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Dangote's pan-Africa petroleum network targets East, Central and Southern Africa

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Aliko Dangote, President and Chief Executive of Dangote Industries Limited, has announced plans to build an extensive petroleum distribution network spanning multiple African countries, anchored by investments in pipelines, storage facilities, and strategic supply corridors. New reporting now specifies that the initiative is oriented toward East, Central, and Southern Africa — providing the first geographic detail on which regions the group intends to prioritise in its cross-border expansion push.

The network, as described across both announcements, would establish interconnected infrastructure capable of moving refined petroleum products across national borders, combining pipeline corridors with storage facilities in a vertically integrated distribution model. The identification of East, Central, and Southern Africa as target regions is a meaningful development, as these markets are geographically distant from Dangote's existing refinery complex near Lagos and would require either long-haul pipeline routes, intermediate storage hubs, or a combination of pipeline and multimodal logistics to serve effectively. No specific capital expenditure figure, project timeline, or country-by-country breakdown has been disclosed in the source material to date.

The strategic logic remains consistent with earlier reporting: Dangote's Lagos-area refinery has positioned the group as a potential major supplier of refined products to markets that have historically depended on European imports, and a pan-African

distribution network would extend the refinery's commercial reach while capturing downstream margins directly. The geographic expansion toward East and Southern Africa, however, suggests ambitions that go well beyond the West and Central African hinterland most immediately accessible from Lagos, raising questions about the financing structures and routing strategies that would underpin such a corridor.

At this stage, the announcement continues to represent a stated strategic intention rather than a signed contract, ratified investment decision, or open engineering tender. No pipeline route approvals, regulatory permits, or prequalification processes have been referenced in either source. The addition of regional targeting — East, Central, and Southern Africa — upgrades the signal from a broad directional statement to a more defined geographic thesis, but the project remains firmly in its early-stage declaration phase. Norwegian service companies and infrastructure investors should treat the regional specification as a narrowing of the opportunity landscape and begin assessing which corridor segments or country pairs are most likely to reach procurement-ready status first, while monitoring Dangote Industries for formal project milestones.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

The confirmation that Dangote's network targets East, Central, and Southern Africa gives Norwegian pipeline and storage technology firms a clearer geographic frame for assessing where capabilities in long-haul hydrocarbon logistics, tank terminal engineering, or cross-border infrastructure project management may be most relevant. Companies with prior project experience in East or Southern African energy infrastructure markets are better positioned to engage early. Relationship-building with Dangote's project development and procurement teams remains the appropriate near-term action, with particular attention to any emerging feasibility or engineering study mandates.

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- **Pipeline engineering and integrity firms:** Long-haul cross-border pipeline corridors into East and Southern Africa will require sophisticated routing, materials, and

integrity management expertise — areas where Norwegian subsea and onshore pipeline specialists have transferable capabilities.

- **Tank terminal and storage technology providers:** The vertically integrated model combining pipelines with storage facilities points to demand for modular terminal design and construction services at multiple inland and coastal hub locations across the target regions.
- **Project finance and infrastructure advisors:** A network spanning three sub-regions will require complex multi-jurisdiction financing structures; Norwegian financial institutions and advisors with African infrastructure exposure could position as transaction or structuring partners.

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