

Media Monitor and Intelligence Update

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Quote of the Day:

"For Kenya, what is 'Grown Under the Sun' benefits our economy, our people and our progress, but also the global environment, global market and global development." *Joseph Muchemi, Kenya High Commissioner to the UK, on the economic and environmental benefits of Kenya's fresh produce and flower exports.*

African Politics

Sudan: A gleam among the ruins – The Economist (UK)

20/11/2008

After years of civil war, three new factors may bring hope to Africa's biggest country. [Full Story.](#)

ICC fending off Darfur challenge

20/11/2008

With his call to indict Sudanese rebel leaders for crimes in Darfur, International Criminal Court (ICC) chief prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo will hope to blunt moves in the United Nations to grant immunity from a genocide charge to Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir. [Full Story.](#)

DRC: Enter Obasanjo – The Economist (UK)

20/11/2008

It has been a week of shuttle diplomacy and sporadic fighting in the east of Congo... [Full Story.](#)

S Africa to withhold Zimbabwe aid – FT (UK)

20/11/2008

South Africa said on Thursday it will withhold aid for Zimbabwe until a representative government is in place, in what appeared to be the first punitive measure by a regional country to enforce a power-sharing agreement. The South African government said it was "extremely concerned" about Zimbabwe's political impasse, which has deepened a humanitarian crisis. [Full Story.](#)

International envoys' Zimbabwe visit condemned by Robert Mugabe – The Times (UK)

21/11/2008

A trio of elder statesmen are set to fly in to inspect the situation in Zimbabwe this weekend despite, claims from President Mugabe that they are not welcome and are bent on "illegal regime change". [Full Story.](#)

Fierce gun battle rocks Mogadishu – BBC (UK)

21/11/2008

At least 15 people have been killed after insurgents attacked the Somali capital, Mogadishu, witnesses say. [Full Story.](#)

Off the coast of Somalia: 'We're not pirates. These are our waters, not theirs' – The Independent (UK)

14/11/2008

To foreign ships, they're a scourge but Daniel Howden and Abdinasir Mohamed Guled discover that Somalia's pirates see things very differently. [Full Story](#).

Rwandan official charged in France – Al Jazeera (QA)

20/11/2008

French judicial officials have charged a key aide of Rwanda's president over the assassination of a former president of the country, amid national protests over her arrest. [Full Story](#).

Presidents urged to sign Nile paper – The Standard (KEN)

21/11/2008

A regional meeting on the Nile Basin ended in Sudan with delegates piling pressure on Heads of State of member countries to sign the Co-operative Framework Agreement. It is a legal document that provides guidelines on the management and sharing of Nile water resources and ending perennial conflicts over the waters... [Full Story](#)

African Economy

Growth picture is more complicated – FT (UK)

21/11/2008

You suggest that commodities are key to sub-Saharan Africa economic growth prospects. Yes, they will be important, including for countries such as Zambia. However, your chart for African growth clearly shows that there was a growth turnaround in the mid-1990s, long before commodity prices began to rise... [Full Story](#).

Be clear on 'good for development' – FT (UK)

21/11/2008

It is encouraging to see the Overseas Development Institute's appeal for a simple "Good for Development" label on produce that may miss out on current ethical standards. However, while the ODI talks about raising income and alleviating poverty, there is a crucial environmental message here too, essential at a time when the developed world seeks to offset its carbon footprint. [Full Story](#).

Kenya urges Africa to seek homegrown development agenda – People's Daily (CHI)

21/11/2008

The Kenyan government has urged Africans to define their destiny and steer their homegrown development agenda by using local resources rather than relying on funding from foreign countries. [Full Story](#).

Africa requires determined response – Business Daily (KEN)

21/11/2008

Economic growth in the countries of sub-Saharan Africa has been surprisingly resilient in the face of the latest shocks hitting the global economy, notably the food and fuel price increases and financial market turbulence. However, there is no guarantee that this resilience can be maintained. [Full Story](#).

Yar'Adua, Museveni want African summit on global financial meltdown – Vanguard (NG)

21/11/2008

President Umaru Yar'Adua and his Ugandan counterpart, Yoweri Museveni have called for an urgent meeting of African leaders to discuss ways of mitigating the effects of the current global financial meltdown on the people of the continent. [Full Story](#).

Korea offers duty free access for local products – Daily Monitor (UG)

21/11/2008

Ugandan products will now enter the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) duty free and quota free following a memorandum of understanding on the development of trade and economic cooperation between the two countries. [Full Story](#).

African Business

Banking and Finance

Bourse hits three-year low, bonds rally – Business Report (SA)

20/11/2008

The Top40 index tumbled, setting new three-year lows, hit by uncertainty over a US government bailout of car makers, while the rand succumbed to more risk aversion. [Full Story](#).

Three financial institutions to develop informal sector - Ghana Web (GH)

20/11/2008

Three financial institutions have signed a tripartite agreement to help develop the informal sector by providing people with credit facilities in addition to helping informal sector workers to be part of a social security scheme. [Full Story](#).

ECX to launch coffee trading next week – Walta Information (ETH)

21/11/2008

The Ethiopian Commodity Exchange (ECX) announced that it has finalized preparations to launch coffee trading. The coffee trading will be conducted on daily basis as of next Thursday, 27th November 2008. [Full Story](#).

Oil and Energy

Opec disarray as oil sinks to \$50 – FT (UK)

21/11/2008

The oil price yesterday sank below \$50 a barrel for the first time since 2005 as the first signs of fractures within the Opec oil cartel became apparent. Nigeria said it did not want to cut its production to try to stop the slide in prices because it needed high output to balance its budget, while Iran, Kuwait and others said they would support another production cut. [Full Story](#).

Engen buys Total's assets in Rwanda, Burundi, Guinea-Bissau – Engineering News (SA)

20/11/2008

South Africa-based petroleum products marketer, Engen, announced on Thursday that it had finalised acquisitions of the downstream business interests of French-based petrochemical company Total in Rwanda, Burundi, and Guinea Bissau. [Full Story](#).

Japanese firm acquires Ghana oil and gas stake – Ghana Web (GH)

20/11/2008

A subsidiary of Japan's second-biggest trading company, Mitsui & Co has acquired a stake in an exploration area in waters off Ghana from Africa-focused oil and gas explorer Afren Plc. [Full Story](#).

Mozambican well finds offshore gas – Club of Mozambique (MOZ)

21/11/2008

Results from Sasol Petroleum Sofala's first exploration well, Njika-1 in Mozambique, were encouraging as the presence of gas had been indicated, the wholly owned subsidiary of Sasol Petroleum International said yesterday. [Full Story](#).

Metals and Mining

AngloGold borrows \$1bn – Business Report (SA)

21/11/2008

AngloGold Ashanti has borrowed \$1 billion from Standard Chartered Bank to refinance its convertible bond, the listed gold miner said on Friday. [Full Story](#).

Global crude steel output falls 12,4% in October – Engineering News (SA)

20/11/2008

Global crude steel production in October fell by 12,4% year-on-year to 100,5-million tons, figures from the World Steel Association (Worldsteel) showed on Thursday. [Full Story](#).

Telecommunications & Technology

Vodafone Targets Nigeria's Telecoms Market – This Day (NG)

21/11/2008

The largest mobile telecommunications network company in the world, Vodafone Group, has expressed its desire to operate in the Nigerian telecoms terrain. [Full Story](#).

Rwanda to lay 2 300-km of fibre-optics cable in '09 – Engineering News (SA)

21/11/2008

Rwanda plans to lay 2 300 km of fibre-optics cable costing \$38-million in 2009 to extend a network throughout most of the central African nation, its information communication technology (ICT) authority said this week. [Full Story](#).

Transport and Infrastructure

Cargo owners opt for road transport – The Standard (KEN)

20/11/2008

Cargo owners at the Mombasa port who transport their goods by rail have now opted to use the road. On Thursday, Mombasa Port had about 10,000 containers, 3,000 of which were awaiting collection by road. [Full Story](#).

Infrastructure to Gulp 91% of Capital Allocation – This Day (NG)

21/11/2008

The Federal Government has said that it has earmarked about 91 per cent of the capital expenditure, translating to about N502.32 billion, in the proposed 2009 appropriation bill for development of critical infrastructure across the country. [Full Story](#).

Other

Training scientists in Africa's own universities – FT (UK)

21/11/2008

Heather Ferguson observes that talented researchers in Africa lack access to postgraduate training, and she argues for affordable opportunities in the west for researchers from poor countries. [Full Story](#).

African Environment

Companies' emissions curbs 'depend on Eskom' – Business Day (SA)

21/11/2008

Electricity supplier accounts for about half of SA's total emissions, reporting 223-million tons of carbon dioxide. [Full Story](#).

Sasol looks to technology to get greener – Business Report (SA)

20/11/2008

Sasol, the country's largest private-sector emitter of greenhouse gases, would make its operations more environmentally sustainable through technological development, chief executive Pat Davies said yesterday as the group launched its 2008 sustainability report. [Full Story](#).

UNCCD Executive Secretary Urges Africa to “Get on the Bali Roadmap” – Climate-L.org
19/11/2008

Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) addressed the African Conference of Ministers in Charge of Environment on Climate Change for Post-2012, and underscored the urgency of incorporating land and soil into the climate change dialogue. [Full Story](#).

N35m Nigerians at the mercy of desertification – Daily Trust (NG)
21/11/2008

The effect of desertification is threatening the lives of 35 million Nigerians living in the Northern part of the country, Mr. Ononina Nkem, the director of desertification in the ministry of environment has said. [Full Story](#).

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