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## AFRICA

### Africa's telecoms sector expected to continue strong growth path

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The African telecommunications market was expected to continue at a growth rate faster than any other region, over the next three to five years, despite the current economic downturn, auditing and business advisory firm Ernst & Young stated ... [Engineering News](#)

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### Angola acts after rabies deaths

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## **BOTSWANA**

### **De Beers mothballs mines as sales slide**

Feb-22-2009

The world's biggest and most valuable diamond mines have been mothballed since January when De Beers put its Botswana production on hold as sales slumped. [FT.com](#), [BBC](#)

### **Botswana January inflation at 8-month low**

Feb-17-2009

Botswana's consumer inflation slowed to an eight-month low of 12,8 percent year-on-year in January, largely on lower fuel costs, data showed on Tuesday. [Engineering News](#)

## **CHAD**

### **Ex-Chad leader faces court move**

Feb-20-2009

Belgium lodges a case at the International Court of Justice to compel Senegal to prosecute Chad's ex-leader Hissene Habre. [BBC](#)

## **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO**

### **West to release emergency loans to Congo**

Feb-23-2009

Donors will begin releasing over \$200m of loans to the Democratic Republic of Congo in the next three weeks to prevent the government seizing up, an IMF official said [FT.com](#)

### **Chinese copper entrepreneurs flee DR Congo**

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Unpaid wages and taxes bear witness to the end of the commodity boom, after Chinese entrepreneurs temporarily abandoned their copper smelters when prices for the metal tumbled [FT.com](#)

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## **DJIBOUTI**

### **Djibouti shows depth of port ambitions**

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A \$400m container terminal on an artificial island represents an audacious attempt to turn Djibouti into a leading shipping hub for the whole of east Africa [FT.com](#)

## EGYPT

### **Egyptian police hold 11 after fatal bombing**

Feb-23-2009

CAIRO (Reuters) - Egyptian police have detained 11 people for questioning about the bomb which killed a French teenager and wounded at least 21 people near a popular tourist bazaar in Cairo on Sunday, police sources said on Monday. [Reuters](#)

## ETHIOPIA

### **Ethiopia: Dell, EMC Partner With Local Co. to Provide Services**

Feb-23-2009

eSystems Africa, one of the leading companies in Ethiopia in the areas of web development and IT solutions on Friday announced partnership with DELL and EMC to provide services on data storage, protection and damage management [All Africa.com](#)

## KENYA

### **Most Kenyans want leaders to step down over graft**

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NAIROBI (Reuters) - More than two-thirds of Kenyans would like senior members of President Mwai Kibaki's government to step down to allow graft probes, a survey said on Monday [Reuters](#)

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### **Kenya cuts '08 growth estimate, pessimistic for '09**

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Kenya's economy provisionally grew by just between 2% and 2,5% in 2008 and the global slowdown is weighing heavily on the outlook for the east African nation, the government said on Monday.

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### **East African Cables to break into 7 more countries**

Feb-17-2009

Kenya's East African Cables plans to increase its presence to 12 countries in Africa by 2012, its CEO said on Tuesday. [Engineering News](#)

## LIBYA

### **Libya says tenders mobile-fixed phone licence**

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Libya is tendering a combined mobile and fixed-line telephone licence, the government-run General Telecommunications Authority (GTA) said on Thursday. [Engineering News](#)

## **MADAGASCAR**

### **Malagasy rivals soothe tensions**

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Madagascar's president and his political rival agree to try to calm tensions that have seen about 100 people killed. [BBC](#)

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## **MALAWI**

### **Malawi FDI jumps in 2008, boosts job creation**

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Foreign direct investment into Malawi jumped to a record high of \$143-million for the eleven months to November 2008, helping to create almost 26 000 jobs, the Malawi Investment Promotion Agency (Mipa) said on Wednesday. [Engineering News](#)

## **MOZAMBIQUE**

### **Global crisis hits Mozambique Mozal aluminium project**

Feb-19-2009

Mozambique's \$2,5-billion Mozal aluminium smelter reported a loss of \$115-million for the 2008 financial year and will have to cut staff due to the economic slowdown, a central bank document showed on Wednesday. [Engineering News](#)

## **NAMIBIA**

### **Namibian growth to slow on mining slump**

Feb-19-2009

Namibia's economic growth is expected to slow sharply in 2009 as the global slowdown weighs on its key mining industry, the central bank said in its economic outlook report on Thursday. [Engineering News](#)

### **Namibia's Trustco starts trading on JSE's new Africa Board**

Feb-19-2009

The first company to list on the JSE's new Africa Board, the Namibian microfinancing group Trustco, officially started trading on Thursday morning, the local bourse confirmed. [Engineering News](#)

## **NIGERIA**

### **Reform, regulation in focus at Nigeria oil meet**

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ABUJA (Reuters) - Oil and gas investors are looking for clarity from Nigeria on long-awaited energy sector reforms and reassurance about its regulatory environment at a major industry conference starting in Abuja on Monday. [Reuters](#)

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### **Nigeria governor imposes curfew, death toll rises**

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BAUCHI, Nigeria (Reuters) - The governor of Bauchi state in Nigeria imposed a night-time curfew on its capital city on Sunday, a day after clashes killed at least 11 people and wounded dozens. [Reuters](#)

### **Nigeria, Ethiopia top Africa investment index**

Feb-18-2009

Nigeria and Ethiopia topped a new index of African potential investor destinations on Wednesday, with the survey organisers saying the continent offers good potential growth even against the global economic crisis. [Engineering News](#)

### **Soros analysts eye Nigeria's banking sector**

Feb-19-2009

George Soros's \$20bn hedge fund company is scouting potential opportunities as valuations have collapsed during the past year amid intensifying fears about the level of supervision and transparency [FT.com](#)

### **Nigeria's middle class under pressure**

Feb-17-2009

Fast-growing bank and telecom companies generated thousands of well-paid jobs. But as the outlook for the economy darkens, the country's young professionals will be forced to economise. [FT.com](#)

## **RWANDA**

### **Rwandan refugees adrift as alliances shift**

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The migration is part of a broader realignment in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo, as its military dynamics change, new population movements begin and the future of its economy is thrown up in the air [FT.com](#)

## **SOMALIA**

### **Somalia's Shabaab vows more attacks on African troops**

Feb-23-2009

MOGADISHU (Reuters) - Somalia's hardline Islamist insurgent group al Shabaab pledged on Monday to launch more attacks on African Union peacekeepers after the deadliest strike yet killed at least 11 soldiers from Burundi. [Reuters](#)

### **Navy taskforce quells pirate threat**

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The presence of a UN taskforce, an EU force and ships from several other navies appears to have played a role in reducing piracy in the seas of the Gulf of Aden [FT.com](#)

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## **SOUTH AFRICA**

### **Huge jump in SA insolvencies**

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Liquidations and insolvencies numbers have rocketed in January, new data from Statistics SA shows. [Fin24](#)

### **'Green jobs' plan included in SA stimulus framework**

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The creation of 'green jobs' has been given priority in the so-called 'Framework for South Africa's Response to the International Economic Crisis', which was released last week following a drafting process involving business, labour, government ...[Engineering News](#)

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### **Grindrod unveils R274m empowerment deal**

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JSE-listed shipping and logistics company, Grindrod, announced on Monday that it had wrapped up a long-awaited R274-million black economic empowerment transaction. [Engineering News](#)

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### **South Africa: MTN Shelves Discount Share Scheme**

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MTN's huge black empowerment plan to spread its shares among ordinary citizens has been shelved as most people are too cash-strapped to buy into the business. [All Africa.com](#)

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### **Icasa starts carrier pre-selection hearings**

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The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (Icasa) on Wednesday held public hearings into the carrier pre-selection (CPS) regulations, the draft regulations of which were published in November. [Engineering News](#)

### **General Motors SA to cut 400 more jobs**

Feb-18-2009

Local arm of embattled US car maker, General Motors South Africa (GMSA), had started a consultation process with the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa to potentially reduce the company head-count by a further 400 people, said GMSA... [Engineering News](#)

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### **Anglo American sells 20% of minority stake in Ashanti**

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The world's fourth-biggest mining group, has sold nearly 20 per cent of its minority stake in AngloGold Ashanti this year, raising \$280m [FT.com](#)

### **Majority of SA firms not optimally managing financial crisis – study**

Feb-17-2009

Only about 6% of South African companies were managing the current global financial crisis optimally, a recent study into the supply chain and logistics industry has found. [Engineering News](#)

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

### **Southern Africa: SADC, Japan Map Out Cooperation in Science, Technology**

Feb-23-2009

South Africa, as Chair of SADC, on Monday hosted the SADC-Japan meeting where representatives of research institutions discussed possible areas of cooperation in science, technology and innovation between SADC and Japan. [All Africa.com](#)

## **SUDAN**

### **Court to make Bashir warrant ruling on March 4**

Feb-23-2009

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) - The International Criminal Court is expected to announce next month that it will issue an arrest warrant for Sudan's president, Omar Hassan al-Bashir, for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes in Darfur. [Reuters](#)

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### **Mobile phone network launched in south Sudan**

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JUBA, Sudan (Reuters) - Lebanese investors have launched a new mobile phone network in south Sudan, with the infrastructure to reach 1 million subscribers in the region's increasingly crowded telecoms market, officials said on Monday. [Reuters](#)

### **Thousands seek refuge at UN base in Sudan**

Feb-23-2009

The Deputy Governor of South Darfur gave assurances that the UN would receive continued access to provide emergency humanitarian relief to around 100000 people caught up in the latest hostilities on Sudan's western flank. [Business Standard](#)

### **Progress in Sudan talks with Darfur group**

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Sudan's government and a leading Darfur rebel faction have agreed to meet for peace talks, signing a deal with concessions from both sides, and the Qatari mediator urged all other rebels and Chad to come to the table [FT.com](#)

## **TANZANIA**

### **Tanzania plans 400 MW coal plant by 2012 - report**

Feb-19-2009

Tanzania plans to build a 400 megawatt (MW) coal-fired power plant by 2012 at a cost of \$1,2-billion, the chairman of state-run National Development Corporation (NDC) was quoted saying on Thursday. [Engineering News](#)

## **TUNISIA**

### **Tunisia: ICT - Country Ranked 3rd in the Arab World Where Investors Have Highest Share of Revenues**

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A study carried out by the Arab Advisors Group, ranks Tunisia 3rd in the Arab world where investors have the highest share of revenues. [All Africa.com](#)

## **ZIMBABWE**

### **Fresh wave of Zimbabwe farm evictions**

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White farmers claim President Robert Mugabe's nationalist party has launched a fresh drive to force them from their land – only days after forming a coalition government designed to secure social peace and economic recovery [FT.com](#)

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### **Zimbabwe repair package could be \$5bn -Tsvangirai**

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The cost of repairing the battered economy in Zimbabwe could be as high as \$5-billion, said Zimbabwean Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai on Friday. [Engineering News](#)

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**Zimbabwe | A mixture, not a coalition**

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The new government, with no money and little power, is stronger on hopes than on expectations  
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