1. Egypt

Egypt pledges a number of initiatives to boost investment, integration and governance during Africa 2018 Forum

Egypt sends a clear message of intent as it prepares to take over chairmanship of the African Union; A Guarantee Fund created to assist Egyptians companies to invest in the continent; Governance and the fight against corruption, two core issues at the centre of their AU agenda. As Egypt prepares to take over the chairmanship of the African Union in 2019, President Al Sisi, in the closing plenary of the Africa 2018 Forum (www.BusinessforAfricaForum.com), sent a clear message of intent focused on greater integration and greater cooperation. Africa News

2. Eritrea

Somali MPs aim to impeach president over Ethiopia, Eritrea 'deals'

An impeachment moves brought by lawmakers against Somali president Mohamed Abdullahi Farmaajo has been rejected by deputy speakers of the country's parliament. A copy of the motion, seen by Reuters, lists as grounds for the impeachment an allegation that the president secretly signed agreements with other countries including Ethiopia and Eritrea. The agreements touched on the use of Somali ports and economic and security cooperation, it said. Africa News

3. Ethiopia

Ethiopia benefits from reforms

Ethiopia is reaping the benefits of widespread political and socio-economic reforms with the economy expected to maintain a robust growth. The International Monetary Fund (IMF), which concluded consultations with Ethiopia, says the conducive political climate that has been created by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed is catapulting the country’s growth significantly. After a relative lull last year when Ethiopia recorded a 7.7 per cent gross domestic product (GDP) growth, this year GDP growth is projected to accelerate to 8.5 per cent supported by stronger confidence as the political uncertainty of previous years recedes. The East Africa
Gabon VP confirms President Ali Bongo suffered stroke

Gabon’s President Ali Bongo suffered a stroke which led to his hospitalization, Vice President Pierre Claver Maganga Moussavou confirmed over the weekend. The VP whiles delivering a speech in Franceville, south of the country, said Bongo had suffered a cerebrovascular accident or CVA, commonly known as a stroke. *Africa News*

4. Gambia

**U.S. Sanctions Gambia’s Former President**

The State Department imposed sanctions against Gambia’s former president, who stepped down last year after a nonviolent military intervention by neighboring countries allowed a democratically elected successor to take over. The sanctions against Yahya Jammeh and his family come days ahead of the Trump administration’s planned announcement of a new strategy for Africa on Thursday. Mr. Trump’s new strategy is expected to be heavily focused on responding to China’s growing influence on the continent. *Wall Street Journal*

5. Kenya

**WHO endorses Kenya’s UHC as government gears up for pilot launch**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has endorsed Kenya's ambitious Universal Health Coverage (UHC) program whose pilot phase President Uhuru Kenyatta is set to launch in Kisumu on Thursday this week. As a show of support, WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said he will mobilise the top leadership of the global health body to attend the Kisumu launch which kick start the pilot phase of the UHC program in four counties of Kisumu, Nyeri, Machakos and Isiolo. The Director General assured President Kenyatta that WHO is committed to support the country’s UHC describing Kenya as a trailblazer in Africa. *Capital News*

**Kenya secures Sh49 billion from German government**

The Government has secured Sh49.5 billion from the German government to fund various high impact projects in the country. The funding will go towards supporting various government initiatives including good governance, devolution, food security and drought resilience programmes, water and irrigation, education, energy, climate change, health, as well as promotion of youth employment and vocational training. *Standard Media*

6. Libya

**Armed group blocks key oil field in Libya**

An armed group has seized one of Libya's largest oilfields in the country's southwest, the state-owned National Oil Corporation said on Monday. The seizure of Sharara oilfield prompted the company to declare a "force majeure" on exports from the field. Two competing administrations, rival militias, tribes and jihadists have been vying for control of territory and the country’s vast oil wealth. *News 24*
7. Malawi

**Norway tells Malawi promote rights of persons with albinism**

The Norwegian Embassy in Malawi has asked the Malawi Government to strengthen efforts in the promotion of rights of persons with albinism and the elderly. Centre for Human Rights and Rehabilitation and Centre for People's Development (CEDEP) with support from Norwegian government embarked on a project to scale up promotion and protection of vulnerable minorities. **Malawi 24**

8. Morocco

**Morocco, African Union agree to establish African migration observatory in Rabat**

Morocco and the African Union (AU) signed on Monday an agreement to set up the headquarters of the African Observatory for Migration and Development (OAMD) in Morocco’s capital Rabat. The agreement was signed by Moroccan Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita and chairman of AU Commission Moussa Faki Mahamat on the sidelines of a UN Intergovernmental Conference on Migration held in the Moroccan city of Marrakech. **Xinhua**

9. Rwanda

**SA recalls envoy to Rwanda over 'insulting' comments**

South Africa has recalled its envoy to Rwanda ‘for consultations’ over comments directed at its Foreign Affairs minister Lindiwe Sisulu. South African media reports indicated that while President Cyril Ramaphosa’s government was ready to normalise ties with Kigali, but the process had been put on hold over what the former said were insults targeting Ms Sisulu, by sections of government-leaning media in Kigali. **Daily Nation**

10. Senegal

**U.S., Senegal sign 600-mln-USD pact to boost power cooperation**

The United States and Senegal on Monday signed a five-year power cooperation agreement worth 600 million U.S. dollars. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met with Senegal’s visiting Prime Minister Mahammed Boun Abdallah Dionne and participated in the signing ceremony of the pact between the U.S. government’s Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and the Senegalese government at the State Department. According to Pompeo’s statement, the pact, with its full name of Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Senegal Power Compact, included 550 million dollars of Senegal Power Compact and an additional 50 million dollars contributed by the government of Senegal. The compact aims to "modernize and strengthen Senegal's power sector ... through improved access to electricity," Pompeo said, noting it will also complement the "Power Africa" initiative implemented by the U.S. government to boost Sub-Saharan Africa’s power sector. **Xinhua**
11. Somalia

**IMF urges Somalia to sustain reform momentum**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Monday urged the Somali government to sustain reform momentum to help long-term recovery and growth objectives. The IMF mission led by Mohamad H. Elhage, who visited Kenya from Dec. 1 to 6 to meet Somali financial officials and conduct the first review under the 12-month (May 2018-April 2019) Staff-Monitored Program (SMP), said it stands ready to continue supporting Somalia's reform agenda and capacity development needs by intensifying technical assistance and training. *Xinhua*

12. South Sudan

**WHO extends Ebola vaccination to South Sudan**

The World Health Organisation (WHO) will extend the Ebola vaccination to South Sudan to prevent the spread of the virus from the neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The South Sudan Health ministry confirmed that the vaccination would target healthcare and frontline workers operating in high risk states in the Equatoria region bordering DRC. The ministry said about 60 health personnel had already been trained to carry out the Ebola vaccination. Those trained were drawn from Juba, Yei, Yambio and Nimule. However, the date for the vaccination has not yet been confirmed. *The East Africa*

13. Tanzania

**Opposition parties in Tanzania protest new law: 'It will criminalise politics'**

Opposition parties in Tanzania have called upon legislators not to pass proposed amendments to a law governing political parties, saying it would criminalize their activities. At a news conference in the capital Dar es Salaam on Sunday, Hashim Rungwe, chairman of one of 10 opposition parties, said the proposed amendments would curtail constitutional freedoms. “The proposed bill is against the constitution and political parties were not involved from initial stages and even after providing our views, they were not considered,” he said. *Africa News*

**Tanzania President Magufuli comes under attack over censorship**

Tanzanian President John Magufuli has brought radical changes to the country since he came to power three years ago. He has introduced ways to save money, waged a war on corruption and gotten rid of so-called government "ghost workers". But a clampdown on other areas, from politics to media and even sexual morality, is leading some to criticise him. *Aljazeera*
14. Tunisia

Is protest a safety valve against ISIS in Tunisia?
Tunisia ranks among the top countries of origin for foreign recruits of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. Leaked membership lists and details obtained from the profiles of recruits killed in battle provide an important data set of fighters’ biographical information to help determine factors contributing to their recruitment. We matched a list of 636 Tunisian Islamic State fighters derived from leaked border documents with information from the 2014 census, as well as other data. We found that fighters came from 128 of Tunisia’s 264 delegations. But why would citizens of the only Arab democracy travel thousands of miles to participate in a violent insurgency? A closer look at the areas in Tunisia more likely to produce ISIS fighters provides some answers. Washington Post

15. Uganda

Uganda to investigate bribe allegations against foreign minister: Museveni
Ugandan authorities will investigate claims that foreign minister, Sam Kutesa took a bribe of $500,000 from a Chinese official, the country’s president said on Monday. President Yoweri Museveni, who was launching new initiatives to tackle corruption in Uganda, said the minister had explained that the money was donated to a charity he runs, rather than to him as an individual. Chi Ping Patrick Ho, a former Hong Kong government official, was last week found guilty of bribing Kutesa and Chad’s president Idriss Deby, in exchange for contracts for a Chinese energy company. Africa News

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