

Global climate tax

African leaders and business leaders have adopted a declaration on addressing climate challenges in Africa on the last day of a major climate summit in Nairobi. The declaration proposes new global taxes and reforms to international financial institutions to help finance climate action. The declaration will form the basis for their negotiating position at the COP28 summit in November.

Burkina Faso: Who holds power in the country?

At least 53 soldiers and volunteers have been killed in clashes with rebels in Yatenga province. The army is trying to recapture areas to allow displaced people to return home. Burkina Faso has been hit by attacks perpetrated by ISIL (ISIS) and Al-Qaeda linked militants that have killed thousands, displaced more than two million people and brought tens of thousands to the brink of starvation. Conflict analysts say about half of the country is outside government control. The country's strongman is Captain Ibrahim Traore, who took power in September 2022 at the age of just 34. Last week, Traore held consultations with a Russian delegation on development and military cooperation and his foreign minister Olivia Rouamba held talks with President Ebrahim Raisi in Tehran, where she hoped for "stronger bilateral cooperation" with Iran. Traore has promised a return to democracy with presidential elections by July 2024.

Zimbabwe: What is reality and truth!?

Only three (South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa, Mozambique's Filipe Nyusi and the Democratic Republic of Congo's Felix Tshisekedi) of the 16 heads of state of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) attended the inauguration of Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa in Harare on Monday. With 52.6% of the vote to main rival Nelson Chamisa's 44% from the Citizens' Coalition for Change, Mnangagwa will spend the next five years ruling a country struggling with one of the highest inflation rates in the world, a failing economy and corruption. But Mnangagwa sees it differently: "Zimbabwe is certainly on the move. Our national development philosophy of 'a country is built by its own people' will continue to be the beacon of our people-friendly policies based on pan-African values and norms... "We stand ready to welcome nations that want to work with the new Zanu-PF government to build lasting partnerships and make the world a better place." 05.09.23

Eswatini: Only African Ally

Taiwans Präsidentin Tsai Ing-wen das Königreich Eswatini - den letzten afrikanischen Verbündeten der Insel. Das Königreich Eswatini und die Republik Taiwan unterhalten seit 1968 diplomatische Beziehungen. Percy Simelane, Sprecher des Königs von Eswatini, Mswati III., erklärte, dass Tsai an den Feierlichkeiten anlässlich der 55-jährigen Unabhängigkeit (6. Sept.) des Landes von Großbritannien teilnehmen werde. Weiter sagte er: "Taiwan ist für Eswatini von strategischer Bedeutung, was die offizielle Entwicklungshilfe angeht ... viele Studenten studieren in Taiwan und Taiwan hilft dem verarmten Land in den Bereichen Gesundheit, Infrastruktur und Landwirtschaft." Es werden keine Maßnahmen von China erwartet. Aktuell pflegen folgende Länder offizielle diplomatische Beziehungen zu

Taiwan: Vatikanstadt, Haiti, Paraguay, Guatemala, Eswatini, Tuvalu, St. Vincent und die Grenadinen, St. Kitts und Nevis, Belize, Marshallinseln, Palau, Nauru St. Lucia. 05.09.2023

Cooperation of the developing countries

The Seychelles health authorities have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Zambia that will allow Seychelles health workers to be trained in Zambia. Seychelles has a shortage of health workers while Zambia has a surplus. At the end of 2022, there were 514 doctors on the Seychelles Medical and Dental Council (SMDC) register. Only 22% of these are Seychelles nationals and about 241 of the doctors on the register were practising professionally in Seychelles in 2022. Under Article 29 of the Constitution, Seychelles provides free primary health care in government facilities to all its citizens. A similar Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed with Rwanda. 05.09.2023

Kenya: Abolition of visa requirements!?

Speaking at the opening of the African Climate Summit in Nairobi to African and international leaders and delegates, Ruto said: "Just a few kilometres from where you are, scientists have discovered and located the earliest human remains on Earth. In other words, this is where humanity began. So, allow me to welcome you home. In a few months, we will seriously consider abolishing the visa requirement, because it is unfair to demand a visa from everyone who comes home".

Nigeria: Metro train "Blue Line" in Lagos

On Monday, the *Blue Line* in Lagos ran for the first time for the public. 20 years after plans for the line were announced and 14 years after construction began. The 13km Blue Line from Marina on Lagos Island to Mile 2 on the mainland connects the business districts with residential areas. There are five stations on the overland route, which can be reached in about 30 minutes, and a complete journey costs 750 Naira (\$1). Initially, 12 journeys will be offered during the morning and evening rush hours, increasing to 76 when fully operational. 05.09.

Agroecology needed

"Food security and nutrition can no longer be measured by yields or high productivity based on fertilisers, hybrid and GMO seeds," said Juliet Nangamba of the Zambia Alliance for Agroecology and Biodiversity... We need to move to agroecology." On 5 Sept., the annual Africa Food Systems Forum will take place in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, with the theme "Recover, Regenerate, Act: Africa's solutions for food systems transformation". Critically, the past Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) favoured hybrid and genetically modified seeds, chemical fertilisers and pesticides, and industrial agriculture. This has not led to "better food systems" or "food sovereignty". In the 13 countries with which AGRA has mainly worked, the number of undernourished people has increased in recent years. 05.09.2023

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