

Africa Diplomatic Shifts: Ethiopia-Somalia Rapprochement, Nigeria-Niger Border

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1. In January 2025, which two East African nations agreed to restore and enhance bilateral ties with full diplomatic representation, following a period of strained relations caused by a maritime access agreement between Ethiopia and Somaliland?

A) Ethiopia and Somalia

- B) Kenya and Tanzania
- C) Uganda and Rwanda
- D) Djibouti and Eritrea

2. Which regional economic bloc's summit in December 2025 in Abuja addressed political instability, including a coup in Guinea-Bissau, and also emphasized economic harmonization and the single currency project?

A) ECOWAS

- B) SADC
- C) EAC
- D) IGAD

3. What significant cross-border agreement was formalized between Nigeria and the Republic of Niger in December 2025, aimed at strengthening security coordination and re-demarcating their shared boundary?

A) Joint Standing Committee of Experts (JSC) session

- B) Trade liberalization pact
- C) Joint military defense treaty
- D) Cultural exchange program

4. The East African Community (EAC) reported strong intra-regional trade growth, reaching over \$11 billion in 2024. What was a key driver mentioned for this increase in manufactured goods and food products?

A) Increasing importance of regional value chains

B) Expansion of oil exports

- C) Introduction of a common currency
- D) Foreign direct investment from outside Africa

5. In late 2024, Ethiopia and Somalia signed the Ankara Declaration, mediated by Turkey. This declaration was a crucial step in mending relations strained by Ethiopia's MoU with which self-declared state?

A) Somaliland

- B) Puntland
- C) Jubaland
- D) Galmudug

6. The Southern African Development Community (SADC) terminated the mandate of its mission to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (SAMIDRC) in March 2025. What was the primary reason cited for the mission's challenges and eventual termination?

A) Resurgence of the M23 Movement and limited effectiveness of the mission

- B) Financial mismanagement within SADC
- C) Lack of cooperation from the Congolese government
- D) Withdrawal of Malawian and Tanzanian troops

7. In December 2025, ECOWAS leaders forcefully rejected a proposed transition plan by the military junta in which West African nation, demanding an inclusive transition to a democratic order?

A) Guinea-Bissau

- B) Burkina Faso
- C) Mali
- D) Niger

8. What is the primary focus of the African Union's Continental AI Strategy, unveiled in 2024, which aims to position Africa as a global powerhouse?

A) Ethical and sustainable development of AI for African needs

- B) Developing AI for military applications
- C) Exporting AI technology to developed nations
- D) Establishing AI regulations mirroring Western standards

9. The Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the EU and Kenya entered into force on July 1, 2024. This agreement is described as the most ambitious trade deal ever signed by the EU with a developing country, including provisions for:

A) Climate and environmental protection, labor rights, and gender equality

- B) Exclusive access to Kenyan natural resources for the EU
- C) Restrictions on technology transfer to Kenya
- D) Financial aid in exchange for trade concessions

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11. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) convened its 68th Ordinary Session in December 2025. What major challenge did leaders reaffirm their commitment to address, notably through stronger mechanisms to deter unconstitutional transfers of power?

A) Coups d'état and attempts to overthrow constitutional order

- B) Cross-border terrorism in the Sahel
- C) Economic sanctions imposed by external powers
- D) Disagreements over AfCFTA implementation

12. Nigeria and the Republic of Niger formalized an agreement in December 2025 to advance the re-demarcation of their shared boundary and strengthen security coordination. This was following a high-level session of which committee?

A) Joint Standing Committee of Experts (JSC)

- B) Bilateral Border Commission
- C) Security Cooperation Task Force
- D) Economic Development Council