1. Cameroon

**Anglophone unrest, jihadist attacks hit Cameroon economy**

In theory Cameroon’s economy has a lot to recommend it: a wealth of commodities such as oil, diamonds and gold and good agricultural conditions. But as 85-year-old Paul Biya seeks a seventh term in office in Sunday's presidential election, the economic outlook is far from rosy. *Daily Nation*

2. Ethiopia

**Ethiopia rights body calls for deployment of army in violent regions**

Ethiopia’s national human rights commission has called for the deployment of the national defense forces to restore order and stability in the regions where violence is rampant. The commission’s chairperson, Addisu Gebregziabher addressed a press conference on Thursday in the southern city of Hawassa, where the ruling coalition is holding a long-delayed congress. *Africa News*

3. Kenya

**Melania Trump in Kenya ahead of Egypt tour to end Africa visit**

S First Lady Melania Trump arrived in Kenya on Thursday night, to a busy schedule of the East African nation, before heading to Egypt. She began her solo trip to Africa, in Ghana then Malawi before arriving in Nairobi. She kicked off her busy schedule on Friday morning, with a visit to David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which is considered the world’s most successful orphan elephant rescue and rehabilitation Centre. *Capital News*

**EACC says Kidero amassed unexplained wealth**

The Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission now claims that Evans Kidero acquired vast properties and assets during his tenure as MD of Mumias Sugar Company and Governor of Nairobi. The anti-graft watchdog believes that Kidero colluded with public officials from the County Government and MSC to defraud the government of colossal sums of money. Preliminary investigations so far reveal that Kidero received tens of millions of shillings into several of his bank accounts. *Capital News*
Stigma, blame means African women wary to say #MeToo

The #MeToo campaign has given mostly Western women confidence to speak up about violence at the hands of men, but in Africa women say stigma and victim-blaming still keep many silent. Fiercely patriarchal societies and religious and traditional views on the role of women means even complaining about domestic violence is an uphill battle, let alone bringing down abusive men in power, activists say. Daily Nation

Rogue State agents, cartels unite to kill maize sector

Last year, two related events occurred in the maize sub-sector leading to a devastating and painful effect that now threatens the continued farming of the crop that accounts for three percent of Kenya’s gross domestic product. Following a deficit of 2.4 million bags of the staple food, the government opened the floodgates for the importation of the grain, leading to Sh40.3 billion worth of maize flooding the market, more than 10 times those Kenya had brought in the previous year (Sh3.6 billion). Daily Nation

4. Senegal

Senegal the first African country to host Olympic Games

Senegal has been chosen to host the next Youth Olympic Games in 2022. It will be the first African country to host an Olympics and has its own ideas on how to attract young fans. Aljazeera

5. Somalia

Former Al-Shabaab deputy leader to seek elected office

A former Al-Shabaab deputy leader has announced his entry into politics, local media portals and journalists in Somalia have confirmed. Mukhtar Robow Abu Mansur is said to have announced his candidacy for leadership of the Southwest regional administration on Thursday, October 4. The elections are to take place next month. Robow, a one-time candidate on the United States terror list will be coming up against an incumbent, Sharif Hassan Sheikh Aden and other aspirants. Africa News

6. South Africa

South Africa First’: Ramaphosa's plan to tackle unemployment

South Africa’s president, Cyril Ramaphosa called on top public and private companies to increase local procurement, in order to reduce high levels of unemployment. The president, who was addressing businessmen, trade unionists and government technocrats at the much anticipated Jobs Summit, announced that deals between the government and the private sector would create 275,000 more jobs. South Africa’s unemployment rate stands at more than 27%, one of the highest in the world’s major economies. Africa News
South Africa's youth unemployment rate at record high

Unemployment in South Africa is becoming an urgent problem with almost a third of the population without work. Another job summit has been organized - the fourth in 20 years - but sceptics say the initiative will not help much. Aljazeera