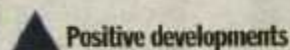


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Monitoring the progress of the East African Community



Positive developments



Negative developments



Neutral

Finally, Tanzania agrees to Single Tourist Visa



Tanzania is set to join three other East African countries in implementing the Single Tourist Visa initiative. Natural Resources and Tourism Minister Lazaro Nyalandu attributed his country's delay in agreeing to the visa pact to Tanzanians' lack of identity cards. He dismissed claims that Tanzania was a stumbling block to the initiative launched by Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda last year in an effort to boost tourism.

Tourists alight from a plane in Mombasa.



Minimum investment bank core capital talks on



East African Community partner states are negotiating to fix the minimum investment bank core capital at \$0.43 million across the region. This minimum threshold is far lower than the \$2.7 million required for investment banks in Kenya. Early in the year, the discussion in the EAC was to have an investment bank operate only if it can raise core capital of \$3 million.

Customers at Suntra Investment Bank in Nairobi.



Region's tourism showcased in London trade fair



The EAC last week showcased the region's tourism potential by marketing the five partner states as a single tourist destination at the ongoing World Travel Market in London. EAC Council of Ministers chairperson Phyllis Kandie said East African governments had prepared robust Ebola emergency preparedness and response plans that meet international standards.

A herd of elephants in Serengeti National Park.



Tanzanian drops case against Kenya government



The East African Court of Justice (EACJ) has granted a Tanzanian who sought \$0.31 million as damages from the Kenyan government a request to withdraw a case for unlawful arrest. He alleges that he was arrested and incarcerated at Taveta Police Station in Kenya on December 17, 1993, charged with robbery with violence but was acquitted on December 7, 1995 following a "not guilty" verdict.

The East African Court of Justice in session.

