission** issues a notice to **Australian** mining company **AuKing Mining Ltd** revoking two of their five prospecting licenses for the **Manyoni** uranium project "due to a flexicadastre system malfunction that led to the double allocation of mineral rights over the same areas";

18 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** authorises the importation of 90,000 tonnes of rice to bring down prices of the commodity;

17 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Canadian** company **Solar Ship Inc**, whose vice president of Africa markets is former **Chadema** MP **Godbless Lema**, announces the establishment of a \$1m scholarship fund to support training Tanzanian operators on how to operate solar-powered airships;

17 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST)** confirms that two 4.3 and 4.9-magnitude earthquakes struck **Dodoma** and **Singida** regions on 16 and 17 February but that no deaths, injuries, or destruction of property were reported;

15 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Ericsson Press Release*. **Tigo Tanzania** and **Sweden**-headquartered **Ericsson** announce a partnership to launch 5G and to fully modernise and expand the existing 4G network across Tanzania;

14 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. **Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST)** confirms that a magnitude 4.7 earthquake hit the **Tanga** and **Pemba** regions, but that no deaths, injuries, or destruction of property were reported;

14 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. Investments, industry, and trade minister **Ashatu Kijaji** states that processed coffee and tiles top the list in a schedule of ten product types for export drive under the **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)** starting 1 July;

14 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **World Bank** reports that Tanzania's economy is growing faster than the average growth rate (3.3%) of the **Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)** region;

13 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Mining Weekly*. **United Kingdom (UK)** based **Armada Capital** says it has made progress towards commercial production at the **Mahenge Liandu** graphite project citing ongoing discussions with the Tanzanian government regarding the framework for 16% ownership and continuing discussions with potential financing partners about the debt funding required for project development;

13 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *IPP Media*. **Tanzania** and **Iran** celebrate 40 years of ties, with foreign affairs and **East Africa** cooperation minister **Stergomena Tax** stating "Tanzania remains committed to working closely with the government of the Islamic Republic to enhance bilateral relations for mutual benefit;"

12 Feb 2023 **Mwanza (Tanzania)** *The East African*. Tanzania launches **East Africa's** largest domestically manufactured freshwater passenger and cargo ship, the **MV Mwanza Hapa Kazi Tu** which costs \$43m;

11 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Xinhua*. Permanent secretary in the health ministry **Abel Makubi** announces increased surveillance measures at health facilities and communities along the **Malawi** border after the **World Health Organization's (WHO)** says the risk of cholera spreading inside Malawi and to neighbouring countries is "*very high*";

11 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **United States**-based think tank **Global Financial Integrity** says trade-based money laundering is depriving Tanzania of much-needed tax revenues despite government's adoption of measures to combat illicit financial flows;

10 Feb 2023 **Jakarta (Indonesia)** *Antara News*. Energy minister **January Makamba** meets with **Darmawan Prasodjo**, president director of **Indonesian** state-run electricity provider **PT PLN**, to discuss collaboration in building an electricity system in Tanzania;

10 Feb 2023 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Deep Sea Fishing Authority (DSFA)** in collaboration with **Spain's Pacific Star** deep sea fishing company announce plans to build a large fish processing factory valued at \$10m in **Tanga** to promote the development of the blue economy;

8 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA)** confirms **United States**-headquartered satellite communications corporation **SpaceX** is seeking a permit to launch satellite internet services in Tanzania as the country continues its plans to launch 5G services in every city;

7 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *National Defence College Tanzania*. **Russian** ambassador to Tanzania, **Andrey Avetisyan** delivers a lecture on Russian foreign policy to students at the **National Defence College**;

7 Feb 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Mohamed Enterprises Tanzania Limited (MeTL) Group** CEO **Mohamed Dewji** says **African** policies have gaps to support large-scale agricultural investments as he attempts to expand his agribusiness ventures with a \$200m investment.