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### THIS WEEK

#### International: 33 new cultural and natural sites added to UNESCO World Heritage including 2 African

UNESCO this week added 33 new cultural and natural sites to its World Heritage List. This is part of the 44th enlarged session of the World Heritage Committee which has been held in China since July 16th, ending on July 31st. Among these sites, there are 2 in Africa, Côte d'Ivoire and Gabon. Respectively, these are the Sudanese-style Mosques in the north of Côte d'Ivoire and the Ivindo National Park.

Source: Agence Ecofin

#### Africa: Israel joins the African Union as an observer

The State of Israel was granted observer status within the African Union last week. The President of the African Union Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, on Thursday July 22nd received the credentials of the Israeli Ambassador to Ethiopia, Burundi and Chad. This recognition was applauded on the side of Israel which thus returns in the cenacle of the AU as an observer, after losing this place following the passage from the OAU (Organization of African Unity) to the AU (African Union) in 2002. However, the Chairman of the AU Commission reiterated at the end of the meeting with the Israeli diplomat, the commitment of the pan-African organization to a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Source: Agence Ecofin

#### Cameroon: CFAF 20 billion increase in the state funding to the price of fuel at the pump between 2022 and 2024

According to the medium-term economic and budgetary program document prepared by the Cameroonian government, the state funding for the price of fuel at the pump should increase by CFAF 20 billion over the period 2022-2024. This fuel consumption funding has been in place since 2008. According to the government, this is done to support the poorest households and avoid the increase in pump prices in the country. Between 2008 and 2019, the state spent around CFAF 1.8 trillion to fund fuel consumption.

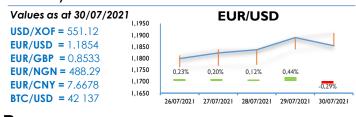
Source: Business in Cameroon

## **FINANCE**

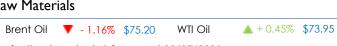
# Regional / International Stock Index



# Currency



#### Raw Materials

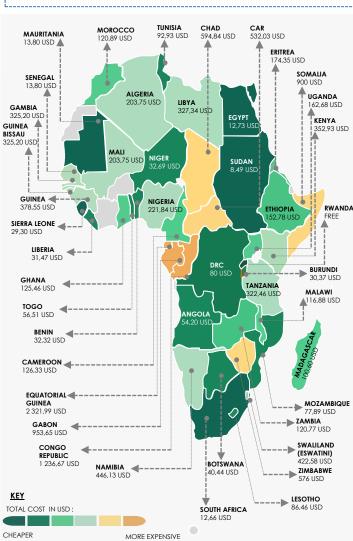


# Agricultural products Prices as at 30/07/2021



### **FOCUS**

## THE COST OF CREATING A COMPANY IN AFRICA IN 2020



Source: WORLD BANK, DOING BUSINESS 2020