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The Southern African Development Community (SADC) welcomes the ongoing constructive engagement in Madagascar related to the political situation. During Africa Down Under 2026 in Australia, mines minister Carl Andriamparany outlines the government's ambitions for the mining sector. Justice ministry announces the suspension of three magistrates from the Pole anti-corruption (anti-corruption court) in Antananarivo and 15 prison officers from Imerintsiatosika Prison. Madagascar is stepping up preventive measures to stop an Ebola outbreak from entering the country.

SADC commends the transitional government's commitment

The political situation in **Madagascar** was on the [agenda](#) at the 46th **Summit of Heads of State and Government** of the **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** held on 17 August in **Durban (South Africa)**. In its resolution adopted at the close of the summit, this regional organisation welcomed the constructive engagement in Madagascar, made possible by the efforts of the SADC Committee of Elders, supported by the Mediation Reference Group and Secretariat. Last May, SADC dispatched a mission to the country.

The regional body was keen to reaffirm its [commitment](#) to “supporting Madagascar’s reform process and development programme, in particular the promotion of inclusive governance, democratic institutions, accountability, human rights, citizen participation and a return to constitutional normality”. In this vein, the summit urged stakeholders in Madagascar to preserve the relative calm prevailing in the country and to choose the path of dialogue to address their demands.

On 16 August, transitional president **Michaël Randrianirina** (2025–present) held talks with South African President and current SADC chair, South Africa’s President **Cyril Ramaphosa** (2018–present). This provided an opportunity for Randrianirina to outline the progress made in the process of national renewal in Madagascar, as well as the timetable for resolving the crisis. Randrianirina emphasised that in addition to the political dialogue the government is conducting with various stakeholders across the country, the country will hold its first election in July 2027. It remains to be confirmed whether this date will be for a constitutional referendum or a presidential election.

Since 1 September, Randrianirina has begun a series of [consultations](#) with various stakeholders, including political party leaders, representatives from the Generation Z (GenZ) movement – which led protests that led to the downfall of former president **Andry Rajoelina** (2019-2025) – and religious organisations. and so on. Randrianirina also invited former presidents **Marc Ravalomanana** (2002 – 2009) and **Hery Rajaonarimampianina** (2014 – 2018) to these consultations, as they were members of parliament (MPs) elected under the banner of the **Isika Rehetra Miaraka amin'i Andry Rajoelina (IRMAR)** coalition, the former presidential majority.

Mines minister sets out Madagascar’s ambitions for the sector

Mines minister **Carl Randriamparany** [presented](#) at the **Africa Down Under 2026** mining conference, held between 2 and 4 September in **Perth (Australia)**, outlining that the government’s objectives to make national companies key players in the value chain and boost local economic benefits in the mining sector.

The minister emphasised the need to increase the participation of Malagasy companies in the markets generated by major mining projects. Maintenance, logistics, construction, technical services and the

supply of equipment all represent opportunities likely to stimulate the national economy and diversify the benefits derived from the extractive industry. However, this ambition requires the presence of companies capable of meeting the requirements of international operators.

The government therefore intends to promote the training of technicians, skills development, access to equipment and the transfer of know-how. Investors and technical partners are also called upon to contribute to this capacity-building at a local level, to enable Malagasy suppliers to meet the standards required by the mining industry.

The minister cited the **Ambatovy** mining project as a concrete example of this economic integration. In 2024, more than 418 local suppliers, operating across 40 sectors, supplied goods and services to the company, totalling approximately \$263.36m. Since the start of its operations in 2012, **Ambatovy** has spent over \$3 billion on local procurement, according to figures presented by the minister.

The minister also explained that this integration goes beyond mere procurement: the project extracts processes and refines nickel and cobalt in Madagascar before exporting them. The next challenge is to enable national companies to secure more complex contracts with higher added value. Through the development of local processing of mineral resources, the government aims to create new industrial activities, increase demand for specialised services and retain a larger share of the value generated within the country.

The minister also [outlined](#) a strategy involving the reservation of up to 30% of certain production volumes for local industries. This would entail the introduction of a quota system requiring 30% of extracted raw materials to be sold locally. This measure is part of the same framework as the creation of a so-called 'mining industrial park'. For the time being, the authorities have not specified whether this quota will be mandatory.

The 2023 **Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)** report on Madagascar revealed the extractive sector plays a significant role in the national economy, accounting for 49.2% of the country's exports.

Justice ministry suspends three magistrates and 15 prison officers

The justice ministry on 28 August [announced](#) the suspension of three magistrates from the **Pôles anti-corruption (PAC)** (anti-corruption court) of Antananarivo and 15 prison officers from **Imerintsiatosika Prison**. The ministry cited that magistrates working within the public prosecutor's office of the PAC had been accused of breaches in the performance of their duties, notably in the handling of cases and a failure to fulfil their responsibilities and obligations. Unofficial reports claim that some of these magistrates are said to have deliberately refused to handle cases implicating Rajoelina.

The PAC is a specialised court responsible for trying cases of high-level corruption. The **Comité de suivi et d'évaluation des PAC** (monitoring and evaluation committee) made the suspension decision following inspections and assessments carried out by the office responsible for the supervision of the courts, and after consultations with the supreme court presidents.

As for the 15 prison officers, they are facing disciplinary action for breaches observed in the performance of the duties entrusted to them. The same sources state that they were sanctioned following the escape of a prisoner (his identity has not been revealed) on 7 August from the Imerintsiatosika detention centre, a prison located in the **Itasy Region** which houses mainly political prisoners.

Malagasy authorities are stepping up border controls to prevent an Ebola outbreak

Madagascar is [stepping](#) up preventive measures to stop an **Ebola** outbreak from entering the country, with health checks intensified for all travellers upon entry at the borders. An inter-ministerial memo dated on 19 August and made public on 20 August also confirmed that entry for foreign nationals who

have stayed in or transited through countries affected by Ebola within the last 21 days is temporarily prohibited. Travel to these same countries is also suspended.

The epicentre of the current Ebola outbreak is the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**, which, as of 7 September, has registered 6,765 cases and 3,267 deaths across seven provinces. **Uganda** also registered 20 confirmed cases, but the **World Health Organisation (WHO)** has declared the country Ebola free as of 25 August, after completing the mandatory 42-day monitoring period. Other countries such as **Angola, Tanzania** and **Zambia**, are under close surveillance due to the risk of the virus spreading.

Other strict measures have been [introduced](#) in addition to this temporary ban on entry into the country. Malagasy nationals, foreign residents, holders of a valid work or student visa, and all persons authorised to enter the country from countries affected by Ebola are subject to a compulsory 21-day quarantine accompanied by health monitoring. Anyone displaying suspicious symptoms will also be referred to the relevant services and treated in accordance with national protocols.

This ministerial note follows the decision taken at the **Council of Ministers** on 4 August, which called for the tightening of entry measures at Madagascar's borders in the face of the threat posed by the Ebola epidemic. For the same reason, a note issued by the prime minister's office and released to the media that evening also announced the postponement of the SADC parliamentary forum, which Madagascar was due to host from 22 to 29 August in Antananarivo.

Planner

Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** National Assembly to hold an extraordinary session during which political issues may be on the agenda

28 – 29 Oct 2026 **Moscow (Russia)** Transitional president **Michaël Randrianirina** expected to take part in the **Russia-Africa summit**

Chronology

10 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *TV PLUS*. Prime minister's office lodges a complaint following the granting of a certificate of nationality to former president **Andry Rajoelina**, which enabled him to stand in the 2023 presidential election;

10 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **African Development Bank (AfDB)** reports that Madagascar must mobilise \$7.27 billion a year by 2030 to finance its development, accelerate economic growth, and support the structural transformation of its economy;

10 Sep 2026 **Paris (France)** *Presidency of Madagascar*. Transitional president, **Michaël Randrianirina**, meets **France's** President **Emmanuel Macron** at the **Palais de l'Élysée** in Paris, on the sidelines of the international space summit.

9 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Ministry of Justice*. The **Agence de Recouvrement des Avoirs Illicites (ARAI)** (agency for the recovery of illicit assets) has frozen the bank accounts of three companies within the **INJET** group owned by former president **Andry Rajoelina**;

8 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Ministry of Justice*. Madagascar extradites 50 **Chinese** nationals convicted of online scamming to **Beijing** (China) as part of judicial cooperation between China and Madagascar;

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

7 Sep 2026 **Taolagnaro (Madagascar)** *Mines.mg*. **QIT Minerals Madagascar** announces the resumption of its operations following several days of suspension;

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

4 Sep 2026 **Perth (Australia)** *Mines.mg*. On an official visit to Australia, mines minister **Carl Randriamparany** outlines the government's new policy direction aimed at restoring trust between the state, mining operators and local communities, notably by creating a more favourable environment for mining investment;

3 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Midi Madagasikara*. Economy and finance ministry announces that Madagascar loses more than \$800m in revenue each year due to tax fraud;

2 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Midi Madagasikara*. Thirteen members of the Malagasy Army have completed a two-month close protection training course delivered by **Russian** instructors;

2 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *BBC*. An Antananarivo court sentences former Senate president **Richard Ravalomanana** to ten years of hard labour after being found guilty of complicity in murder over the violent crackdown on youth-led Gen Z protests in September and October 2025;

1 Sep 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. The **United States (US)** and Madagascar are exploring increased private-sector investment to finance infrastructure projects in roads, energy, electricity networks and digital infrastructure, with public-private partnerships seen to overcome limited public resources;

29 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Madagascar is facing growing social tensions as prolonged power outages, declining water levels and rising insecurity fuel public frustration, with state-owned **JIRAMA** attributing the electricity shortages to equipment failures and reduced hydropower production;

28 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Anadolu Agency*. Justice ministry suspends three magistrates from the **Pôles anti-corruption (PAC)** (anti-corruption court) of Antananarivo of Antananarivo and 15 prison officers from the **Imerintsiatosika** detention centre on grounds of dereliction of duty;

28 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *2424.mg*. **State Procurement of Madagascar (SPM)** will temporarily make 20,000,000 litres of diesel available to oil companies and plans to sell them a further 40,000,000 litres;

27 Aug 2026 **Tolagnaro (Madagascar)** *Vérité Hebdo*. **QIT Madagascar Minerals (QMM)** suspends its operations at **Mandena (Anosy Region)** due to several blockades of the access road to the site following a protest by the local population;

26 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **Assemblée nationale** (national assembly) is defending itself against calls for dissolution from Gen Z and student groups, with speaker **Siteny Randrianasoloniaiko** highlighting parliamentary inquiries as evidence that members of parliament (MPs) are exercising their oversight role;

25 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Ministry of Public Works*. Public works ministry signs a cooperation agreement with the **Egyptian African Arab Co. for Development**;

24 Aug 2026 **Tolagnaro (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **QIT Madagascar Minerals (QMM)** commissions Madagascar's first wind farm, comprising 19 turbines with a capacity of 16MW, expanding QMM's renewable energy facility to a combined 30MW of wind and solar power;

22 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. The newly formed **Madagascar South Africa Chamber of Commerce (Masacham)** launches to strengthen bilateral trade, investment and partnerships across sectors including agriculture, mining and tourism;

20 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. Mines ministry and **Centrale de l'Or de Madagascar (COM)** (central gold office) are working to formalise the gold sector in **Antanimbary** by

educating artisanal miners and collectors on licensing, royalties, taxes and gold traceability requirements;

20 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *Anadolu Agency*. Malagasy authorities suspend temporarily entry into the country for foreigners who have stayed in or transited through countries affected by **Ebola** within the last 21 days;

18 Aug 2026 **Antananarivo (Madagascar)** *L'Express*. **Mauritius** and Madagascar are strengthening bilateral business ties through a business forum in Antananarivo focused on trade opportunities, partnerships and market expansion, with Mauritius already receiving 13% of Madagascar's exports;

16 Aug 2026 **Durban (South Africa)** *Anadolu Agency*. Transitional president **Michaël Randrianirina** announces that an election will be held in July 2027 during a meeting with **South Africa's** President **Cyril Ramaphosa** on the eve of the **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** summit.

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