

## **Infrastructure**

### **TRAILER**

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### **SCRIPT**

### **COMMENTARY**

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After a slow down in 2009 due to the global credit crunch, Kenya's economy is expected to rebound strongly this year stimulated by this infrastructure development.

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### **COMMENTARY**

Kenya, East Africa's biggest economy, seeks to turn the country into a medium income nation in the next 20 years and has identified local authorities as crucial to the fulfillment of this objective.

**ITV, Hon Lewis Nguyai, Assistant Minister, Local Government**

### **COMMENTARY**

Just last year Kenya issued an 18.5 billion shilling infrastructure bond and the proceeds have been used on the construction of roads, dams, geothermal wells and other projects.

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Kenya's Finance Minister Uhuru Kenyatta recently unveiled a Kshs 997 Billion budget, where Kshs 182 Billion was allocated to infrastructural development.

**ITV, Dr Francis Nyangaga, Executive Director, Kenya Roads Board**

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## **COMMENTARY**

In the past, most of the country's resources have been used to develop its cities and towns resulting in poor infrastructure between town centers. Currently, more resources have been devolved to the local level through schemes such as the Constituency Development Fund and The Constituency Road Committees.

**ITV, Hon Ekwe Ethuro, -Turkana Central**

## **COMMENTARY**

It is expected that this infrastructural development will provide a launching pad for the country as it prepares for the coming on board of the EAC Customs union and common market protocol effective from 1st July 2010.