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**IMF sees Kenya capital inflows topping Ksh 167 billion**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has forecast net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to Kenya will rise steadily in the next few years and hit Ksh 167 annually by June 2019.

According to newly released data, the amounts foreigners invest in Kenya are expected to rise from Ksh 33.4 billion in the financial year 2012/13 to Ksh 110.6 billion this fiscal year before growing further in future.

Kenya has been a magnet for investment in a wide range of sectors including financial and manufacturing.

The multilateral lender said Kenya needs to improve the business environment to diversity sources of FDI. Most of the sources have tended to be European and lately Chinese.

Investments in energy will be a major contributor in the increase in FDI according to the fund.

Currently, billions are being invested in the generation of geothermal and wind energy in various parts of the country, especially the Rift Valley.

Analysts agree with the IMF report on FDI prospects noting the contribution of the newly discovered minerals as well as oil and gas explorations.

IMF report forecasts exports to grow although the pace would be more gradual than that of the FDI.

They will grow by between three and 11 percent from this year to the end of fiscal year in June 2019.

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