

Angola—

Jan 08—New Gulf of Guinea group meets
 Feb 08—Macro-economic gains may not ensure MPLA a clear run
 Feb 08—Political tension grows as election nears
 Feb 08—As in SA, German shipbuilders suspected
 Mar-08—China to improve power supply in Luanda
 Mar 08—Massive Sino-Japanese auto plant opens in April
 Mar 08—Sonangol increases share of banking sector
 Mar 08—Zuma signals historic shift in SA policy to Luanda government
 Apr 08—Dispute grows over voters' lists delay
 Apr 08—In pre-election move government closes human rights office
 May 08—Chinese technology cheaper but companies hit snags
 May 08—Lonrho plans \$9m dry port plan to beat hold-ups
 May 08—Over 26,000 landmines deactivated countrywide
 May 08—Hydro project to cost 12m Euros
 May 08—Nigerian oil production is overtaken
 May 08—Sarkozy's visit heralds new honeymoon with France
 May 08—Unita warns of possible Zimbabwe scenario for election
 June 08—Diamond production likely to reach 10m carats
 June 08—S. Korea to fund IT institute
 June 08—BNI bank to move into Brazil, China
 June 08—Growth projected at 16.5 percent
 June 08—Confidence grows that election will not follow Zimbabwe and Kenya models
 June 08—Focus on SA's xenophobia excludes Congolese expulsions
 June 08—Dos Santos joins SA and seeks to broker deal in Guinea Bissau
 July 08—Portuguese bank under pressure to sell stake to Sonangol
 July 08—Ahead of election government bans Unita's radio
 July 08—Landmines cleared ahead of poll in Bie
 Aug 08—SA scrutinizes post-election business scene as relations warm
 Aug 08—Harassment and restrictions, but election likely to be judged fair
 Aug 08—Little change expected, except inside ruling party
 Aug 08—Harassment could endanger election legitimacy warns rights body
 Aug 08—Soldiers' guns collected ahead of vote
 Oct 08—Oil prices will cut growth
 Oct 08—Ex-Unita economist founds new bank
 Oct 08—Chinese oil companies strengthen position
 Oct 08—Million homes pledge meets with incredulity
 Oct 08—Unwieldy cabinet may be stopgap
 Oct 08—US boosts coastal oil security
 Nov 08—Minister in US nuclear energy talks
 Nov 08—World Bank promises \$1bn loan
 Nov 08—Sovereign fund will internationalise economy
 Nov 08—Angolagate exposes lists of Angolan officials
 Dec 08—New deal lessens Dos Santos China loan concerns

Botswana—

Jan 08—Bushmen consulted on diamond mine
 Feb 08—Central bank abandons yearly inflation targeting
 Mar-08—China begins major dam construction
 Mar 08—New president unlikely to open up democratic space
 May 08—Commonwealth support for free trade zone
 May 08—Lower US dollar benefits diamond sales
 July 08—Military report adds to pressure on Mugabe
 Aug 08—Local polisher's demand bring drop in diamond exports
 Aug 08—Despite crisis Zimbabwe remains top trading partner.
 Oct 08—De Beers in new project
 Nov 08—Trade surplus hits record US\$120 million

DR Congo—

Jan 08—Copper, cobalt in return for China's giant loan
 Jan 08—Contradictory demands at stormy peace conference
 Feb 08—Call for reforms to maintain strong upward growth trend
 Feb 08—Confusion swirls around mining contracts review
 Feb 08—Kabila makes judicial coup
 Feb 08—Skirmishes continue between Nkunda and Mai-Mai
 Mar 08—Tough negotiations with companies loom on mining contracts
 Mar 08—Kabila seeks to propitiate BaKongo but bans sect
 Mar 08—Mini-state functions grow in rebel territory in the east
 Apr 08—Breakthrough grant announced for Inga in midst of region's power crisis
 Apr 08—Relations with Belgium chill over corruption and Chinese contracts
 Apr 08—Illegal mining continues to finance Kivu militias
 May 08—Money laundering charge as relations with Belgium plummet
 May 08—Bemba's arrest opens battle for leadership of the opposition
 May 08—Great Lakes group puts shot across MONUCs bows
 May 08—ICC faces Nkunda and government with dangerous dilemma
 June 08—Kinshasa says its army will oust Kony
 June 08—Belgian missions in east to be closed
 July 08—Kabila seeks French help against IMF on foreign debt
 July 08—PM succession battle leads to paralysis in Kinshasa
 Sept 08—Just 14 wartime mining contracts satisfy government
 Sept 08—Libya offers to build oil pipeline
 Sept 08—Military situation deteriorates as Kinshasa urges MONUC on
 Sept 08—Security sector reform is failing says French think-tank
 Oct 08—Budget minister named as premier
 Oct 08—SA government takes time out of own crisis to visit Kinshasa
 Oct 08—MONUC's chief calls on EU to strengthen force
 Oct 08—Governance issues still undermine national army
 Oct 08—Zambian border closed to refugees
 Nov 08—Threat of regional military intervention recedes but Kabila maintains hard line
 Nov 08—Nairobi summit - key issues avoided
 Nov 08—Wave of refugees gives Uganda room to

manoeuvre
Dec 08—Social collapse threatens as minerals exploitation folds
Dec 08—As talks continue suspicions increase that Kabila is playing for time

International—

Jan 08—Protest grows against EU's partnership agreements
Jan 08—Bush finishes up with call for more HIV funding
Feb 08—Sarkozy announces energy, business, aid deals
Feb 08—France sets about rewriting security pacts
Feb 08—German company to take majority stake in Denel
Mar 08—Trade soars between China, Lusophones
Mar 08—India counters diamond producers' plans
Mar 08—SA death in Iraq ignites recruiting controversy
Mar 08—EU wants HIV/AIDS in all donor funding
Apr 08—EU hardens position on initialled EPAs
Apr 08—Angola now leads China's oil suppliers
Apr 08—Chinese plan investment in African agriculture
Apr 08—India revives security interest in Indian Ocean Rim
May 08—Conflict diamonds scheme may be extended to all Congo minerals
May 08—Chinese hackers attack websites focused on Central Africa
July 08—EU funding for trade bloc should help regional mergers
July 08—French report condemns EPAs as obstructing development
July 08—UK probe focuses on Zimbabwe and SA arms dealer
Aug 08—EU may soften on EPA demands
Sept 08—Western anti-GM lobby 'holds back African farming'
Sept 08—China's focus shifts to African farms
Sept 08—Metals plunge on recession fears
Sept 08—EU to help Africa expand energy sector
Sept 08—Private security companies welcome regulation deal
Oct 08—Food crisis warning
Oct 08—China-Lusophone trade exceeds target
Oct 08—EU grants Euros 15m food aid
Nov 08—Demand surges for Africa-China trade facilitation

Malawi—

Jan 08—Beijing reward expected as link to Taiwan is cut
Feb 08—Tea growers seek to boost prices
May 08—Tobacco price swings anger farmers
May 08—Aid will not be conditional on signing of EPAs
Aug 08—Hoarding continues despite food surplus projection
Sept 08—Success of farm subsidies bolsters debate against IMF policy
Oct 08—Mutharika favoured in presidential race
Nov 08—Rare steel-making metal deposit found

Mozambique—

Jan 08—45,000 miners In South Africa remit \$93m
Jan 08—Three-quarters of voters register
Jan 08—Anti-corruption forum abolished
Feb 08—Environmental go-ahead for pipeline to SA
Feb 08—Demonstrators force government retreat on fuel prices
Mar 08—European Commission compensates sugar sector
Apr 08—Cahora Bassa increases power supply
Apr 08—Steel factories opened
Apr 08—Beira dry dock repaired
Apr 08—Cashew harvest to exceed 85,000 tonnes
Apr 08—Wheat seed imports promised
Apr 08—Sugar benefits from Zimbabwe crisis
May 08—Vodacom plans to boost investment
May 08—Zambezia to re-start tea-growing
June 08—Government joins mining transparency initiative
June 08—Cashew production overshoots target
June 08—Cahora Bassa pays for its keep
June 08—Companies 'not taking advantage of AGOA'
July 08—China secures farms in exchange for infrastructure
July 08—New investment bank plugs into China deals
July 08—Ethanol plants under construction
Aug 08—Brazilian firm wins deal to build \$3bn Zambezi dam
Aug 08—Border hassles slow SA trade
Sept 08—Growth rate slows to 6.7 percent as agriculture falters
Sept 08—US\$2.5 billion for new power line
Sept 08—Donors confirm budget support
Oct 08—Brazilian mining and drugs projects speed up
Oct 08—Largest silos under construction
Oct 08—Oil exploration deal struck with Petronas
Oct 08—Large rise in ARV treatments
Oct 08—US aid for navy
Nov 08—New natural gas fields discovered
Nov 08—SA to buy power from new gas-fired station
Nov 08—Frelimo demolishes Renamo in local elections
Dec 08—Renamo divisions widened by Beira result
Dec 08—Jail break indicates war inside police force

Namibia—

Mar 08—Setback to EPZ policy as large investor leaves
Apr 08—Veterans return in Pohambo's first shake-up
June 08—Biggest uranium mine to go ahead
Aug 08—Eskom fails to focus on Kudu gas scheme
Oct 08—Congo investor heads for Windhoek also

Region—

Feb-08—Comoros braces for invasion of Anjouan
Jan 08—Energy crisis hits economic plans, undermines SADC neighbours
Jan 08—Count-down to SADC free trade zone begins
Jan 08—Uganda, DRC agree on anti-smuggling operations
Jan 08—Warnings on drug-resistant TB crisis
Jan 08—Central Africa avoids Kenya to take southern route
Jan 08—AfDB wipes out US\$24m in debt arrears
Jan 08—Debt distressed Burundi secures IMF pack-

age

Jan 08—Rwanda gets stock market
Jan 08—Bank sees African growth despite financial crunch
Jan 08—Kenya crisis plays in SA's domestic battles
Jan 08—Relief in Kampala at Mbeki's defeat
Jan 08—Border tensions raise stakes for Uganda and Kenya
Jan 08—SA presses for more support in Darfur
Feb 08—Consternation grows as SA warns neighbours on EU deals
Feb 08—SA helps draft anti-monopoly legislation
Feb 08—Rwandans switch to Vodacom
Feb 08—Food price rises spell economic and political implications for region
Feb 08—Energy solutions exclude Ingas grand scheme
Feb 08—SADC Power Pool acts to end energy shortage
Feb 08—SA offers Algeria nuclear energy help
Feb 08—South African armoured car exports boost Chad's regime
Mar 08—Neighbours eye Zimbabwe's power plants
Mar-08—Uganda's e-government fibre backbone ready
Mar 08—SA cools its criticism on EU negotiations
Mar 08—Mauritius to house new Chinese commercial hub
Mar 08—Sino-Africa business conference in Tanzania soon
Mar 08—SA's Liberty Group to enter East Africa
Mar 08—Move toward East African capital market by 2009
Mar 08—Concern in Uganda as SA moves in on peace deal with rebels
Mar 08—Military chiefs meet to plan East Africa brigade
Mar 08—AU has a success in the Comoros, France faces demonstrations
Mar 08—SADC considers single visa for member states
Apr 08—SA-DRC bilateral meeting focuses on finance
Apr 08—Major SA clans edge in on Great Lakes oil
Apr 08—Cattle disease stands in way of meat boom
Apr 08—UN threatens sanctions as war resumes in Burundi
Apr 08—SA and Congo-Brazzaville sign military deal
May 08—Japan to fund Mozambique-Zambia power lines
May 08—AfDB approves fertiliser scheme
May 08—New HIV infections still rising, says World Bank
May 08—SAs bid for continental leadership is damaged by pogroms
May 08—Equatorial Guinea leader gets 100 percent vote
May 08—SANDF agrees HIV discrimination is unconstitutional
May 08—SA to boost Lake Albert patrols as Uganda registers oil find
May 08—Chinese ship puts spotlight on SAs arms policy
June 08—International nuclear enrichment centre may be founded on increased uranium mining in region
June 08—EU programme aims at IT regulation
June 08—Kenya's budget diverted from development
June 08—Uganda budget shows booming economy
June 08—SACU wrestles with its future in face of new EPA deadline
June 08—Slow intra-African trade blamed on lack of regional integration
June 08—Largest trading bloc planned
June 08—SA and Zambia brace for a Zimbabwean exodus
June 08—Governments seek to fill embarrassing intelligence gaps
July 08—Governments start crisis planning for

increased cost of food

July 08—Eskom neglects regional power projects in favour of nuclear expansion
July 08—DRC, Angola discuss common oil interests
July 08—US signs agreements with SACU, EAC
July 08—SADC brigade to become active
July 08—Concern in Uganda over Rwandan link with Buganda
Aug 08—Zimbabwe crisis warms up SA and Angola relations
Aug 08—Free trade area slammed as more show than substance
Aug 08—Concerns grow over fresh social unrest in Comoros
Aug 08—Zimbabwean military delegation visits Angola
Sept 08—EPA concerns push Comesa to merge with SADC
Sept 08—Credit crisis contagion unlikely but commodity prices hit home
Sept 08—Tanzania, Rwanda seek to boost mutual investment
Sept 08—Hopes fade for biofuel export bonanza as EU blows cool
Sept 08—Change in rainfall pattern will hit farmers
Oct 08—Tensions grow over use of Lake Victoria water by SA power utility
Oct 08—Call for more hydro power
Oct 08—Financial crisis worries diamond sector
Oct 08—Smaller mining companies cut their losses
Oct 08—US ring-fences AGOA deal despite protectionist pressure
Oct 08—Pentagon seeks to stabilise oil-rich Ugandan border
Oct 08—Angolan hit-squads go into DRC and Congo-Brazzaville
Oct 08—Burundi peace hangs on name change
Nov 08—Food costs likely to make biggest impact as commodities plunge
Nov 08—Governments fear major cuts in official aid
Nov 08—Botswana warns it will break with SA over SACU
Nov 08—Smuggling overwhelms legal trade in EAC
Nov 08—EU indictments sour Great Lakes political atmosphere
Dec 08—As investment dries up massive World Bank loan may save regions energy future
Dec 08—World Bank fills the gap with ready money
Dec 08—Standard Bank, AfDB to make more infrastructure finance available
Dec 08—Ugandas Museveni seeks common front in dealings with Kinshasa

South Africa—

Jan 08—Jobs will be focus of reformed macro-economic policy
Feb 08—Peacekeeping policy to be rewritten
Apr 08—Chinese seek stake in second-largest SA bank
June 08—Nuclear policy to become mainstay for energy production
June 08—New SANDF force design to be unveiled
July 08—Fewer blue-chip companies listed
Aug 08—Asylum may be granted to groups to overcome backlog
Sept 08—State diamond trader in crisis as Mbeki man goes
Nov 08—Attack helicopter finally finds a use in DRC and Darfur
Dec 08—Eskom's nuclear plans are reshaped

Swaziland—

Feb 08—Budget surplus expected this year
Mar 08—Army deployed to boost police to counter strikes
Apr 08—Pudemo deputy leader killed in SA
May 08—Opposition stays barred for election
June 08—Parliament closes for next poll on region's list
July 08—Unions plan protests over food prices
Sept 08—Leading activists die in bomb blast
Oct 08—French army trains local soldiers
Nov 08—Opposition leader charged with terrorism
Tanzania:— May 08—Government will seek more tax revenues from miners

Tanzania—

May 08—Crackdown on Pemba separatists
Oct 08—Growth to fall, banks safe

Zambia—

Jan 08—Uncertain outcome for constitutional conference
Mar 08—Riot at Chinese smelter highlights regulation issues
Apr 08—'Smart' partnership dialogue in Lusaka
July 08—List of contenders grows to replace Mwanawasa
Aug 08—Little threat to stability in three-month presidential campaign
Aug 08—New smelter to boost copper output
Sept 08—Acting president attaches himself to economic legacy
Sept 08—Chinese firm to spend \$400m on power project
Oct 08—New government inherits a plunging economy in a global crisis
Oct 08—New bridge links Congo
Oct 08—Loan for Copperbelt roads
Nov 08—Banda drops finance minister, warns against unrest
Dec 08—Kafue dam among first casualties of commodity crisis
Dec 08—Security increased as effects of global crisis begin to show

Zimbabwe—

Jan 08—Blackouts mount as neighbours cut power supplies
Jan 08—China trade set to increase
Jan 08—Worthless Zimdollar replaced by regional currencies
Jan 08—Elite finds ways to leverage currency crisis
Jan 08—State employees get pay hike
Jan 08—Forex drought postpones phone interceptions
Jan 08—Few signs of free election as MDC seeks postponement
Mar 08—Major donors wait in wings, aim for billion-dollar fund
Mar 08—Tourism chief hopes for deals with Russia
Apr 08—As SADC credibility fades the key to crisis remains with ANC
May 08—SA investors ready to enter as soon as Mugabe goes
May 08—Concern mounts about possible military

takeover

June 08—Anglo attempts to stake its claim to mine platinum reserves
June 08—Crisis threatens upward trend in platinum production
June 08—Gold output crashes further
June 08—SA investors gear up to go in when Mugabe leaves
June 08—Figures add up to give Mugabe control again
July 08—Parties haggle over division of power and seats
July 08—Disinvestment in carrot-and-stick plan for talks
July 08—Concern grows over post-Mugabe culture of crime and violence
Aug 08—Increased diamond production boosts RTZs local profits
Aug 08—Anglo 'holding talks with MDC for mining rights'
Sept 08—World Bank makes haste slowly to rescue economy
Sept 08—Food emergency becomes critical in November
Oct 08—Shares gain in flight from cash
Oct 08—Fraud endangers AIDS fund
Oct 08—Ruling party unity threatened by former Zapu leaders
Oct 08—Botswana calls for fresh elections
Nov 08—Zanu-PF officials join new Zapu, want property back
Nov 08—Two arrested carrying US\$225m near border
Dec 08—Zambia denies military action with Botswana to remove Mugabe

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