What to Watch This Week
Israel–Africa Relations

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Africa Green Economy Summit

What to Expect

Starting on February 24th, and lasting until the 27th, the Africa Green Economy summit is a major annual investment and policy conference held in Cape Town; focused on accelerating climate and green economy projects across Africa.

Expected Successes

It is expected that the summit will present a USD3.09B pipeline of deal ready climate projects from across 25 different African nations. Most of these projects are expected to have been piloted or technically validated. This marks a huge step for Africa's green economy, and a prime opportunity for those in this space.

Source: Africa.com

GLOBAL

Trump's New Global Tariffs

Latest Developments

Following a Supreme Court ruling blocking earlier tariffs, Trump immediately imposed a **new universal 15% tariff on almost all imports into the US under section 122**. The measure applies globally, meaning exports from Israel, Europe, Asia and Africa now face a baseline tariff unless exempt.

Something to watch

These tariffs could encourage companies to reassess supply chains, potentially accelerating diversification away from heavily tariff-exposed countries. In some cases, US based firms may expand production within the United States to avoid import costs, while others may explore alternative manufacturing hubs with preferential trade access.

Agreements such as AGOA still improves U.S. market access for eligible African exports, but if the new Section 122 surcharge applies on top of preference programs, the advantage may be narrower. Even so, Africa could remain attractive for U.S.-facing supply chains if competitors face higher stacked tariffs or less favorable treatment.

*Source: **Zambian Ministry of Technology and Science***

TELECOM

Telecom and Digital Infrastructure Consolidation

A Wave of Consolidation

On February 17th MTN - Africa's largest telecom company - acquired a 75% stake in IHS. This marks an acquisition of thousands of towers by MTN, reversing a trend of tower outsourcing and leasing across the continent.

This marks the importance of infrastructure to Africa's growth and development.

Growing potential

As telecom operators scale networks and integrate infrastructure, the ecosystem around them grows rapidly especially fintech, e-commerce, smart-city platforms and data services.

This shift may drive rising demand for cybersecurity, fraud prevention, AI analytics, cloud and edge computing, creating strong “enablement” opportunities for technology partners.

Source: **Reuters**

ETHIOPIA

Young Leaders Conference Held in Addis Ababa

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Strengthening Relations

The three day confrence held in Addis Ababa brough together young leaders from Israel, the USA, and across Africa.

The aim of the confrence was to strengthen ties between the three regions, particularly in Education, innovation, leadership, and governence.

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Planting Seeds of Future Growth

The event aimed to bring together young professionals in the three areas with activities including workshops, networking events, discussions, and roundtables touching on topics such as innovation, countering extreamism, education, and Africa's role on the global stage.

Source: i24 News

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