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EXECUTIVE ASSESSMENT

Africa's operating environment is moving toward energy-led expansion under tighter system management. Renewable capacity additions in South Africa, upstream discoveries in Libya, and gas monetization strategies in Egypt and Equatorial Guinea indicate continued momentum across energy and mining systems. At the same time, large-scale private capital commitments in Nigeria and Morocco show that investment appetite remains strong across hydrocarbons, renewables, and critical minerals.

However, execution conditions are becoming more complex. Security risks in Nigeria, financial stabilization efforts in Libya, and infrastructure stress linked to renewable penetration in Kenya highlight growing system pressure. Economic performance remains exposed to external shocks, with energy and food price volatility limiting growth across Sub-Saharan Africa. The trajectory reflects controlled expansion under rising operational and governance constraints. Risk Level: High

SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS

Security conditions are increasingly tied to economic infrastructure and investor perception. In Nigeria, the evacuation authorization for U.S. embassy personnel and expanded "do not travel" zones reflect persistent insecurity linked to terrorism and kidnapping. This directly impacts capital deployment and operational continuity in key urban and energy-linked regions.

In Somalia, offshore exploration activity supported by Türkiye introduces a dual-layer security dynamic. Energy assets offshore Galmudug will require sustained maritime and territorial protection, linking hydrocarbon development with long-term security commitments.

In Southern Africa, security is expanding into hybrid domains. The arrival of the French Navy Jeanne d'Arc task group in South Africa reinforces maritime security cooperation and defense diplomacy, particularly around key shipping routes. This strengthens regional naval capacity while embedding external actors into security architecture.

Across systems, security is no longer isolated from economic expansion. It is increasingly embedded within energy corridors, offshore assets, and investor-facing infrastructure.

ENERGY AND RESOURCES

Energy systems are expanding across multiple layers, combining hydrocarbons, renewables, and digitalization. In Libya, the National Oil Corporation confirmed a new discovery in the Ghadames Basin with around 13 million cubic feet per day of gas and condensate output

potential. The discovery strengthens upstream capacity but remains exposed to political fragmentation and security volatility.

In Egypt, the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources is advancing digital infrastructure through AI-supported exploration platforms while accelerating a Red Sea licensing process with BP. This approach combines upstream expansion with investor-oriented data systems to improve capital inflow.

Country	Development	Risk
Libya	New gas discovery	Political instability
Egypt	AI + new licensing	Medium
Equatorial Guinea	LNG investment	Low–Medium
South Africa	800MW renewables	Grid pressure
Kenya	~90% renewables	Flexibility constraints

Gas monetization is also expanding offshore. In Equatorial Guinea, Chevron approved a $690 million investment in the Aseng gas project, targeting LNG-linked output growth and regional supply strengthening.

Mining systems are scaling alongside favorable pricing. In Morocco, Managem Group plans to increase gold production from 213,000 to 500,000 ounces by 2030, reflecting strong commodity price support and geographic diversification strategy.

Renewables are accelerating but creating system complexity. South Africa's expansion through projects led by Mulilo and Voltalia is adding more than 800 MW capacity across solar and storage systems. At the same time, Kenya's grid—already ~90% renewable—faces rising flexibility constraints, shifting focus from capacity expansion toward system management and resilience.

INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Investment flows remain strong but are increasingly concentrated in large-scale, capital-intensive projects. In Nigeria, Aliko Dangote announced a $40 billion expansion across refining and fertilizer production, targeting $100 billion in annual revenue under a long-term industrial strategy. This reinforces Nigeria's positioning as a downstream energy hub while increasing execution and financing exposure.

Across Central Africa, sovereign financing is expanding. The Democratic Republic of the Congo is launching its first $750 million Eurobond to finance infrastructure, leveraging its position in critical mineral supply chains despite debt and security risks.

In East Africa, mining-led industrialization is gaining momentum. Kenya's Ministry of Mining launched investor calls across five regions targeting copper, manganese, coltan, and niobium,

with a focus on local processing and value addition. This reflects a shift from extraction toward integrated mineral economies.

Infrastructure-linked energy investment is also expanding offshore. In Gabon, BW Energy secured a 25-year extension of the Dussafu license to 2053, providing long-term visibility for production and capital deployment through phased project expansion.

Private capital is increasingly targeting system optimization. In Nigeria, venture investment into PowerLabs by Breega signals growing interest in software-driven energy efficiency solutions, reflecting a shift toward decentralized and digital energy systems.

POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC DEVELOPMENTS

Political activity is increasingly structured around economic stabilization and resource governance. In Libya, the Central Bank introduced a $1.5 billion liquidity injection to stabilize the dinar and manage foreign exchange markets, reinforcing monetary control as a core policy tool.

At the same time, Libya's engagement with the IMF in Tunisia highlights a push toward financial transparency and institutional reform. Discussions focused on monetary policy alignment, banking governance, and macroeconomic stability, signaling gradual normalization of financial structures.

Diplomatic alignment is also expanding. Engagement between U.S. advisor Massad Boulos and Saddam Haftar reflects continued coordination around budget unification and security exercises such as Flintlock 2026. This links fiscal governance with military cooperation.

Country / Parties	Development	Impact
Libya	$1.5B liquidity injection	Economic stabilization
Libya + IMF	Reform process	Increased confidence
Ethiopia–Burundi	Cooperation	Regional integration
US–Libya	Security + budget coordination	System alignment

Across East Africa, Ethiopia and Burundi are deepening bilateral cooperation across defense, trade, and digital systems, reflecting regional integration through multi-sector alignment.

Soft political signals are also emerging. The planned Africa tour of Pope Leo XIV across four countries highlights the continent's rising diplomatic and symbolic relevance in global narratives around peace and development.

GLOBAL MARKET TRANSMISSION

Africa's role in global energy and commodity systems is increasingly shaped by external shocks. The spillover effects of Iran-linked conflict risks are pushing inflation toward 4.8%

across Sub-Saharan Africa while limiting growth to around 4.1%. This reflects direct transmission from global energy and food price volatility into domestic economic systems.

Commodity markets remain highly sensitive to price cycles. Gold expansion strategies in Morocco and mining investment in Kenya are being driven by favorable pricing conditions, while hydrocarbon investment across Libya, Egypt, and Equatorial Guinea reflects sustained global demand for gas and LNG.

Energy markets show a structural imbalance. Production capacity is expanding across multiple regions, but delivery remains constrained by security risk, infrastructure limitations, and financial coordination. Execution capacity continues to define market outcomes.

Near-Term Risk Direction

- Nigeria – security risk directly impacting investor operations
- Libya – financial stabilization vs political fragmentation
- South Africa – energy transition creating grid management pressure
- East Africa – mining-led industrial shift increasing execution risk
- Energy sector – pricing volatility driven by external shocks
- Governance – financial transparency and control mechanisms tightening
- Base case – expansion continues but delivery remains uneven and risk-exposed