

Sub-Saharan Africa's Diplomatic Chessboard: Horn of Africa Port Deals, SADC

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1. In January 2024, Ethiopia signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with which self-declared region, granting Ethiopia access to a coastline for naval and commercial operations, a move that significantly heightened tensions with Somalia?

- A) Puntland
- B) Somaliland**
- C) Jubaland
- D) Galmudug

2. The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC) was deployed in December 2023. Which of the following SADC member states contributed troops to this mission?

- A) Namibia, Botswana, and Zimbabwe
- B) South Africa, Malawi, and Tanzania**
- C) Angola, Zambia, and Mozambique
- D) Lesotho, Eswatini, and Madagascar

3. In January 2024, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) convened an emergency meeting concerning rising tensions in the Horn of Africa. What was the primary issue driving these tensions?

- A) A border dispute between Ethiopia and Eritrea
- B) The implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
- C) Ethiopia's port access deal with Somaliland**
- D) A water-sharing agreement for the Nile River

4. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) announced in April 2024 that it had allocated over \$26 million for humanitarian activities between 2023 and 2024. A portion of this was specifically designated for stabilization efforts in which country?

- A) Mali
- B) Burkina Faso
- C) Niger
- D) Nigeria**

5. In March 2024, Kenya and Tanzania reached an agreement to address long-standing trade disputes. Which of the following was **not** among the specific goods mentioned as being part of the resolution, allowing for their import/export across the border?

- A) Kenyan tea
- B) Tanzanian timber
- C) Kenyan Konyagi spirit
- D) Tanzanian coffee**

6. The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) ruled in August 2024 on a maritime boundary dispute between Ghana and which neighboring country, concerning oil exploration rights?

- A) Togo
- B) Benin
- C) Ivory Coast**
- D) Nigeria

7. In a significant diplomatic development, Ethiopia and Somalia signed the 'Ankara Declaration' in December 2024, brokered by Turkey. This declaration aimed to resolve disputes related to Ethiopia's access to a sea port and the sovereignty over which region?

- A) Puntland
- B) Somaliland**
- C) Jubaland
- D) Mudug

8. The East African Community (EAC) formally admitted Somalia as its eighth member state in which month and year?

- A) October 2023
- B) November 2023**
- C) December 2023
- D) March 2024

9. In December 2024, Senegal's Prime Minister visited The Gambia to co-chair the second Senegal-Gambia Economic, Trade, and Investment Forum. What was a key target mentioned for trade between the two nations in the coming years?

- A) 200 billion CFA francs
- B) 350 billion CFA francs
- C) 500 billion CFA francs**
- D) 750 billion CFA francs

10. The Combined Maritime Task Force for the Gulf of Guinea (CMTF-GoG), established in May 2023, is noted as the first African-led combined maritime security effort. What is one of its primary priorities?

A) Facilitating the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)

- B) Regulating cross-border digital currency transactions
- C) Coordinating agricultural subsidies across West Africa
- D) Managing intra-regional air travel quotas

11. In February 2024, ECOWAS announced the lifting of some sanctions against Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso. While political sanctions remained, which of the following was among the sanctions lifted for Niger, concerning its economic ties?

A) Suspension of diplomatic relations

B) Freezing of central bank and state assets

- C) Exclusion from the African Union
- D) Prohibition of all international travel for its citizens

12. The African Union Peace and Security Council (PSC) and the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation held their inaugural joint consultative meeting in August 2024. Where was this meeting held?

A) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

B) Gaborone, Botswana

- C) Pretoria, South Africa
- D) Lusaka, Zambia

13. In the Horn of Africa, a security pact signed in August 2024 between Somalia and Egypt involved Egypt beginning what action in support of Somalia?

A) Naval patrols in the Gulf of Aden

B) Arms supplies

- C) Mediation in the Ethiopia-Somaliland dispute
- D) Establishing a military base

14. The SADC mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC) began its deployment in December 2023. What was the primary mandate of this mission?

A) To monitor elections and support democratic transitions

B) To combat piracy and illegal fishing in Lake Tanganyika

C) To support the DRC government in restoring peace and security in the eastern regions

D) To facilitate the free movement of goods and people across the DRC's borders

15. The dispute concerning the delimitation of the maritime boundary between Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire in the Atlantic Ocean was ultimately ruled upon by which international body in August 2024?

- A) The International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- B) The International Criminal Court (ICC)
- C) The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)**
- D) The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)