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“I dream of an Africa which is in peace with itself.”
(Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela)

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Editorial

Côte d'Ivoire Regains its Status as the Hub for Francophone West Africa

After a good number of years of strife and civil war, Côte d'Ivoire has regained its status as the regional hub for Francophone West Africa. Even during the troubles, Abidjan port remained busy as a main source for imports into Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger.

The country has historically been viewed as an agricultural economy (mainly cocoa, coffee and rubber) but new mining ventures in western Côte d'Ivoire such as the Tongon and Agbaou gold mines and future oil production from the Gazelle, Baobab and other fields will greatly further the diversification of the national economy.

The country's revival is largely based on the National Development Plan for 2012-2015. The intention is to raise sixty percent of the USD 22 billion Plan from the private sector and forty percent from government. At the economic and social level, the NDP has prioritised the following sectors: infrastructure, public works and environment; mines, energy and hydrocarbons; tourism and transport; industry; education and health.

The Côte Invest in d'Ivoire Forum held 29 January to 1 February in Abidjan raised

considerable interest from foreign investors. Thirty-three Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) Projects were identified in addition to 45 private Projects. The total value of Projects identified at the Forum was just over USD 5 billion.

In 2015, USD 9,15 billion will be allocated to the transport sector. The Transport Sector Programme includes the upgrading of nine domestic airports as well as Felix Houphouët-Boigny International Airport where a new commercial zone will also be established. *Bolloré* of France has announced that it will be doubling the capacity of the container terminal at Abidjan port. A consortium comprising *Bolloré*, *Bouygues* and *APM Terminals* has won the contract to develop the second container terminal. There is much emphasis on the rehabilitation and expansion of the second port of San Pedro to handle the increasing mining production in the west of the country as well as the upcoming oil industry.

Much attention is being paid to the need for increased electricity supply. Construction of the Soubre hydro power Project in the west began in 2013 and will add 275 MW to the grid. The Azito gas-to-power Project on the outskirts of Abidjan is being expanded to

produce 427 MW.

The national telecommunications and ICT backbone is another priority. Côte d'Ivoire will have a national fibre optic cable network of seven thousand kilometres. The Ministry of Posts, Information Technologies and Communications has announced the launch of 3G licenses for the country.

The commercial capital of Abidjan is already blessed with impressive infrastructure but major improvements will be brought about from Projects such as the abovementioned Abidjan airport upgrade and the planned six-lane 1,9 kilometre toll bridge over the Ebrié lagoon that will link the suburbs of Riviera and Marcory.

Even the hitherto neglected tourism sector is receiving some attention. There are for example plans for the conversion of the

Banco Forest on the outskirts of Abidjan into a tourism centre.

Côte d'Ivoire is a key role-player in a number of regional Projects. Major initiatives include the West Africa coastal toll road; the Mano River Roads Programme involving Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone; the New Railway Loop Programme involving Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger and Togo; and the West Africa Gas Pipeline.

Investor confidence in the future of the country is manifested by the recent decision of the *African Development Bank* to return its headquarters back to Abidjan from Tunis. The bank will furthermore be financing a major extension to the complex. The *Standard Bank Group* has chosen Abidjan as the centre from which it will be expanding its activities in Francophone Africa.

Additional Services

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The last **FULL APA BRIEFING** took place at Ernst & Young on Tuesday 27 February 2014 and covered the North West Rail Project being implemented by Grindrod and the North West Rail Company in Zambia as well as an update on mining Projects in Mozambique's Zambezi Valley. Kenya Airways provided a report on its latest acquisitions and new routes.

A special **OIL AND GAS SUB-GROUP MEETING** was held on Thursday 13 March 2014 at the Henley Business School. The next meeting will include representatives of the South African Oil and Gas Alliance as well as Schlumberger.

A special **MINING SUB-GROUP MEETING** was held on Thursday 13 March 2014 at the Henley Business School. The next meeting will include representatives of a mining house, Renaissance Capital and other mining equity fund managers. A map of Africa with main mining areas will be produced. A tour of mining houses and international mining engineering companies with offices in Johannesburg will be arranged.

The eleventh **ICT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB-GROUP** was held on Wednesday 12 February 2014 in collaboration with the South African Electro-Technical Export Council (SAEEC) at their offices in Midrand. A group visit to South Africa-based mining, gas and engineering companies involved in major resources Projects in Africa was discussed. It was decided that representatives of the Konza City ICT Park in Kenya and the International Finance Corporation will be invited to address the next meeting. It was concluded that one of the main South African mobile telecommunications operators as well as Convergence Partners will also be invited.

The **APA AGRICULTURE SUB-GROUP** briefing took place at the Henley Business School on Thursday, 13 February 2014. It was agreed that the next meeting would include representatives of the development finance institutions notably the International Finance Corporation as well as agri fund managers. The presence of a logistics company is also required.

The **APA HOTELS/COMMERCIAL PROPERTY SUB-GROUP** briefing was held on Thursday 13 February 2014 at the Henley Business School. It was agreed that, a hotel management group such as Atterbury Properties, Accor and City Lodge as well as a logistics company will be invited for the next briefing.

The **APA POWER SECTOR SUB-GROUP MEETING** took place at the Henley Business School on Wednesday, 13 November 2013. It was agreed that the next meeting will include representatives of the Department of Trade and Industry, the Sector Lead for infrastructure at the International Finance Corporation and previously representatives of the Southern and East African Power Pools, NetPlan, the Trans Caledonian Authority, IPP's such as Globeleq, Aurecon and Group Five.

The last **APA INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-GROUP MEETING** "Show me the Projects" was held on Tuesday, 18 June 2013 at the Development Bank of Southern African in partnership with the Built Environment Professions Export Council (BEPEC). It concentrated on gas-related developments in Mtwaru and Pemba as well as the BEPEC industrial centre to be established in Tete. There were addresses on the Export Credit Insurance Corporation (ECIC) products and the Capital Projects Feasibility Programme (CPFP).

The sixth **APA HEALTH SECTOR SUB-GROUP MEETING** was held on Wednesday 13 November 2013 at the Henley Business School. Various health and health-related Projects and initiatives were discussed. It was agreed that the APA ICT and Health sub-groups should merge for a special session on the application of ICT in the health sector and specifically remote diagnosis. The sector lead for health at the International Finance Corporation as well as a specialist on cold chain warehousing should be invited.

Africa Project Access is participating with B.A. Link in a series of **AFRICA COUNTRY FOCUS BREAKFAST BRIEFINGS**. Recent briefings were on Ghana, Angola, Rwanda, Botswana, Mozambique the DR Congo and Namibia.
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The January-February 2014 edition of the London-based publication, **AFRICA INVESTOR** carries articles on the African infrastructure asset class, the Mandela legacy, the African Union, the transport and logistics industry in Africa, renewable energy, hotel developments in Africa and West African global palm oil supply. Paul Runge of APA has a regular projects feature in the publication, "In The Pipeline."

The February-March 2014 edition of **AFRICAN TRADER** carries articles on Africa's outlook in 2014, Africa's cement explosion, tourist hotspots, economic hotspots in Africa, food security, the Rovuma Basin gas find and supply chain considerations.

Projects

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ANGOLA

The following are upcoming **POWER PROJECTS** in Angola being implemented by the national utility, *Empresa Nacional de Electricidade (ENE)* with the other utility, *EDEL (Empresa de Distribuicao de Electricidade de Luanda)*:

- 2014-2017: 50 MW Lomaum Hydro; 50 MW Biocom Biomass; 50 MW Bom Jesus Thermal. All will require private financing.
- 2016: 80 MW expected from Cambambe Hydro; 700 MW from Cambambe II Hydro; 500 MW from Soyo Gas-Thermal. All will be publicly financed.
- 2017: 200 MW Soyo; 2071 MW Lauca Hydro which will be publicly financed and which has started already.
- Investment opportunities are: 25 MW Mabubas; 50 MW Lomaum Hydro; 16 MW Hidrochicapa which are private concessions.

There will also be twelve transmission Projects. Power supply is increasing 25% per annum and the utility is busy interconnecting the northern, central and southern regions. Angola is experiencing such economic growth that it cannot envisage exporting power until ten years from now.

BOTSWANA

A pipeline will convey raw water from the completed Dikgatlong dam in eastern Botswana to the existing North-South Water Carrier conveying water from the **LETSIBOGO DAM** to Gaborone city. The Letsibogo Dam will require upgrading as it was originally built to supply Selebi-Pikwe but now supplies Gaborone via a 400 kilometre pipeline as well as villages en route. *Sinohydro* of China built the dam at a cost of USD 150 million and the technical inputs were from *Jeffares & Green* of South Africa.

CAMEROON

Phase 2 of the **KRIBI DEEP SEA PORT** will entail the construction of new terminals as well as the establishment of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ). The terminals will be required by 2018. Studies are underway for the development of specialised industrial zones. Phase 1 of the Project is expected to be completed by mid-2014. The implementing agency is the Cameroon National Ports Authority (*ONCP*).

CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)

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CONGO (REPUBLIC)

Exxaro Resources of South Africa has reportedly suspended further funding of the **MAYOKO IRON ORE PROJECT** in south-western Congo. This is apparently due to a lack of clarity concerning the raiing and port handling of the production. The rail to Pointe Noire is in a reasonable state but requires adaptation and strengthening for bulk transport of the ore. Pointe Noire port is not capable of bulk handling the mine's production and a new port facility is required. The original production target was 10 million tons per annum by 2017. *Exxaro* signed an MOU with the Congo government after it acquired the rights from *African Iron* in 2012.

COTE D'IVOIRE

Bolloré and *Bouygues* of France with *APM Terminals* has won the contract to develop the **SECOND ABIDJAN PORT TERMINAL**. *Bolloré* also plans to spend around USD 80 million to double the capacity of the existing container terminal to 1,5 million containers per annum. Upgrades include four new cranes. A second container terminal has been awarded to *Bolloré* by the *Abidjan Port Authority*. The group has already invested about 55 billion CFA Francs in the first terminal since it won the concession in 2004.

There are plans to develop the **BANCO FOREST/BANCO NATIONAL PARK** situated outside north western Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire into a fully fledged tourism complex. The park covers an area of 300 hectares. The park is an essential green lung for the country's commercial capital. Tourism is listed as a priority under the National Development Plan. *Côte d'Ivoire Tourism* is one of the implementing agencies.

GABON

An agreement has been signed between the governments of Gabon and Morocco for the establishment of an **AMMONIA FERTILIZER PLANT** A phosphate supply plant will also be built in Morocco. The production will be sold into the central and west African markets. There are strong historical relations between the two countries.

Addax Petroleum has allocated an amount of 364 million CFA through the Local Community Development Fund (*FDCL*) for the rehabilitation and extension of the **MANDJI MEDICAL CENTRE** in Ngounié Province in southern Gabon. Buildings will be refurbished and a new maternity section will be constructed. Construction works are being undertaken by *Gabon Entretien Bâtiments (GEB)*.

GHANA

Rehabilitation of the **TEMA OIL REFINERY** near Accra in southern Ghana is underway. It has a capacity of 45 000 barrels per day but has been operating at only sixty percent capacity and there have been repeated shutdowns. The government recently allocated USD 30 million for repairs. The objective is to by boost capacity thirty-three percent. There are reports of a possible collaboration with a company from the Middle East. *Tema Oil Refinery Limited* falls under the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum and is the only refinery in Ghana.

The Ghana Compact I of the *Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)* of the USA is focussed on the raising of farmer incomes through private sector-led agribusiness development through strengthening production, more efficient movement of goods to market and improvement of farmer and farmer community livelihoods. It has established ten **AGRICULTURAL CENTRES** throughout the country. Each centre has processing and marketing facilities. The *MCC* investment over the five years was USD 547 million. It is currently working with the Ghana government to identify Projects for Ghana Compact II which will focus on stimulating private sector investment in power generation, distribution and access to electricity.

KENYA

Nairobi Hospital is planning the establishment of a **NEW HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL COLLEGE** at the new Machakos City. The hospital signed an agreement with the Machakos County Government. The hospital has stated that the new establishment will be an ultra-modern facility. A new modern city is being planned for Machakos 64 kilometres south-east of Nairobi. It will initially be developed on 2 200 acres of land in Machakos town.

MOZAMBIQUE

The engineering and construction group, *Kentz Corporation Limited* has been awarded phase two of the **MOATIZE COAL PROJECT** by Vale of Brazil. The work entails all structural, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation and piping for the handling plant, crushers, stackers, reclaimers, conveyors. *Kentz* was awarded phase one in 2009. Phase two will double the tonnages at the Project. Phase two was slowed down to match progress on the Nacala rail line.

The early works contract for the **LNG PLANT** on the Afungi Peninsula near Palma in the Cabo Delgado Province of northern Mozambique has reportedly been awarded to the global engineering, construction and services company, *Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR)*. The plant will produce 20 million tons of gas per annum when it is scheduled to come on line in 2018. The LNG site plan includes LNG jetties, a materials offloading facility, LNG storage tanks, a lay down area, ten liquefaction trains, a gas inlet area, two construction camps, permanent housing and an airstrip.

NAMIBIA

Nampower has stated that the long-mooted **KUDU GAS PROJECT** could become operational within the next five to six years. It adds that by June 2014, it will be in a position to conclude the commercial agreements including gas evaluations as well as EPC evaluations. The utility is still raising the finance but expects financial close by December 2014 and full commissioning in 2018. Namibia will export power to neighbouring countries and is in discussion with *ESKOM* of South Africa and the *Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC)* of Zambia. There are also general discussions with Angola. Two blocks will initially produce 400 MW each.

Construction of the **OTJIKOTO GOLD MINE** is expected to be completed by the end of 2014. The mine is being developed by *B2Gold* of Canada. Total pre-production capital costs are estimated at USD 244 million. The mine is situated 300 kilometres north of Windhoek between the towns of Otjiwarongo and Otavi. The average annual production for the first five years will be about 140 000 ounces. The company will also undertake drillings in the area.

NIGERIA

The Nigerian affiliate of the Indian company, *Skipper* is calling for expressions of interest for the civil and mechanicals works for the **TIGA AND CRALLAWA HYDRO PROJECTS** in Kano State in northern Nigeria. The government has earmarked northern Nigeria for hydro power development. There are also plans to pipe gas from the south to the region for additional power generation.

The **ELECTRONIC WALLET (E-WALLET) PROGRAMME** falling under the Growth Enhancement Support Scheme (*GESS*) assists the federal and state governments with the distribution of seedlings, fertilizer and other key farming inputs to over 1,2 million farmers qualifying for subsidies. It replaces the former system which was susceptible to corruption and has brought considerable savings. The official agency is the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the scheme is implemented by private operators such as *Cellulant Nigeria Limited*.

RWANDA

The *Peat Energy Company* of Rwanda has secured a five-year supply contract with the local cement plant, *Cimerwa*. The value of the contract is around USD 13 million. *PEC* has been producing 13 000 tons of peat despite an installed capacity of 20 000 tons. It is now seeking investors to finance an expansion of the **PEAT PRODUCTION FACILITY**. *Cimerwa* was recently bought by *Pretoria Portland Cement (PPC)* of South Africa.

The Rwandan power and water utility, *Energy, Water & Sanitation Authority (EWSA)* has begun the construction of a 15 MW **NEW POWER PLANT** in Gishoma in the Rusizi-Karongi area of western Rwanda. It will be powered by peat. The cost is USD 36 million. The plant should be operational by mid-2014. The Project falls under the national Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy II Programme. This will be Africa's first peat-fired power plant.

SOUTH AFRICA

Africa Project Access does not normally focus on Projects in South Africa. However, inserts and updates on Projects and Project-related issues in this country are included where there is involvement by the donors, international development finance institutions and international support agencies or there is a potential for involvement by these agencies and in cases where there is an African regional context.

Richards Bay Coal Terminal (RBCT) is considering a phase 6 expansion of the **RICHARDS BAY COAL TERMINAL** that will increase capacity to 100 million tons per annum from the current 91 MTPA. Consideration is also being given to the possibility of installing three additional terminals that would bring capacity to 162 MTPA. *Grindrod's* separate *Navitrade* terminal is planning to increase capacity there to 20 MTPA. Richards Bay is the world's single largest coal export port. It was opened in 1976 with an initial capacity of 12 MTPA.

The **DCD WIND TOWERS FACTORY** at Coega in the Eastern Cape Province is nearing completion. It will produce 110 wind towers per annum. The cost is around R300 million. The facility is a joint venture between the *DCD Group*, *Coega* and the *Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)*. Production is targeted at the domestic and regional markets.

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TANZANIA

Construction work is underway on the **DANGOTE CEMENT PLANT** being developed outside Mtwara in southern Tanzania. This construction includes civil works and fabrication of tanks. The main contractor is *Sinoma International Engineering* from China. The Project is expected to commence production towards the end of 2015. The projected capacity is 3 million metric tons per annum with the intention to increase production to 50 million tons in five years. The estimated cost is USD 4,2 million. *Dangote* was assisted by the *Tanzanian Investment Corporation (TIC)*. Tanzania has an estimated production capacity of 3 million tons per annum.

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** The *Rural Electrification Authority (REA)* of Zambia is calling for rural electrification Project proposals to be considered for capital support or 'smart subsidies' during the 2014/2015 phase of the Rural Electrification Master Plan for powering rural areas between 2008 and 2030. The Projects should have installed capacity of at least 200 kW but not more than 10 MW. Examples are stand-alone or isolated mini-hydro plants or solar plants with a high priority rating in terms of financing.

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The Zambian power utility, *ZESCO* will be the implementing agency for the **COPPERBELT-LUAPULA PROVINCE TRANSMISSION LINE** that will traverse the DR Congo pedicle. The *Copperbelt Energy Corporation (CEC)* initially submitted a proposal for a double circuit 220 kV interconnector spanning the 60 kilometre stretch through the DR Congo. It was estimated that the Zambian portion of the Project would cost USD 16,5 million. The DR Congo utility, *SNEL* would be a partner. The intention was to transfer 550 MW between the two countries. Negotiations with *SNEL* are likely to be protracted.

ZIMBABWE

The *Zimbabwe Power Company* attached to the national power utility, *ZESA* is planning the construction of a 30 MW (2x 15 MW) **MINI-HYDRO PLANT** on the Gairezi River in Nyanga, eastern Zimbabwe. The environment impact assessment is underway and is being undertaken by *Associated Consultants in Africa (ASCON)* of Zimbabwe. The cost of the Project is estimated at USD 90 million. The duration is about thirty months.

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The *World Bank* will reportedly be launching an **AFRICAN MINERAL RESOURCES MAPPING FUND** using airborne surveys and satellites to complete geological mapping information thereby encouraging mining investments. An initial amount of USD 200 million has been committed to the five-year fund. Meetings have been held with mining houses to determine their support. The Programme will commence with surveys of southern and east Africa. A few countries from these regions have submitted expressions of interest. Governments will obtain a better idea of the resources involved before approving mining Project investments.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY, CONSTRUCTION, HOTELS, LEISURE DEVELOPMENTS AND TOURISM-RELATED PROJECTS

(Projects in North Africa/Maghreb Countries are included in this section)

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SPOTLIGHT ON AID AGENCIES, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTIONS, FUNDS & SELECTED RELATED ORGANISATIONS

The ***PHATISA AFRICAN AGRICULTURE FUND*** is a food and agri-processing private equity fund with capital of USD 243 million and which currently has a portfolio of twelve investments in eight countries. It targets primary agriculture, secondary agriculture and tertiary agriculture. *Phatisa* also has its *Phatisa Pan African Housing Fund* which focuses on affordable housing in East and southern Africa. It has offices in Nairobi, Lusaka, Accra, Johannesburg, London and Port Louis. Management assistance is from *Databank Agrifund Managers Limited*. The *Pan African Housing Fund* aims to build in excess of 7 500 homes in six countries providing shelter to over 30 000 people.

The ***SOUTHERN AFRICA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION (SATA)*** is a SADC-affiliated, Maputo-based regional organisation established in 1980 to coordinate the development of ICT networks and services on a regional level in response to the needs of commerce and industry. It currently has nineteen members including *Angola Telecom*, *Neotel* of South Africa, *TelOne* of Zimbabwe, *ZAMTEL* of Zambia, *TELMA* of Madagascar and *Mauritius Telecom*.

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PROJECT-RELATED ACHIEVEMENTS AND/OR ACTIVITIES OF AFRICA PROJECT NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBERS, ASSOCIATES AND CONTACTS

KENTZ CORPORATION LIMITED has been awarded phase two of the Moatize Coal Project in Mozambique's Zambezi Valley by Vale of Brazil.

SDV BOLLORE has been awarded the contract for the logistics supply for phase two of the Moatize Coal Project in Mozambique's Zambezi Valley by Vale of Brazil.

TRAVEL NOTES

Terminal 4 at **JOMO KENYATTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** in Nairobi will open in August 2014.

Kenya Airways is considering the establishment of a direct **NAIROBI-ABUJA FLIGHT**.

Kenya Airways will be employing its low-cost airline, **JUMBO JET** for local connections between Nairobi, Eldoret, Kisumu and Mombasa.

A number of **APA** clients and associates are investigating the economy of using **CHARTER FLIGHTS** especially for group visits to remote areas and sites. A recent quote for a Lanseria-Ndola-Solwezi return flight for fourteen pax on a twin turbo *Beechcraft* amounted to R14 000 per person.

Forthcoming Events

Inserts in bold, italics and larger font indicate participation by Africa Project Access:

The ***EAST AFRICA PROPERTY INVESTMENT SUMMIT*** will be taking place 2-3 April 2014 at the Villa Rosa Kempinski in Nairobi.
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The ***AGRITECH EXPO*** will be taking place in Chisamba, Zambia, 4-5 April 2014.
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The ***GHANA OIL & GAS SUMMIT*** Conference & Exhibition will be taking place 8-10 April 2014 in Accra. Registered participants include the *Ghana National Petroleum Corporation*, the *Volta River Authority* and *Tullow Oil*.
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The ***GERMAN-AFRICAN ENERGY FORUM*** will be taking place 14-15 April 2014 in Hamburg.
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The ***COPPERBELT MINING TRADE EXPO & CONFERENCE*** will be taking place 28-29 April 2014 in Kitwe, Zambia.
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The ***AFRICA AGRIBUSINESS INVESTMENT FORUM 2014*** supported by the *United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)* will be taking place 28-29 April at the Vienna International Centre, Austria.
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The *Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JCCI)* is organising an ***OUTWARD TRADE MISSION TO GHANA*** 5-9 May 2014.
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The ***AFRICA INVESTOR INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AWARDS*** will be taking place on 6 May 2014 in Abuja, Nigeria.
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The COALTRANS SOUTHERN AFRICA CONFERENCE will be taking place in Cape Town 12-13 May 2014. It will include a Coal Projects Roundtable chaired by APA.
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The ***14th AFRICAN UTILITY WEEK*** will be taking place in Cape Town 13-14 May 2014. It incorporates *Clean Power Africa*.
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The ***AFRICA FINANCIAL SERVICES INVESTMENT CONFERENCE*** will be taking place at the Hilton Metropole, Brighton, UK 15-16 May 2014.
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The ***2ND ANNUAL MOZAMBIQUE REAL ESTATE CONFERENCE*** will be taking place 21-22 May 2014 in Maputo. Listed speakers include *African Century*, the *Lonrho Group* and the *World Bank*.
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The ***MEGA CITIES AFRICA CONFERENCE AND EXPO*** will be taking place 11-12 June 2014 at Gallagher Estate Conference Centre in Midrand.
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WATER AFRICA & WEST AFRICA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION 2014 exhibition and services will be taking place in Accra, Ghana, 18-20 June 2014.
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AFRICA'S BIG SEVEN EXPO will be taking place 22-24 June 2014 at Gallagher Estate, Midrand. The event incorporates seven expos: Agri-food, FoodBiz, FoodTech & DrinkTech Africa, InterBake Africa, PanAfrica Retail and Retail Solutions Africa.

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The 6th OIL & GAS AFRICA 2014 Conference & Exhibition will be taking place 2-4 July 2014 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre

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The **iPAD MOZAMBIQUE POWER & GAS FORUM** will be taking place 16-18 July 2014 in Maputo.

Contact: website: www.ipad-mozambique.com

The GAS AFRICA CONFERENCE will be taking place 26-27 August 2014 at the Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel in Sandton.

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Note: There is a discount for APA subscribers.

The AFRICA HOTEL INVESTMENT FORUM will be taking place 30 September to 1 October 2014 at the InterContinental Hotel, Nairobi. Senior representatives of global hotel management companies such as Kempinski and Hilton are listed as speakers.

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The **iPAD DRC MINING & INFRASTRUCTURE INDABA** will be taking place 21-23 October 2014 in Kinshasa and the **iPAD KATANGA MINING BRIEFING & EXPO** will be taking place 29-30 October 2014 in Lubumbashi.

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The **URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2014** will be taking place at the Crowne-Plaza, Harare, 22-23 October.

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The Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JCCI) is organising an **OUTWARD TRADE MISSION TO RWANDA AND BURUNDI** 11-15 November 2014.

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The annual **AfriCom ICT/TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION** for 2014 will be taking place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre 11-13 November.

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The **WEST AFRICAN POWER INDUSTRY CONVENTION** will be taking place 18-19 November 2014 at the Eko Hotel & Suites, Lagos, Nigeria.

Contact: website: www.wapicforum.com

AFRICA & THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

SHOPRITE will be opening 44 supermarkets in Africa outside of South Africa by mid-2015.

The **MTN** 2013 Financial Report reveals that the group's best results were not from the South African domestic market but from other African countries: Côte d'Ivoire showed the best increase at 68%. Ghana registered an earnings increase of 34% followed by Nigeria at 29%. The Zambia operation also did well.

Whisperings - Footnotes

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 1

Although there is much talk about the **COAL DEPOSITS IN NIASSA PROVINCE** of northern Mozambique, qualified observers question the quality of the deposit. They also point to the high cost of infrastructure required for effective transport and export.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 2

The construction of the **NORTH WEST RAIL** that will link Zambia's North West Province to the Angolan port of Lobito has an added benefit for Zambia in that the line can be used for cheaper import of oil from Angola.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 3

A number of recent developments indicate that Uganda could indeed be producing **OIL FROM LAKE ALBERT** by the intended deadline of 2018. Six firms have been shortlisted for the construction of the Hoima refinery, land has been allocated and the Ugandan government is reviewing applications from companies applying for production licenses.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 4

The DR Congo has become the second largest destination for **DAR ES SALAAM PORT** after Zambia. Cargo has increased from only 170 000 tons in 2004 to 1,1 million in 2013. It can be concluded that a large percentage of the 1,1 million tons was lost to South African ports and companies. Dependence on South African ports is being reduced.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 5

Mining operators in Kenya report that the new government has recently cancelled a good number of **MINING LICENSES**. African governments are increasingly reviewing reviously granted concessions.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 6

The recent protests by residents of Eldoret in western Kenya over water rates hikes by the *Eldoret Water Company* is further proof that **PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN THE WATER SECTOR** remain particularly difficult to implement.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 7

The use of **SMART PHONES** in Africa is increasing rapidly as costs are reduced. Sales are expected to grow 30% in Africa and the Middle East in 2014. *Samsung* intends to double its smart phone sales in the continent this year. This development will have a profound positive effect on business in Africa for example for marketing, advertising and branding, access to information and e-governance. With regard to access to information, African newspapers will now be more widely read. Many African newspapers have comprehensive websites.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 8

There is considerable new impetus for **POWER SUPPLY COOPERATION BETWEEN SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES**. Zambia intends exporting power to all its neighbours in three years. It has initiated a Project for a transmission line from northern Zambia to Tanzania. Namibia is in discussion with South Africa, Zambia and Angola on the export of gas-fired power. Mozambique and South Africa are also in discussion. Angola will however not be able to export power for some years due to the strong growth in that country.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 9

PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN NIGERIA'S INFRASTRUCTURE is being strongly promoted by its *Bureau of Public Enterprises* in collaboration with sector regulators. A number of acts are being repealed to enable this transformation. Privatisation of the telecommunications and power sectors is well underway. In the pipeline are roads, rail, ports, housing, national parks, banking, industry and perhaps refineries and gas pipelines. There is an intention to create a 'mega DFI' along the lines of *BNBES* of Brazil to help finance these initiatives. In the case of the power sector, the *Power Africa Initiative* of President *Obama* is being targeted.

WHISPERINGS – FOOTNOTE 10

It is reported that **HARVEST LOSSES** in sub-Saharan Africa stand at around forty percent due to the lack of cold chain storage infrastructure.

Quotable Quotes

QUOTABLE QUOTES 1

“What South Africa needs to do both as the private and the public sector is to seize the potential opportunities on the African continent even more than they have.”

(South African finance minister, *Pravin Gordhan* in his 2014 budget speech.)

QUOTABLE QUOTES 2

“When you start the project they (national revenue services) all love you. Two years later they hate you.”

(Representative of a mining house that invested in a neighboring country on dealing with tax authorities.)

QUOTABLE QUOTES 3

“If the logistics don’t work for thermal coal, they won’t work for coking coal.”

(Mining specialist with considerable experience of the coal operations in Mozambique’s Zambezi Valley.)

QUOTABLE QUOTES 4

“We need to get over the cutting of the ribbon.”

(Power conference speaker on the need for new power generation technologies to advance beyond the initial experimentation phase.)

Further Information & Indemnity

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- **Eco-Tourism Project Proposal for Northern KwaZulu-Natal**
- **Call for Rural Electrification Project Proposals, Zambia**

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