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President Samia Suluhu Hassan (2021-presents) returns to Tanzania early from COP28 following severe flooding in Hanang district (Manyara region). Information minister Nape Nnauye on 9 December commissions an investigation into false allegations that vice president Philip Mpango has died after a month of absence from the public eye. Hassan removes deputy justice and constitutional affairs minister Paulina Gekul from her post on 25 November and accepts the resignation of ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi's (CCM) secretary general Daniel Chongolo on 27 November following two, separate, scandals which began on social media platforms. African Development Bank (AfDB) on 12 December approves \$696m for the Tanzania-Burundi-DR Congo Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Project. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) executive board on 13 December approves the second review Tanzania's Extended Credit Facility (ECF) allowing for disbursement of \$151m.

Hanang flooding cuts short Hassan's COP28 trip

President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** (2021-present) returned to **Tanzania** earlier than anticipated from the **COP28** climate summit in **Dubai (United Arab Emirates (UAE))** following severe flooding in **Hanang district (Manyara region)**. Heavy overnight rainfall led to flash flooding and mudslides in **Katesh** town, killing 63 people and wounding a further 80.^{1,2} Prime minister **Kassim Majaliwa** reported that the number of injured had risen to 116 by 4 December and that a landslide had caused significant disruption to a number of villages, impacting 1,150 households and 5,600 people with 750 acres of farmland destroyed along with local infrastructure.³

The severe flooding was a result of the **El Nino** and **Indian Ocean Dipole** weather systems which have displaced thousands of people in neighbouring **Kenya, Somalia** and **Ethiopia**. The heavy wet weather follows a period of sustained drought which has made the soil poorly prepared to absorb water resulting in increased run off and flash flooding.⁴

Hassan returned to Tanzania early from COP28 to manage the emergency response. Shortly before her departure from the climate summit, the president released a statement offering her condolences and highlighting some actions already taken:

*"Our security and defense forces have already been mobilized, and the Ministry of Health is tasked with attending to the injured while the Ministry of Minerals will assess the areas where landslides have occurred [...] I have also requested the relevant disaster management minister to be present. We believe that with the government's presence, all necessary services will be provided."*⁵

The extensive response to the flooding highlights the financial burden which will be felt by developing economies, countries and communities vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Hassan's voice would no doubt have been an important one at COP28. The president has made a number of trips to UAE since beginning her premiership and business relations between the two nations have flourished.

¹ [The Citizen](#), 4 Dec 2023

² [The Citizen](#), 4 Dec 2023

³ [Reuters](#), 4 Dec 2023

⁴ [Reuters](#), 4 Dec 2023

⁵ [Daily News](#), 3 Dec 2023

The commercial re-opening of Tanzania's economy under Hassan should help to protect Tanzania from the burden of climate change preparedness. Indeed, both the **African Development Bank (AfDB)** and **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** have announced a large finance package for infrastructure investment and budget support this month (see below).

Whilst Hassan's economic policies provide opportunities for growth, she faces significant challenges to order her party and supporters ahead of the 2025 election. Her early return from COP28 may indicate a necessary return to domestic affairs and turn away from her international efforts.

Deputy president Mpango disappearance sparking concerns for his health

Hassan's return to Tanzania in response to an extreme weather event has drawn attention to an extended period of absence from vice president **Philip Mpango** and sparked concerns about his health. Mpango disappeared from the public eye on 31 October, after attending a virtual **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** leaders meeting and then Sunday Mass at a church in **Dodoma**.^{6,7} During his nearly month long absence, rumours ran wild on social media expressing concern that the vice president, assumed to be in poor health, may have died.⁸

These rumours were picked up by international media outlets and UK-based **BBC** published an article concerning rumours about the vice president's health, specifically his previous hospitalisation with an unknown illness a month prior to the death of former president **John Magufuli** (2015-2021).⁹ On 4 December, Majaliwa made a public statement confirming that Mpango was abroad on a working visit but did not specify where the vice president had been dispatched to.¹⁰ Tanzania's popular newspapers put these fears to bed on 10 December, when every major newspaper published photos of vice president Mpango, who defended his absence stating:

*"Many people are hurt by baseless allegations online. We should fear God and make better use of social networks."*¹¹

Mpango claims to have been abroad on "*special duties*" for a month, but also failed to report where these duties were discharged.¹²

Information minister **Nape Nnauye** on 9 December commissioned investigations into the individuals responsible for spreading "*unfounded speculation*".¹³ The investigations are an indication that Hassan's efforts to liberalise Tanzania's media may be meeting backlash from her party.¹⁴ The BBC described the move by Tanzania's government as a "*social media crackdown*" a worrying development after the implementation of a **Cybercrimes Act** in 2018 which made it possible to bring criminal charges against those criticising government on social media.^{15,16}

CCM conduct concerns ahead of next elections

Two scandals have rippled through the ruling **Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM)** prompting the removal of deputy justice and constitutional affairs minister, **Paulina Gekul** and the resignation of secretary general, **Daniel Chongolo**.

The two, separate, scandals are perhaps evidence of increased scrutiny and pressure on party members ahead of impending local elections, scheduled for November 2024. In response to the

⁶ [The Citizen](#), 10 Dec 2023

⁷ [BBC](#), 8 Dec 2023

⁸ [BBC](#), 8 Dec 2023

⁹ [BBC](#), 8 Dec 2023 and [Independent](#), 25 Feb 2021

¹⁰ [AriseTV](#), 7 Dec 2023

¹¹ [The Citizen](#), 10 Dec 2023

¹² [The Citizen](#), 10 Dec 2023

¹³ [The Citizen](#), 10 Dec 2023

¹⁴ [LusakaTimes](#), 13 Dec 2023

¹⁵ [BBC](#), 11 Dec 2023

¹⁶ [US Department of State](#), 2019

scandals, **Paul Makonda** a controversial returnee to the CCM political fold (*see ARC Briefing Nov 2023*) has returned to the limelight as spokesperson and party head of ideology and publicity.¹⁷

Both Gekul and Chongolo were brought down by claims published on social media. Chongolo submitted his resignation to Hassan on 27 November, following online leaks of “*sexual WhatsApp messages*” allegedly penned by the senior CCM figure to an unidentified woman.¹⁸

Chongolo, one of CCM’s shortest serving deputy secretary generals held the post from 30 April 2021 until his resignation on 27 November 2023. His departure may offer an opportunity for Hassan to shore up support for her second term within the party. Failure to renew Hassan’s premiership would mark a significant departure from CCM party convention and the president appears increasingly nervous ahead of the elections.

Hassan’s mentor and former president **Jakaya Kikwete** (2000-2015) addressed CCM’s 10th party congress on 8 December 2022, stating:

*“Don’t listen to people’s rumours that there is this young man who will run, or this old man will run. It’s pure nonsense.”*¹⁹

However, Kikwete’s previous reassurances do not appear to have settled nerves within the party, or bolstered support for the president ahead of the next elections.

National newspaper, **The Citizen** reported on 30 November:

*“All eyes are now directed to who President Samia will pick as the new CCM’s Secretary-General, with several names being mentioned on social media as likely successors of Mr. Chongolo.”*²⁰

The article does not name any likely candidates, however, Hassan’s recent appointments feature candidates from the **Lakes Zone** of Tanzania, where she is seeking to shore up support ahead of the 2025 elections.

Gekul was removed from office on 25 November, shortly after a video began circulating online of her employee **Hashim Ally**, who alleged that Gekul subjected him to cruel treatment. A case against her was submitted to the **Babati** district court in **Manyara region** where Gekul has been summoned to a hearing on 27 December.²¹ Hassan’s reaction to these allegations was swift and Gekul was removed from office on 25 November, shortly before the case was submitted to the courts.²²

It appears that Hassan and party spokesperson Makonda may have their work cut out as media scrutiny of party figures intensifies ahead of the next elections. Whether the president can resist the urge to curtail media freedoms to combat poor press relations, remains to be seen but the response to the rumours surrounding Mpango seem to hint that she may be leaning in this way.

AfDB approve \$696 million finance for Tanzania-Burundi-Congo rail project

The **African Development Bank (AfDB)** on 12 December approved a \$696m finance package for a rail project linking Tanzania to its neighbours **Burundi** and the **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**. The deal marks a step towards the completion of the **Tanzania-Burundi-DR Congo Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Project** which began under Magufuli.

The deal will provide \$99m to Burundi in the form of a grant and \$598m to Tanzania as a loan and guarantee package for a 651km second phase of the railway project.²³ The project will create a ‘central corridor network’ for long-haul bulk transport services intended to support “*large-scale*

¹⁷ [Daily News](#), 27 Nov 2023

¹⁸ [The Chanzo](#), 30 Nov 2023

¹⁹ [The Chanzo](#), 14 Dec 2022

²⁰ [The Citizen](#), 30 Nov 2023

²¹ [The Citizen](#), 12 Dec 2023

²² [Lakezone Watch](#), 26 Nov 2023

²³ [AfDB](#), 12 Dec 2023

mining and commercial agriculture.”²⁴ The standard gauge railway track will run between **Tabora-Kigoma** (411km), **Uvinza-Malagarasi** (156km) in Tanzania and **Malagarasi-Musongati** (84km) in Burundi.²⁵

The project is aligned with regional and pan-African transport and trade plans, including the **East African Community (EAC)’s Rail Master Plan** and the **African Union (AU)’s Program for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)**.

IMF approve release of \$151 million for budget support

The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** executive board on 13 December approved the release of Tanzania’s latest tranche of finance following the completion of its second review of Tanzania’s 3-year **Extended Credit Facility (ECF)**.²⁶ The disbursement of \$151m is intended to support Tanzania’s budget and is not restricted to financing a single project, as the AfDB loans are.²⁷ The latest release of funds brings the total disbursement under the scheme to \$455m of the \$1.04 billion approved by the bank in 2022.

The IMF held staff-level meetings during a mission to Tanzania between 23 October and 3 November, reviewing fiscal reforms and policy priorities. IMF mission chief, **Charalambos Tsangarides** stated in his review of the staff-level agreement struck in early November:

*“Business environment and governance reforms are key to unlock the potential of the Tanzanian economy. In this regard, the authorities will continue to implement the Blueprint for Regulatory Reforms, focusing on streamlining regulations and strengthening governance. Efforts to reduce climate change risks by investing in mitigation and adaptation policies will help build a strong foundation for resilient and sustainable growth.”*²⁸

The near-term policy priorities held by Tanzanian authorities were reported to be “*exchange rate flexibility combined with monetary policy tightening and fiscal consolidation, whilst preserving priority social spending.*” The medium-term objectives were reportedly “*creating fiscal space, modernising monetary policy framework and financial supervision and advancing structural reforms.*”²⁹

Indeed, the long form IMF report makes reference to a wide current account deficit in 2022/2023 financial year which was compounded by external fiscal conditions contributing to pressures on the foreign exchange market. The **Bank of Tanzania’s (BoT)** (central bank) implementation of tighter **United States (US)** dollar controls and were credited with providing greater liquidity in the market but also a depreciation in the exchange rate from July. The BoT has since confirmed its intention to revive the forex market by limited forex interventions and continuing its tight monetary policy.³⁰

Tanzania’s finance minister **Mwigulu Nchemba** anticipates strong growth figures from the current financial year, predicting 5.2% growth in 2023, compared to 4.7% in 2022.³¹ However, the IMF staff mission did not make any firm estimations for Tanzania’s growth in 2023. As of writing, the final board approval and IMF report on the second review of the ECF has yet to be published.

²⁴ [AfDB](#), 12 Dec 2023

²⁵ [AfDB](#), 12 Dec 2023

²⁶ [IME](#), 13 Dec 2023

²⁷ [Nasdaq](#), 14 Dec 2023

²⁸ [IME](#), 3 Nov 2023

²⁹ [IME](#), 3 Nov 2023

³⁰ [IME](#), 3 Nov 2023

³¹ [Reuters](#), 15 Jun 2023

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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

14 Dec 2023 **Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) Mwananchi**. Ongoing **El Nino**-induced rains in the Kilimanjaro region cause a shortage of sugar, pushing the price up from TSh 2,800 (\$1.12) per kilogramme to TSh 4,000 (\$1.59) per kilogramme in some areas, highlighting the impacts of climate change on the population;

13 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) The Business Wiz**. **Australia**-headquartered **Noble Helium** raises \$9.39m via a share placement to help fund appraisal and testing at its **North Rukwa Helium Project**;

13 Dec 2023 **Hanang (Tanzania) Daily News**. TSh 2.2 billion (\$876,494) is mobilised via the **National Relief Fund (NRF)** for the flood victims in Hanang district;

12 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) The Citizen**. **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** project coordinator confirms construction has officially begun following the arrival of the first 100 kilometres of pipes at **Dar es Salaam Port**;

12 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) Daily News**. **Zanzibar** President **Hussein Mwinyi** attends **Kenya's Jumhari Day** celebrations on behalf of President **Samia Suluhu Hassan**, hailing Tanzania and Kenya's long-standing relations;

12 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) Daily News**. Government establishes the **Tax Ombudsman Service Tanzania (TOST)**, an independent body that will handle taxpayer complaints;

12 Dec 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania) Daily News**. **Brazil**-headquartered **Contracta** expresses its intention to cooperate with the Zanzibar government to construct Terminla IV at the **Abeid Amani Karume International Airport**;

12 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) The Citizen**. **Petroleum Bulk Procurement Agency (PBPA)** says it plans to increase the size of its petroleum products storage facility to match growing demand. Current infrastructure has been in use since fuel imported per month was an average of 200,000 to 250,000 tonnes but imports currently average between 450,000 and 600,000 tonnes;

11 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) Africa Oil & Gas Report**. **France**-headquartered **Maurel & Prom** signs an agreement with government on in connection with the acquisition of all existing shares of **United Kingdom**-headquartered **Wentworth Resources**, a deal Maurel & Prom says has strengthened its partnership with the state-owned **Tanzania Petroleum Development Company (TPDC)** and opens a path for TPDC to increase its ownership in the **Mnazi Bay** project;

11 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) The Citizen**. Government says a vast section of idle land in **Kurasini** (Dar es Salaam) will now be used by the **Dar es Salaam Port** as a green channel;

11 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) The Citizen**. **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** clarifies that the planned \$540m cement manufacturing, planned by **China's Sinoma** and **Hengya**

Cement Tanzania, is still in the works but that the Chinese company has asked for additional incentives which is delaying construction;

11 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** tasks regions and districts to take corrective measures against the ongoing **El Nino** to help prevent further floods and loss of life;

10 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Prime minister **Kassim Majaliwa** launches the 4th **National Anto-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan (NACSAP-IV)**, calling for joint efforts across sectors to help fight against corruption;

10 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Africa.com*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** approves a \$66m loan for equity enhancement of the **Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB)**;

10 Dec 2023 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Government reports having achieved 66% of its **Development Vision 2025**, listing one notable benchmark of progress, namely Tanzanian improving its **Human Development Index (HDI)** from 0.40 to 0.55 in 2022;

9 Dec 2023 **Pemba (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Zanzibar** allocates \$182.8m for the construction of a modern airport on Pemba to open the island up to new investment opportunities;

8 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Business Registration and Licencing Agency (Brela)** and the **Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB)** sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) allowing the two institutions to exchange information to help expedite fraud investigations involving private firms;

7 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Insurance commissioner **Baghayo Saqware** reports that the insurance market grew 26.7% in 2022, with registered gross written premiums reaching TSh 1.15 trillion (\$459.08m) up from TSh 911 billion (\$363.67m) in 2021;

7 Dec 2023 **Hanang (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** visits Hanang district to assess the extent of the mudslide disaster that has killed 76 people, injured 117 and impacted approximately 1,150 households;

7 Dec 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Zanzibar hosts the **World Bank's International Development Association (IDA)** midterm review meeting which has brought together over 300 participants including IDA donors and borrower representatives;

6 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** signs into law the **Universal Health Insurance Bill**, paving the way for the health ministry to start formulating regulations and implementing the law;

6 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Mwananchi*. **Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (Ewura)** says the decrease in the price of petrol and diesel on the global market has allowed it to lower prices going into December. A litre of petrol in Dar es Salaam will now cost TSh 3,158 (\$1.26) and a litre of diesel TSh 3,226 (\$1.29), down from TSh 3,274 (\$1.30) and TSh 3,374 (\$1.34) respectively;

6 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Local company **GF Automobile** confirms that in partnership with India's **Mahindra & Mahindra**, it will launch a local assembly facility for cars in the next six months;

5 Dec 2023 **Kagera (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Kagera regional commissioner **Fatma Mwassa** confirms that four people have died from cholera in the **Missenyi** district, urging residents to be cautious;

5 Dec 2023 **Ngorongoro (Tanzania)** *VOA Swahili*. **Citizenship and Legal Aid Organisation (CILAO)** director **Odero Odero** criticises the government's plans to relocate a community of herders living in the **Ngorongoro Conversation Area** without their involvement, calling it involuntary displacement;

- 4 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Government is expected to launch its fourth **National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan (NACSAP-IV)** by 10 December;
- 4 Dec 2023 **Hanang (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. A mudslide kills more than 48 people and displaces more than 300 households in Hanang district, caused by heavy overnight rains;
- 3 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tundu Lissu**, the deputy chairperson of opposition party **Chadema**, says the new election bill will have no significant changes to the current voting environment and not fulfil the opposition's desire to have an independent electoral commission;
- 3 Dec 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Zanzibar's tourism and heritage minister **Simai Mohammed Said** lauds the private sector's development in the tourism sector;
- 2 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Transport minister **Makame Mbarawa** announces that the **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** will commence services between Dar es Salaam and **Morogoro** at the end of January 2024;
- 2 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Electric Supply Company (Tanesco)** confirms it has started connecting the **Julius Nyerere Hydropower Plant (JNHPP)** to the national grid and start trials;
- 1 Dec 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Industry and trade minister Dr **Ashatu Kijaji** confirms that 18 companies have managed to access and sell products under the **African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)** market this year, above the government's target of 10 companies;
- 30 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Police arrest two fellow police officers in connection with the death of a security guard at a popular venue, **Boardroom Bar**. The police officers shot the security guard dead during a raid; however, concerns have been raised about excessive use of force and abuse of power by police officers;
- 30 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)** recognises **China**-headquartered **Huawei** as the most complaint taxpayer in a ceremony attended by deputy prime minister **Dotto Biteko**;
- 30 Nov 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *Business Insider Africa*. A regional court dismisses a case lodged by **South Africa**-headquartered **Natural Justice** against the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** citing that the case is not within its jurisdiction and was lodged too late;
- 30 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** leaves for **Dubai** to attend the **28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28)**;
- 30 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Livestock and fisheries minister **Abdalah Ulega** suspends acting director of fisheries **Stephen Lukanga** for failure to execute his duties effectively, namely tackling illegal fishing in Tanzania;
- 30 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Government reiterates its commitment to implementing projects under the guise of the **South African Development Community (SADC)**, including the **Songwe River Basin Project**, which aims to improve the living conditions of the basin's population;
- 30 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. The **Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency (NFIA)** grants TSh 82.2 billion (\$32.74m) to help co-finance the **Msimbazi Basin Development Project** which is set to help transform this flood-prone basin;
- 30 Nov 2023 **Morogoro (Tanzania)** *The East African*. Two passenger planes carrying a total of 60 passengers crash land at the **Mikumi National Park's Kikoboga** airport, with no reports of injuries;
- 29 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Treasury registrar's office reveals that under the proposed **Public Investment Authority Bill** including changing the treasury registrar's office to

the **Public Investment Authority (PIA)** to reflect its changes in responsibilities, namely the management of public institutions;

29 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Tanzania Times*. **Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA)** reports that Tanzania ranks second after **Mauritius** in guaranteeing a high level of cybersecurity among 55 other **African** countries;

28 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Deputy prime minister and energy minister **Doto Biteko** calls on citizens to protect water sources that are key to power generation projects;

28 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **African Union Advisory Board Against Corruption (AUABC)** commends Tanzania's resolve in fighting corruption;

28 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** announces the completion and handing over of the last of its replacement housing programme, handing over a total of 339 houses to 293 project displaced persons in the affected regions of **Kagera, Geita, Shinyanga, Tabora, Singida, Dodoma, Manyara and Tanga**;

29 Nov 2023 **Manyoni (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. A bus travelling from **Dar es Salaam** to **Mwanza** collides with a freight train at an intersection of the road and railway, leaving 13 people dead and 32 injured;

28 Nov 2023 **Katavi (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Residents of **Katuma, Mpembe, Kipanga, Lwega, Mwese, Lugonesi, Bujombe** and **Kagunga** villages in **Katavi** region target earnings of TSh 10 billion (\$3.99m) annually from carbon trading;

28 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **NMB Bank** signs an agreement with **Oryx Gas Tanzania** aimed at increasing the use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in Tanzania;

28 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Standard Gauge Railway (SGR)** project manager **Christopher Callist** confirms construction of the Lot 5 of the SGR, **Mwanza-Isaka**, has reached 44.25%. This section will connect the **Lake Zone** to **Dar es Salaam Port**;

27 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Bloomberg*. **Tanzania Railways Corp.** managing director **Masanja Kadogosa** pitches a new \$5.6 billion railway in the south, linking the **Indian Ocean** to **Lake Nyasa** through regions that have iron-ore, coal and graphite;

27 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Gas World*. **Australia's Noble Helium** reports to have finished drilling at **Mbelele-2** at the **North Rukwa** helium project, confirming significant helium increases in multiple zones of interest at the well;

27 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Indian** energy stakeholders tell the media that they believe Tanzania could reduce its fuel import bill by producing ethanol from sugarcane or agricultural residues;

26 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Tanzania Electric Supply Company (TANESCO)** says it has added 197 megawatts (MW) to the national grid in two months through power infrastructure maintenance, increasing production capacity of natural gas production wells and increased water levels at hydro-power stations;

26 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Zanzibar's** constitution, legal affairs and public service minister **Haroun Ali Suleiman** says during the commemoration of the 53rd anniversary of **Oman's** national day that Tanzania and Oman will explore new areas of cooperation for mutual benefit;

26 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Minister of state in the vice-president's office for union and environment affairs **Selemani Jafo** thanks **Norway** for its commitment of TSh 16 billion (\$6.36m) to help Tanzania deal with the impacts of climate change;

25 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Rural Energy Agency (REA)** says 176 applicants have applied for loans to establish rural filling stations, but only 26 have made it to the second round;

25 Nov 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *Mwananchi*. **Zanzibar Investment Promotion Authority (Zipa)** statistics show that during President **Hussein Mwyini**'s tenure, 296 projects have been approved worth \$4.5 billion which has generated 17,000 direct jobs;

24 Nov 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** speaking on the side lines of the **East African Community (EAC)** heads of state summit urges member states to not be too dependent on donor countries when dealing with climate change-related disasters;

24 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Stanbic Bank Africa Trade Barometer Report**, which surveyed 227 businesses of which 70% were small businesses, says that while Tanzania's business climate looks positive, issues such as foreign currency shortages, infrastructure limitations and limited access to credit remain issues that are impeding cross-border trade;

24 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Transport minister **Makame Mbarawa** directs his ministry to fire any **Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC)** executives for violating laws and ethics, including those who dismiss employees or transfer them with no valid reason;

23 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Indian** vehicle manufacturer **Ashok Leyland** donates 200 vehicles to the **Tanzanian Police Force (TPF)**;

23 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Rural Energy Agency (REA)** announces that all 12,318 villages across the country (70% of the rural population) will be electrified by June 2024, with the government in collaboration with the **World Bank** financing the TSh 1.58 trillion (\$630.73m) project;

23 Nov 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Zanzibar introduces a new immigration act that grants a residence permit to home-buyers investing above \$100,000;

23 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** reports to have registered 137 projects worth TSh 5.2 trillion (\$2.06 billion) in the first quarter of the 2023/2024 financial year (July to September). TIC also highlights eight areas it believes that investors can earn significant returns on while helping Tanzania reach economic growth targets, including pharmaceuticals, wheat production, the automotive industry, palm production, fertiliser, industrial raw materials, mobile handsets and flat rolled products of iron;

23 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Prime minister **Kassim Majaliwa** orders the finance ministry and regional administration and local government docket to reinstate the Local Government Authorities (LGAs) system of disbursing 10% budget to special groups (women, youth and people with disabilities) by 15 January 2024. The LGA was previously suspended over irregularities;

23 Nov 2023 **Kagera (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Prevention and Combating of Corruption Bureau (PCCB)** says it is investigating discrepancies in various projects worth TSh 13.81 billion (\$5.49m) that were implemented in the Kagera region between July and September;

22 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Business Wiz*. Permanent secretary in the president's office for planning and investment **Tausi Kida** reiterates to a government and business delegation conference in **London (United Kingdom)** the government's ongoing commitment to foster investment in the country;

22 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **French** ambassador to Tanzania **Nabil Haijaloui**, during a reception hosted for a delegation of 13 French companies exploring opportunities in Tanzania, commends Tanzania's attractive business environment that has helped the country increase foreign direct investment by 70% in ten years;

22 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC)** expresses concern over the proposed electoral amendment bills that have been tabled in parliament, highlighting areas for improvement that will help achieve democratic reforms;

22 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Tanzania Ports Authority (TPA)** will construct two tank farms for oil storage at **Dar es Salaam Port** to help increase oil tanker offloading speed. The two farms will have capacity to store 362,500 tonnes of oil and construction is set for the 2023/2024 financial year;

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21 Nov 2023 **Dodoma (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Minister of state in the president's office for regional administrations and local governments (PO-RALG), **Mohamed Mchengerwa**, suspends two district executive directors – **Butamo Ndalaha (Kibaha in Coast region)** and **Lena Nkaya (Ifakara in Morogoro Region)** – over mismanagement of development project funds;

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21 Nov 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Zanzibar President **Hussein Mwinyi** says he will take stern measures whenever necessary to stem arguing among his cabinet, citing that ongoing internal strife among appointees negatively affects the execution of duties;

20 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **China Petroleum Pipeline Engineering (CPP)** begins civil works for the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** with above-ground installations in both countries

20 Nov 2023 **Arusha (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Leaders from the **East African Community (EAC)** will meet in Arusha this week for the 23rd ordinary EAC heads of state summit;

20 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The East African*. Opposition political parties express concern over the proposed changes to electoral laws, tabled in parliament on 10 November, including the **National Electoral Commission (Nec) Bill**. Critics note that the bill says the NEC will be an independent, autonomous organ but also has a clause that indicates the president will have the final say in who to admit as members, which is a contradiction;

20 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Education, science and technology ministry confirms it has set aside TSh 9 billion (\$3.6m) for the 2023/24 financial year for development of research and innovation programmes in a bid to spur industrial development in Tanzania;

19 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **China's** ambassador to Tanzania **Chen Mingjian** says China and Tanzania's bilateral relations have made "*substantial progress*" across all sectors, highlighting education as the most recent area where relations have flourished;

19 Nov 2023 **Zanzibar (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Zanzibar President **Hussein Mwinyi** meets with **Romania** President **Klaus Iohannis** and invites Romanian investors to invest in the blue economy, which Zanzibar has prioritised for development;

18 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** appoints former deputy permanent secretary **Mwamimi Malemi** as chairperson of the **National Social Security Fund (NSSF)** board of trustees;

18 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **United States (US)** ambassador to Tanzania, **Micheal Battle**, and commander of the **US Africa Command**, General **Micheal Langley**, lay the foundation stone for the construction of a housing block for the **Tanzania Defence Intelligence College**;

18 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Tanzania Investment Centre (TIC)** reports there has been a 100.53% increase in foreign direct investment (FDI) in the first quarter of the 2023 financial year (July to September), reaching \$1.05 billion compared to \$524.42m recorded in the corresponding quarter in 2022. The five leading sectors include commercial buildings, manufacturing, agriculture, transportation, and tourism;

17 Nov 2023 **Migouri (Kenya)** *NTV Kenya*. Kenyan police seize 625 kilogrammes of explosives in transit, believed to have come from **Tanzania**, likely for use in illegal mining;

17 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **British** high commission in collaboration with **United Kingdom**-headquartered **Clyde & Co.** announces the organisation of a **UK-Tanzania** business mission in **London (UK)** from 20 to 23 November;

17 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. President **Samia Suluhu Hassan** and her **Romanian** counterpart **Klaus Iohannis** agree to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the areas of agriculture, health, education, disaster management, mining and diplomacy;

17 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Upstream Online*. **France**-headquartered **TotalEnergies** criticises **United States (US)** non-profit **GreenFaith** for failing to contact it over allegations GreenFaith made in a recent report on the **East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP)** which states that EACOP has “*disturbed and risks disrespecting*” 2,000 graves along the construction route;

17 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. **Denmark** confirms it will not close its embassy as previously announced in 2021, with foreign affairs minister **January Makamba** sharing that the decision comes after “*a very fruitful meeting in Algiers last month*”;

15 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Deputy finance minister **Hamad Hassan Chande** commends the **World Bank** for its financial and technical support in capacity building for research and the use of data to support policymaking;

14 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Foreign affairs and **East African Cooperation** **January Makamba** encourages the diaspora to register on the **Diaspora Digital Hub** which aims to recognise and include them in the country’s development plans;

14 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. **Consumer Choice Awards Africa (CCAA)** elects **Geita Gold Mining Limited (GGML)**, owned by **South Africa**-headquartered **AngloGold Ashanti**, as the most trusted company in the mining sector;

14 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *Daily News*. Government confirms **Romania’s** President **Klaus Werner** will arrive in Tanzania on 16 November for a four-day state visit during which he will engage in political consultations with President **Samia Suluhu Hassan**;

9 Nov 2023 **Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)** *The Citizen*. Tanzania and **Uganda** sign a bilateral agreement to construct a natural gas pipeline between the two countries that will help boost energy security and economic growth. The pipeline will transport natural gas from Tanzania’s southern regions to Uganda.

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