Analysis
Can Museveni Be Defeated?
Politically speaking, 2014 has started on a very quiet note; and that is very bad for opponents of President Yoweri Museveni in a year that must set the pace for the outcome of the next election; in 2016.

Politics
Anti-Gay Bill Unsigned but Still Effective
Last week, Uganda's president, Yoweri Museveni, refused to sign a controversial anti-gay bill that would mean life in prison for people convicted of homosexual acts.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201401211239.html

Anti-Corruption Court Opens After Seven Months
The Constitutional court ruled on December 20 that the Anti-Corruption was legally constituted. Set up in 2009 by the then Chief Justice Benjamin Odoki, the court had been stopped in June, following a legal challenge by lawyer Davis Wesley Tusingwire, who argued that magistrates were serving in the court illegally.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201401020155.html

Economy
2014’s Economic Prospects
To give a sound projection of the economy in 2014, a reflection on how the key economic indicators played last year would be necessary. Reducing commercial bank lending rates [currently averaging around 22% from about 30% in the last about two years ago], a stable exchange rate [trading at close Shs 2,600 per USD] and inflation [currently at 6.8 as of November 2013 from 30% at the end of 2011], will influence private and public investment decisions in all sectors of the economy this year.
World Bank Must Insist On Oil Sector Transparency Before Approving Loan
Following reports in the New Vision that the Government of Uganda is seeking a $115m World Bank loan for its Oil Region Development Project, Global Witness is calling for greater transparency in the murky oil sector before the World Bank approves any future funding.

Regional Affairs

Uganda Defends Role in South Sudan
Uganda's foreign ministry spokesman says the country is playing a critical role in regional efforts to resolve South Sudan's security situation, despite criticism that the government in Kampala is undermining ongoing peace negotiations between warring factions in Ethiopia.

Kenya-Uganda-Rwanda Alliance Threatens to Break East African Community
The exclusion of some East African Community (EAC) member states from implementing integration programmes may lead to the downfall of efforts for full regional integration, analysts say.

Ingabire - Political Prisoner or Terrorist?
Victoire Ingabire, a political prisoner to supporters but a convicted terrorist to Rwandan justice, Victoire Ingabire, who was jailed for 15 years on December 13, 2013 on appeal, divides opinion in this central African nation.

Development, Agriculture & Environment

The Monsanto Menace
When you're good at something, you want to leverage that. Monsanto's specialty is killing stuff.

Uganda Puts Limits to Land Speculation
Uganda Investment Authority (UIA) has developed tougher rules for acquisition of land in industrial parks. This is to limit the temptation to speculate on public land to the disadvantage of potential investors looking for locations.

Local Affairs

UN Setting Up New Camps to Deal With Refugee Outflow From South Sudan
With more and more people fleeing the ongoing conflict in South Sudan, the United Nations refugee agency said today it is setting up new camps and expand existing ones in neighbouring Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya to cope with the influx of refugees.
Almonds Keep the Heart Strong
In the olden times things such as fruits, nuts, herbs, leaves, seeds and the like were treasured and valued for the great food nutrients they possessed.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201401210179.html

Tales of Mobile Money Woes
Since entering the public domain, electronic money transfer using the mobile phone platform, has almost literally lit up the airwaves.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201401210160.html

Social Services,

Philanthropies of Scale
Esther Dyson
How do you cure the terrible inefficiency of NGOs that are typically run by people without management skills?
http://allafrica.com/stories/201401130346.html

Survey - Uganda Gets Poor Marks On Power
Although two of every three Africans believe their governments are performing well in the fight against HIV and Aids, fewer approve of their delivery of basic health services and education, and most say governments are failing to provide enough power, water and sanitation.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201401080359.html

Sports and Arts

Ugandan Cranes Shock Stallions
Enterprising Ugandan Cranes striker Junior Yunus Sentamu scored a sparkling brace to galvanise his side to a stunning but deserved 2-1 win over Burkina Faso in a second Group B game at Athlone Stadium on Sunday.
http://allafrica.com/stories/201401130574.html