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Kenya lawmakers back Dangote Lamu refinery project

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Kenyan parliamentary leaders have publicly endorsed the Dangote East Africa Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals project planned for Lamu, and pledged their support for the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals initial public offering (IPO), according to a release from the Dangote Group.

The parliamentary backing signals growing political will at the legislative level for what would be a significant downstream investment on Kenya's northern coast. Lamu has been earmarked as a strategic hub for Kenya's broader port and infrastructure ambitions, and a large-scale refinery and petrochemicals complex would represent a substantial addition to East Africa's refining capacity. The Dangote Group did not disclose a project timeline, capital expenditure figure, or processing capacity in the release summarised here.

The legislators' pledge to support the Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals IPO suggests the group is pursuing capital markets as part of the financing structure for its broader refinery and petrochemicals ambitions in the region. The Dangote name carries weight in African energy circles following the commissioning of the Dangote refinery in Nigeria, Africa's largest, and the East Africa project would extend that footprint into a region currently dependent on imported refined products.

At this stage, the development remains at the political endorsement and stakeholder-alignment phase. No block award, engineering contract, or financial close has been announced. Parliamentary support is an important but early-stage signal — it reduces

regulatory and legislative risk but does not constitute a procurement trigger or confirmed investment decision. The project's path to execution will depend on securing financing, finalising site and environmental approvals, and progressing from political backing to binding commercial commitments.

For companies tracking East Africa's downstream sector, the Lamu refinery concept is one to watch. If the project advances toward a final investment decision, it would generate demand across civil and marine construction, process engineering, tankage and terminal infrastructure, and potentially pipeline connectivity to landlocked markets in Uganda, South Sudan, and Ethiopia. The IPO angle also suggests Dangote is thinking about a broadly syndicated ownership structure, which could open partnership and co-investment conversations for international players with downstream project experience.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

This is a political endorsement with no signed contract, FID, or open tender — Norwegian service companies should monitor the project's progress toward financial close and FID rather than initiating procurement outreach now. Relationship-building with Dangote Group's project development teams and East Africa advisors would be the appropriate near-term step. If the project advances to FEED or EPC tendering, it would become relevant for Norwegian firms with refinery construction, marine terminal, and pipeline infrastructure credentials.

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- **Pipeline:** A Lamu refinery complex would likely require product export pipelines to landlocked East African markets — monitor for FEED and routing studies as the project matures.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** Marine terminal and jetty infrastructure to receive crude feedstock at Lamu port could involve subsea mooring or offshore loading systems worth tracking as design progresses.
- **Service:** Pre-FEED and FEED advisory roles in refinery and petrochemicals project development are a potential early entry point if Dangote engages international engineering consultancies.

- **LNG:** Petrochemicals integration at Lamu could include gas processing components; Norwegian firms with LNG and gas handling expertise should watch project scope definitions closely.

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