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Dear PtSA Member,

PtSA, a member of the African Association of Automotive Manufacturers (AAAM) shares this brief with you exclusively as our member.

This week we focus on the article **“Used and new vehicle dealers fight over automotive policy”** (Kenya-based) which discusses used vehicle dealers and their rivals selling new models. There is a fight over a draft policy that seeks to grow local assembly by progressively restricting second-hand auto imports. The battle has been disclosed in the latest annual report of the Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK), which says it received a complaint from an association of used car dealers.

“The authority received a complaint from Kenya Auto Bazaar Association (KABA) who lodged a complaint against new motor vehicle dealers and assemblers,” the regulator says in the report.

“The complaint alluded that new motor vehicle dealers and assemblers were proposing the operationalisation of the National Automotive Policy, whose sole aim was the imposition of a total ban on the importation of used motor vehicles to protect them from the competition.”

The policy has been in the works for years but has not been implemented. It has undergone several revisions amid lobbying by new and used vehicle dealers.

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The Africa Automotive News Briefing provides a weekly summary of key automotive developments from across the continent for AAAM members.

Samir Cherfan, Director of the Stellantis region: "Fiat is coming with great resources"

Samir Cherfan, Director of the Middle East Africa region of Stellantis, present in Algiers during the commercial launch of Fiat, which has signed with the Algerian authorities both for the factory project and for the sale of Fiat models, affirms that Fiat is coming with large means, large volumes.

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Africa Live: I'm happy to retire and become a journalist – Kagame

President Paul Kagame of Rwanda has said he is looking forward to retiring and handing over power after 23 years in office. Speaking at a joint press briefing with his Kenyan counterpart, William Ruto in the Rwandan capital, Kigali, Mr Kagame said a succession plan was being actively discussed by the ruling party, terming his retirement an "inevitability".

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Uber lobbies African govts to ready EV policies

E-hailing firm Uber is engaging governments across Africa, urging the creation of a favourable regulatory environment to help accelerate the rollout of electric vehicles (EVs) on the continent.

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African Free Trade Area can herald \$12 billion growth for the continent's automotive industry

Transformative change is underway in the African automotive industry as trade begins under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). The continent's auto industry, valued at \$30.44 billion in 2021, is expected to grow to \$42.06 billion by 2027 — a nearly 40% increase in value.

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Auto sales in Egypt plunge 76% YoY in February

Auto sales in Egypt declined 76.3% year on year (YoY) to 6,076 vehicles in February, compared to 25,602 in the same month of 2022, Al Mal News reported on March 30th, citing data by the Automotive Information Council (AMIC).

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Morocco's Automotive Sales Reach Over \$2 Billion in February

Despite rising inflation, Morocco's automotive sales hit over MAD 21.66 billion, or \$2.13 billion at the end of February 2023. The number represents an increase of 40.5% compared to the same period a year earlier, new data from the Exchange Office said on April 1.

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Morocco to Open 2,500 Electric Car Charging Stations by 2026

Morocco is set to open 2,500 charging stations for electric vehicles by 2026, with the facilities mainly clustered in major cities like Tangier, Rabat, and Casablanca. Spearheading the operation is Morocco's Intersectoral Association for Electric Mobility (APIME), a state institution created in 2023 that aims to accelerate the adoption of electric mobility solutions.

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Ministry set to submit new automotive policy for FEC's approval — Adebayo

The Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, Otunba Adeniyi Adebayo says the ministry will soon submit a new auto policy for the approval of the Federal Executive Council, FEC.

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Solar vehicle maker to open Nigerian factory

EN1 Technologies has announced plans to begin the production of solar-powered vehicles in Nigeria and other African countries. According to EN1 Technologies, this decision was made in a bid to transform Africa's automotive landscape with the development of solar-powered vehicles.

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Kenya's Automotive Outlook For 2023

As we look ahead to the automotive outlook for Kenya in 2023, it is crucial to consider several key factors that will shape the industry in the coming years. Among these are the price of foreign versus locally used vehicles, the quality of the cars, the environmental impact of the industry, the inflation cost, and the economic impact.

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BEV Sales In South Africa Look Set To Double Again In 2023

Sales of battery electric vehicles breached the 500 units per year mark in South Africa for the first time ever in 2022. Last year, 502 battery electric vehicles (BEVs) were sold in South Africa, up from 218 in 2021. There has been a slow but steady increase in BEV sales in the country, punctuated by a sharp decline in 2020 at the height of the coronavirus pandemic. BEV sales look set to double again, at the very least, in 2023, but before we get to that, let's look at the overall market to get a sense of the size of South Africa's auto sector.

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