What to Watch This Week
Israel–Africa Relations

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WEST AFRICA

Nigeria: Satellite Broadband Opens to Israeli Tech

Strategic Partnership

In January 2026, Nigeria's telecom regulator granted seven-year commercial satellite broadband permits to Amazon's Kuiper, Israel's NSLComm/BeetleSat, and others, advancing Nigeria's digital infrastructure and strengthening Nigerian-Israeli commercial relations.

Bilateral Strengthening & Market Opportunities

Dating back to 1956, the partnership between Israel and Nigeria is built on a foundation of diplomatic and economic cooperation. This latest development is a testament to our growing ties and the growing potential of bilateral trade.

Source: **Reuters** & **African Business**

CENTRAL AFRICA

IMF Approves USD $190 Million for Zambia

In January, the IMF approved its sixth and final review of Zambia's extended credit facility for continued help to build a growing economy. This comes after the IMF reached a financing agreement with the country in 2022 as it was navigating its way out of a debt default. The IMF says Zambia has "significantly reduced macroeconomic imbalances and made considerable progress on debt restructuring".

Implications for Israeli-African Relations

Being Zambia's final review, this news marks a confidence signal in its macro-stabilization and debt-restructuring progress. For business, it can improve financing conditions and tender bankability, potentially marking increased demand for foreign technology solutions, creating opportunities for Israeli firms already active across African markets.

Strengthening Israeli-Zambian Relations

This story comes after Israel opened an embassy in Lusaka in August 2025, signaling strengthening relations and a mutual aspiration for better economic ties between the two countries.

*Source: **Reuters** & **Zambian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation***

EAST AFRICA

Kenya: Trade and investment discussions

New trade links

This week, facilitated by the East Africa Israel Chamber of Commerce, and the Israeli Embassy in Kenya, the two countries held discussions over trade and investment. The discussions aimed to create new innovation routes between Tel Aviv and Nairobi.

High potential

Israel's status as startup capital, and Kenya's as a rapidly developing, youthful economy promises huge potential for the future of trade between the two countries. Agriculture, climate tech, cybersecurity, and finance are among the industries currently benefiting from this relationship, and expected to grow.

Source: KTN News Kenya

HORN OF AFRICA

New Red Sea Alliance?

1 Continuing Developments in Somaliland

Following Israel's landmark recognition of Somaliland, a new alliance between Israel, Ethiopia, India, and the UAE is formalizing to secure the Gulf of Aden against Houthi attacks. This marks a significant shift toward new Israeli-African security frameworks that facilitate easier Israeli trade with East Africa and protect the vital Berbera-Ethiopia corridor for broader regional security.

2 Israeli-African Business Impact

This represents immediate high-value opportunities for Israeli-Ethiopian-Somalilander collaboration in the fields of security, tech, and finance. It also represents broader, cross-sectoral opportunities associated with improved relations, and more broadly with East Africa as Red Sea shipping routes become more secure.

Source: The Cradle

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