



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members and Partners,

Here you can find some key news, articles, webinars, reports and reference documents.

Articles

- In a [Declaration by the High Representative on behalf of the European Union](#), the EU and its member states strongly condemn Ethiopia's decision to expel seven United Nations officials. The decision further undermines the possibility to bring relief to the population. The EU stands in full solidarity by the UN and expresses strong support for their operations in Ethiopia, which are conducted on a neutral and impartial basis. **(European Council)**
- [6 African food security experts to watch](#) who have made advances toward achieving food security in Africa. They have all received the Africa Food Prize for their contributions to promoting sustainable food security on the continent. **(Devex)**
- [Moderna plans African mRNA vaccine factory as pressure grows](#). The company plans to invest about USD500M to make up to 500M doses of mRNA vaccines each year, including its Covid-19 shot. **(Reuters)**
- The [Future of Africa-China Relations](#) will be clarified in 2021's Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Summit. Relations have changed rapidly over the past two decades - beyond trade, China is now a major lender to the region and deeply involved in training, infrastructure provision, and peace and security. **(SAIIA)** In Istanbul, the [Africa-Turkey Economic and Business Forum is to promote trade and investment](#) between Ethiopia and Turkey. The forum has made business-to-business and government-to-business engagements and has contributed to an increased flow of investment and business between Turkey and Africa since 2016. **(Daily Sabah)**
- [Kenyan start-up Sendy Ltd. seeks to raise USD100M for Africa growth](#). By 2022 the digital logistics platform which facilitates door-to-door deliveries between individuals and businesses plans to fund its expansion in Western and Southern Africa. **(Bloomberg)**
- For the first time, the Financial Times is planning an annual ranking of [Africa's fastest-growing companies](#) based on the revenue growth between 2017 and 2020 which is to be published in 2022. **(Financial Times)**
- [Google plans to invest USD1BN in Africa over the next five years](#) to ensure access to faster and cheaper internet and will back start-ups to support the continent's digital transformation. **(Reuters)**
- [Nurmara Newsletter](#) 08 October 2021 **(Nurmara)**

- [Africa's week in pictures: 1-7 October 2021](#) (BBC)

Reports/ Reference Documents

- [Climate issue of ECDPM's Great Insights](#): Green Transition in Africa
- [State of Mobile Internet Connectivity Report 2021](#): Coverage and development in Africa

Members' & Partners' Events & Webinars

- CIAN – [Déjeuner Débat du CIAN](#) - 13 October 2021
- Invest Africa - [Navigating the Opportunities of Africa's Logistics Sector](#) - 14 October 2021
- Invest Africa - [Unlocking Africa's Rare Potential: Key for a Green Economy?](#) - 20 October 2021
- CIAN – [Commission Santé – Préparation à la gestion des crises](#) sanitaires - 21 October 2021
- Afrika-Verein - [8th German-African Healthcare Forum 2021](#) - 27 October 2021 (online event)
- Invest Africa - [Privatisation of SOEs – Opportunity for Private Equity?](#) - 27 October 2021
- Afrika-Verein - [7th Africa Finance@Work](#) - 28 October 2021
- Invest Africa - [SuperReturn Africa 2021](#) - 2 November 2021
- Afrika-Verein - [9th German-Nigerian Business Forum](#) - 9-11 November 2021
- AAAM - [AAAM Automotive Forum @ Intra-African Trade Fair 2021](#) – 16-17 November 2021
- Afrika-Verein - [1st Africa Finance@Trade](#) - 18 November 2021
- NABA - [Business Mission to Ghana and Nigeria](#) - 22 November 2021

Other Events & Webinars

- **AfDB** - [2nd Edition of the Business Opportunities Seminar \(BOS\)](#) - 13 October 2021
- **Dubai Chamber** - [Global Business Forum Africa](#) – 13-14 October 2021
- **Infrastructure Development Africa** - [International Trade Fair for the Development of the Africa Infrastructure Market](#) - 15 November 2021
- **Afreximbank** - [Intra-African Trade Fair 2021](#) - 15-21 November 2021
- **European Business Summits** - [4th EU-Africa Business Summit](#) - 28-29 November 2021