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In This Issue

Explore the financial developments shaping Kenya and the wider world, alongside professional education updates and career opportunities. This issue connects the headlines to practical decisions for learners, working professionals and businesses, with insights on KASNEB and TVETA, news from SGI, and important dates to watch.

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AT A GLANCE

FUEL / NAIROBI	KENYA PIPELINE	GLOBAL OUTLOOK	CAMS / ATD
KSh 226.96	KSh 11.58bn	3.1%	15%
Super petrol, 15 Oct	FY 2025/26 net profit	IMF projected 2026 growth	CAT weight from Dec 2026

EDITOR'S WEEKLY BRIEF

A renewed energy-price squeeze dominated the past seven days. Kenya's fuel regulator raised pump-price ceilings for the October–November cycle, while the International Energy Agency documented constrained oil supplies and the IMF warned that growth remains vulnerable to geopolitical disruption. The consequences for transport costs, business margins and household budgets are immediate; the wider effects on inflation and interest rates will take time to emerge.

There were also constructive corporate and capital-market signals. Kenya Pipeline reported stronger audited earnings, while Kenya moved higher in a benchmark of African financial-market development. In education, SGI issued fresh student guidance on how Continuous Assessment Test marks affect CAMS and ATD examination results. Our careers desk reviewed the 13 October MyGov issue and original employer advertisements to identify vacancies still open on publication day.

TOP FIVE STORIES OF THE WEEK

- 01** 14 Oct | EPRA raises Nairobi fuel-price ceilings; the new cycle runs from 15 October to 14 November.
- 02** 14 Oct | Kenya Pipeline releases audited FY2025/26 results showing KSh 11.58bn profit after tax.
- 03** 13 Oct | IMF projects world growth of 3.1% in 2026 and flags risks for energy importers.
- 04** 14 Oct | Absa's Africa Financial Markets Index places Kenya fifth on the continent.
- 05** 15 Oct | SGI explains KASNEB's revised CAMS and ATD CAT weighting and learner obligations.

01 KENYA FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEWS

Fuel rises across all three major products

14 October 2026 | prices effective 15 October–14 November 2026

EPRA's latest maximum Nairobi retail prices are KSh 226.96 per litre for super petrol, KSh 227.76 for diesel and KSh 219.87 for kerosene. Relative to the previous cycle, those represent increases of KSh 12.93, KSh 9.90 and KSh 28.49 per litre respectively. Prices differ by location.

WHY IT MATTERS Higher diesel costs can put pressure on transport, food distribution and business logistics, while kerosene's particularly large increase affects households that depend on it. These are maximum retail prices, not a guarantee that every station charges the ceiling.

SOURCE [EPRA official pump-price schedule](#)

Kenya Pipeline profit advances as volumes grow

14 October 2026 | audited financial year ended 30 June 2026

Kenya Pipeline Company published consolidated audited results reporting revenue of KSh 42.98 billion, up from KSh 39.50 billion in the prior year, and profit after tax of KSh 11.58 billion, up from KSh 10.24 billion. The company attributed performance partly to a 7% increase in local and transit volumes. Earnings per share stood at KSh 0.64.

WHY IT MATTERS The results provide a useful case study in interpreting revenue, operating costs, net profit and cash flow separately. Higher reported profits do not eliminate capital-maintenance or supply-chain risks, and any distributions must be assessed against official approvals.

SOURCE [KPC original audited-results publication \(PDF\)](#)

Kenya gains ground in Africa's capital-markets index

14 October 2026 | Absa AFMI 2026 launch

The tenth Absa Africa Financial Markets Index, developed with OMFIF, compares market accessibility, development, transparency and related criteria across 29 countries. Kenya ranked fifth in the 2026 assessment, up from seventh in the previous ranking; it was reported with a score of 65 out of 100.

WHY IT MATTERS Improved comparative standing is encouraging for market confidence and access to long-term finance, but an index ranking is not proof that every investment has become cheaper or safer. Investors should still evaluate liquidity, disclosure quality and instrument-specific risk.

SOURCE [Absa Africa Financial Markets Index 2026](#)

SBM Bank reports stronger nine-month earnings

14 October 2026 | nine months ended 30 September 2026

SBM Bank Kenya reported pretax profit of KSh 911 million versus KSh 411 million a year earlier, an increase of approximately 122%. The bank's reported total income increased to KSh 5.44 billion and customer deposits reached about KSh 97.3 billion. These figures are reported by a financial news publication and should be read alongside the bank's full accounts when available.

WHY IT MATTERS The income, costs, deposits and impaired-loan indicators illustrate why bank performance should be assessed beyond headline profit growth. Customers and analysts should also examine asset quality and capital adequacy.

SOURCE [Business Radar financial-results report](#)

Shilling reference rate and money-market conditions

15 October 2026 | CBK daily indicators

The Central Bank of Kenya displayed an indicative rate of KSh 129.81 per US dollar on 15 October and a Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average rate (KESONIA) of 8.7504% for the same date. For context, the Central Bank Rate had been set at 8.75% on 7 October, which falls outside this edition's reporting window.

WHY IT MATTERS Treasurers and importers should follow daily currency movements and funding conditions rather than mistake one reference quote for every executable bank exchange rate. The earlier CBR decision is background context, not news from 11–17 October.

SOURCE [CBK official exchange-rate and market indicators](#)

IMF sees moderate acceleration in Kenya's growth

13 October 2026 | October World Economic Outlook forecasts

Updated IMF-linked projections put Kenya's real GDP growth at approximately 4.5% in 2026 and 4.7% in 2027. These are forward-looking estimates rather than realised economic expansion; outcomes remain sensitive to energy prices, fiscal conditions and external demand.

WHY IT MATTERS Businesses can use the outlook for scenario planning while avoiding the assumption that a national growth projection will translate into equally strong demand across every sector or region.

SOURCE [IMF Kenya country data and projections](#)

02 GLOBAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEWS

IMF warns resilience is uneven

13 October 2026 | World Economic Outlook

The IMF projected global economic growth of 3.1% in 2026 and 3.4% in 2027. It forecast global headline inflation of 4.7% for 2026 and 4.1% for 2027, citing fiscal vulnerabilities, geopolitical tensions, trade risks and uncertainty surrounding the artificial-intelligence investment boom.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO KENYA Kenya is an energy importer and an internationally connected borrower. Higher global prices and risk premiums can affect imported inflation, financing costs and demand for exports. Forecasts are conditional, not guaranteed outcomes.

SOURCE [IMF October 2026 World Economic Outlook](#)

IEA sees severe oil-market stress despite weaker demand

14 October 2026 | Oil Market Report

The International Energy Agency projected that global oil demand would fall by an average of 2.6 million barrels per day year on year in 2026 amid high prices and supply disruptions. It estimated global supply at 102.3 million barrels per day in September and documented significant pressure on diesel markets.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO KENYA Oil-demand weakness does not necessarily mean fuel prices will fall: shortages of refined products, freight disruption and exchange-rate costs can raise Kenyan landed prices even when overall demand contracts. EPRA's October review shows why local and global fuel news must be considered together.

SOURCE [IEA Oil Market Report, October 2026](#)

US inflation accelerates to 3.7%

14 October 2026 | US CPI for September

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that consumer prices rose 3.7% over the twelve months to September 2026, compared with 3.4% to August. Prices rose 0.6% month on month after seasonal adjustment; the gasoline index increased 9.1% in September.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO KENYA Persistent US inflation may affect the path of US interest rates, Treasury yields and demand for the dollar. For Kenya, the implications for the shilling and external financing depend on several factors and cannot be inferred from one inflation release.

SOURCE [US Bureau of Labor Statistics original CPI release](#)

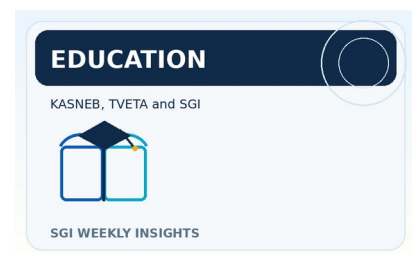
IMF calls attention to global financial-system risks

13 October 2026 | Global Financial Stability Report

The IMF's October Global Financial Stability Report assesses the interaction of stretched valuations, sovereign financing pressures, technology-driven market change and the resilience of financial intermediaries. Its main message is that strong-looking markets can still harbour risks that emerge abruptly under stress.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO KENYA Kenyan investment committees and finance professionals should monitor liquidity, counterparty exposures and the sustainability of funding assumptions. The report supports prudent risk management rather than a prediction of an imminent global market crash.

SOURCE [IMF Global Financial Stability Report](#)



03 KASNEB ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

DATE DISTINCTION The KASNEB circular described below was issued on 8 October, before this reporting period. The new item during 11–17 October is SGI's student notice of 15 October explaining its application. We identified no separate new KASNEB examination circular in the official news listing during this reporting window.

CAMS and ATD: CAT marks form 15% of final score

SGI's 15 October announcement summarises KASNEB Circular Ref. 126/ATI/XVI/224 dated 8 October. From the December 2026 sitting, prescribed CAMS and ATD results will comprise 15% institutional CAT marks and 85% the final KASNEB examination. Two CATs are required: the first after at least 40% syllabus coverage and the second after at least 80%. SGI states that training institutions must submit CAT marks by Monday, 16 November 2026. This is not automatically the student's individual submission deadline.

Action for learners: monitor SGI LMS notices, complete both assessments as scheduled and confirm examination bookings on KASNEB's official platform. The circular does not announce the same CAT weighting for CPA examinations.

SOURCE [SGI published notice \(15 October\)](#)

Previously announced examination booking reminder

KASNEB previously published a notice concerning the December 2026 examination booking deadline. The deadline has been reported as Friday, 30 October 2026; candidates should confirm the date and their own registration status on the official portal, as the original web notice does not currently expose its full text in the accessible page view. This reminder is retained for its active deadline, not presented as new circular news.

CHECK [KASNEB official notice](#) | [Student portal](#)

04 TVETA ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

EASTRIP skills-development project reviewed in Kisumu

On 12 October, the TVET Authority reported that an implementation-support mission visited Kisumu National Polytechnic to review the World Bank-funded East Africa Skills for Transformation and Regional Integration Project. The authority described a KSh 1.2 billion initiative supporting specialised textile training and regional skills integration, with project closure scheduled for 31 December 2026.

For institutions such as SGI, the development demonstrates the role of partnerships, industry-aligned training and quality assurance in Kenya's technical-education sector. It is a project update, not a new TVETA licensing rule or compliance deadline. No new generally applicable online-learning regulatory notice was identified in TVETA's news archive for this reporting period.

SOURCE [TVETA news release of 12 October](#)



05 KENYA JOBS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Government Advertising Agency lists the 13 October 2026 MyGov issue and hosts the original vacancy advertisements used below. The opportunities selected remained open against their published deadlines when checked on 17 October. Detailed academic and experience specifications are not reproduced in some short newspaper adverts: applicants must obtain the full employer job descriptions before submitting an application.

VERIFIED INDEX [MyGov issue dated 13 October](#) | [Government Advertising Agency job adverts](#)

01 Senior ICT Officer — Microsoft Navision

KASNEB | Ref: HRM/CS/SICT/1/2026 | Posts: 1 | Location: Nairobi

Closing: Wednesday, 21 October 2026 **Eligibility:** ICT-related bachelor's qualification and relevant experience (published senior ICT specification indicates at least six years); check system-specific criteria.

Apply: Apply using KASNEB's official careers application link. [Official advert](#) | [Application / employer site](#)

02 Senior ICT Officer — Portals

KASNEB | Ref: HRM/CS/SICT/2/2026 | Posts: 1 | Location: Nairobi

Closing: Wednesday, 21 October 2026 **Eligibility:** ICT-related bachelor's qualification; published senior ICT criteria indicate at least six years of relevant experience, with portal administration skills.

Apply: Apply via the KASNEB careers instructions; attach the specified documents. [Official advert](#) | [Application / employer site](#)

03 Finance Officer, Grade XV

Masinde Muliro University | Ref: ADJ/02/10/2026 | Posts: 1 | Location: Kakamega / placement as assigned

Closing: Monday, 26 October 2026, 5 p.m. **Eligibility:** The short public notice does not state minimum academic qualifications or experience: obtain the full university job specification before applying.

Apply: One hard-copy application by registered post/courier and one soft PDF to the address in the official advert. [Official advert](#) | [Application / employer site](#)

04 Deputy Finance Officer, Grade XIV

Masinde Muliro University | Ref: ADJ/03/10/2026 | Posts: 1 | Location: Kakamega / placement as assigned

Closing: Monday, 26 October 2026, 5 p.m. **Eligibility:** Academic and professional thresholds and experience are not set out in the newspaper summary; check the university's full requirements.

Apply: Courier/registered-post hard copy plus emailed PDF; see exact addresses in the original advert. [Official advert](#) | [Application / employer site](#)

05 ICT Officer II

Kenya Medical Training College | Ref: KMTC/QP-12/EAF/66/2026 | Posts: 3 | Location: KMTC HQ or campuses

Closing: Friday, 30 October 2026 **Eligibility:** ICT qualification and experience requirements are not stated in this one-page vacancy list; consult KMTC detailed post specification.

Apply: Online applications only; no hard copies. [Official advert](#) | [Application / employer site](#)

06 Planning Officer II

Kenya Medical Training College | Ref: KMTC/QP-12/EAF/72/2026 | Posts: 2 | Location: KMTC HQ or campuses

Closing: Friday, 30 October 2026 Eligibility: Detailed planning/economics qualification and experience thresholds must be checked against KMTC's full advertised job description.

Apply: Apply online through the official KMTC recruitment portal. [Official advert](#) | [Application / employer site](#)

07 Supply Chain Management Officer II

Kenya Medical Training College | Ref: KMTC/QP-12/EAF/73/2026 | Posts: 10 | Location: KMTC HQ or campuses

Closing: Friday, 30 October 2026 Eligibility: Specialised procurement/supply-chain academic requirements and experience are not specified in the summary; verify with KMTC.

Apply: Official KMTC recruitment portal; online applications only. [Official advert](#) | [Application / employer site](#)

08 Human Resource Management Assistant III

Kenya Medical Training College | Ref: KMTC/QP-12/EAF/65/2026 | Posts: 8 | Location: KMTC HQ or campuses

Closing: Friday, 30 October 2026 Eligibility: Full HR entry requirements and any minimum experience are in KMTC's detailed post description, not the short public list.

Apply: Apply online through KMTC; do not send hard copies. [Official advert](#) | [Application / employer site](#)

RECRUITMENT SAFETY Do not pay a person to secure an interview or appointment. Verify the employer domain, follow only instructions in the official advertisement, and apply before the stated closing time. Vacancy availability may change if an employer formally extends or withdraws a notice.

06 INSIDE SYNAPSE GLOBAL INSTITUTE

SGI publishes CAMS and ATD CAT guidance on 15 October

The SGI Academic Office communicated the CAT assessment framework to affected CAMS and ATD learners, including the 15%/85% split, two-CAT requirement and 16 November institutional marks deadline. Students were advised to follow notices on the learning management system and seek clarification on their own CAT dates. This 15 October publication is a verified SGI development within the reporting period.

SGI continues to promote accessible, flexible, technology-supported learning for students and working professionals pursuing CPA, ATD and CAMS. Its publicly available learning guidance explains how to access online classes and course notes. This issue does not claim that proposed new AI examination-marking functions, mobile apps or publishing tools have been launched.

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07 WHAT TO WATCH NEXT

19–25 October 2026 | Priority confirmed deadlines and actions for readers:

- 20 October — closing date shown for the Kenya School of Law Director/CEO vacancy; verify the original advertisement and employer portal before applying.
- 21 October — KASNEB senior ICT vacancies (Microsoft Navision and Portals) close; complete attachments early and retain submission evidence.
- 21 October — the Commission on Administrative Justice's advertised senior legal-services vacancy closes; read its official notice for eligibility and application instructions.
- Throughout the week — monitor further EPRA, CBK and global energy-market developments for possible effects on business costs and market expectations.
- Ahead: 26 October — MMUST finance vacancies close at 5 p.m.; 30 October — KMTC vacancies close and KASNEB December examination booking should be reconfirmed.

FROM THE EDITOR

A useful newsletter should help readers make better decisions, not merely accumulate headlines. This week's developments connect energy prices, corporate financial performance, professional qualifications and employment opportunities. Read the original documents, distinguish forecasts from results, and act early where a deadline affects you.

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