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Communities Should Continue to Benefit From Mobile Revolution
Our industry is a double-edged sword. On the one hand mobile connectivity is touted as the lifeblood of socio-economic development in the underdeveloped world. On the other hand, depending on your geographic location, operators are increasingly labeled pawns and accomplices of repressive regimes wanting to stifle freedom of expression and monitor the movement of their people.
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Politics

Israel, Uganda Discuss Deal for African Asylum Seekers
Israel says it is likely to send at least some of its Eritrean and Sudanese asylum seekers to Uganda. In return for accepting the refugees, Uganda would receive aid and weapons. Such a trade would provide Uganda the weapons it seeks, but could create legal problems as well.
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NRM Moving in Wrong Direction, Says Bukenya
Former Vice-President Prof. Gilbert Balibaseka Bukenya says the ruling party, NRM, is now moving in the wrong direction arising from unfairness from its leaders.
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Anger Over New Anti-Protest Bill
A new bill passed by the Ugandan parliament has sparked a huge debate among the opposition and human rights groups. Critics say the new Public Order Management Bill infringes freedom of expression and assembly.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201308071359.html

Regional Affairs

Regional Heads of State to Meet in Uganda
Heads of state and government in the Great Lakes region of Africa plan to meet in Uganda on Thursday to discuss the security crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) following renewed clashes between the national army and the M23 rebels.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201309050305.html

Congo-Kinshasa: Congo’s National Army and M23 Rebel Group, Most Powerful Armed Actors in Eastern Congo
The M23 rebel group and the Congolese national army -- currently the two most powerful armed actors in eastern Congo - pursue their interests through a set of relationships with other armed groups, reveals a new Enough Project infographic and accompanying table. A field dispatch further documents  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201308130674.html

Museveni Lauds the Inclusion of Sudan
Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has lauded Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Association (FEASSA) for accommodating Southern Sudan into the games even before the country became a member of the East African Community.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201308271128.html

Economy

‘Uganda’s Mining Sector Will Surprise the World’
There are both great expectations and anxious trepidation about Uganda's oil and gas sector and the wider mining industry.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/2013090040381.html

Benefits for Uganda of Joining the Emerging Global Transparency Standard for Extractive Industry Revenues
This paper summarizes the implications for Uganda of the new international transparency requirements for the extractive industries agreed in the US and EU, and by the EITI, and provides policy recommendations for Government.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201308180348.html

Diaspora Bond to Woo Ugandans Abroad
The Bank of Uganda will soon launch the first Ugandan Diaspora bond to provide a safe haven for Ugandans abroad looking to invest locally, an investment compendium will also be dispatched to each of Uganda's 30 foreign missions.  
http://allafrica.com/stories/201308090849.html

Agriculture & Environment

Land Grabbers Target Cemeteries
Land grabbers in Masaka municipal council are changing tact to beat a sustained crackdown, by switching from encroaching on traditional plots of land to cemeteries.

'GMOs, Traditional Foods Can Coexist'
British environmentalist and author Mark Lynas has asked activists for and against Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) to peacefully coexist.

Oil Seeds to Transform Northern Uganda Region
Following years of incapacitation by the Lord's Resistance Army war, people in northern Uganda and West Nile regions were always going to find it hard to resettle.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201308230991.html

Local Affairs

Aids Deaths Are Still Too Many
New research, conducted by the University of Washington in the Unites States, reveals that HIV/Aids related deaths in Uganda have reduced by 53.3 per cent over the last 15 years.
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Marginalised Workers to Get Free Legal Aid
Marginalised and vulnerable workers in the country are set to get free legal aid aimed at protecting and promoting their rights. This comes after allegations by workers that some employers infringe on their employment rights and exploit them.
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Struggling to Come to Terms With The Disappeared
When Uganda resident Rose Lamwaka had two sons abducted by the rebel Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) 10 years ago she felt she had lost all hope. "I was feeling a lot of pain, I was feeling like committing suicide," says the 51-year-old widow with seven grandchildren.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201308301078.html

Education and Communication

The Malaise of Makerere - Underfunding, Overcrowding
Bob Atwine, 21, says he is pleased he went to a private university instead of to Makerere University, Uganda's renowned, government-owned institution of higher education.
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Cultural Norms a Huge Hindrance to Girl Education
Findings by a study conducted by academicians from Makerere University School of Women and Gender Studies have established that cultural norms are the biggest hindrance to the realization of speedy progress in the move to promote girl education and women empowerment in Uganda.
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Museveni 'Drops' Old Ways, Embraces Social Media
If there is one thing President Museveni has been honest about, it is his limited knowledge of the usage of the internet - or computers in general.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201308191244.html

Using Fashion to Provide Re-Usable Pads to Girls in Karamoja
Five of Uganda's top designers got together on Friday night during the second Fashion for Compassion show held at Sheraton Hotel to raise money to enable Karimojong girls acquire re-usable sanitary pads.
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Arts, Culture and Sports

Filming Uganda's Own Stories
For four years Isaac Godfrey Nabwana made and sold bricks in Kampala's Wakalinga slum. But now, thanks to his labours, he is building what he hopes will become Uganda's answer to Nollywood.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201308301486.html

UCC Film Festival Makes Its First Cut
It was a week of several activities as Kampala was abuzz with the maiden Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) film festival.
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Confidence Boost for Cranes
Saturday's 3-1 win in Botswana is the perfect motivation for The Cranes before they take on Senegal in a must-win World Cup qualifier on Saturday, writes John Vianney Nsimbe.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201309020304.html

Kiprotich Relishes 'Golden' Victory
Ugandan gold champion Stephen Kiprotich said the IAAF World Championships marathon medal is his best medal as compared to the one he won in the London 2012 Olympics Games.
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