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Kenya led this batch with three surfaced Lightning merchants, live sats-based retail at BTC Nairobi, and AfribitKibera's dedicated circular-economy programming. Globally, BTCPay Server expanded Bitcoin checkout through Jumpseller and Lightspeed while improving Lightning and node operations.

Major Adoption News

Kenya — Three additional merchant endpoints surfaced for everyday Lightning spending

Bitcoin Chama highlighted three merchants in Kenya accepting Bitcoin over Lightning and listed each on BTCMap: `bosibori@blink.sv` (merchant 31768), `meshack100@blink.sv` (merchant 40153), and `Kemunto@blink.sv` (merchant 31767) [1, 2, 3].

Business impact: This expands the visible spend network for users and makes local merchant discovery easier, which is necessary for repeat payment use rather than one-off demonstrations.

Kenya — BTC Nairobi showed live sats-denominated small-business commerce

At `@btcnairobi_conf` in Nairobi, Shakillah sold homemade snacks for sats, and BitBiashara described the first day as a demonstration of how a circular Bitcoin economy can look in practice [4].

Business impact: This is a direct retail-use example with a local entrepreneur, showing Bitcoin being used for a real purchase rather than discussed abstractly.

Payment Infrastructure

Global — BTCPay Server extends Bitcoin checkout to Jumpseller stores

BTCPay Server said merchants running Jumpseller storefronts can now accept Bitcoin through its software [5].

Significance: This widens Bitcoin payment availability across another e-commerce platform and gives existing online merchants a new integration path.

Global — Lightspeed plugin brings Bitcoin and Lightning to physical retail POS

BTCPay Server also introduced a Lightspeed plugin that enables Bitcoin and Lightning payments directly at the Lightspeed Retail point of sale for physical shops [6].

Significance: This targets in-person checkout, where operational compatibility with existing retail systems is often the main barrier to adoption.

Global — Backend upgrades focus on Lightning support and node operations

The same major update upgraded supported Lightning Network implementations [7] and added a Bitcoin node implementation switch tool so server administrators can change between supported node deployments with a single command [8].

Significance: These are back-office improvements, but they can reduce operational friction for merchants and payment operators who self-host their Bitcoin stack.

Regulatory Landscape

Africa

No explicit legal, licensing, tax, or enforcement changes affecting Bitcoin payments were cited in the supplied African material. The African updates centered on merchant acceptance, conference-led circular economies, and payment operations.

Latin America

No explicit regulatory changes affecting Bitcoin payments were cited for Latin American markets in this batch. The referenced activity was community-building around earning, saving, and spending sats in daily life.

Global platforms

The largest cross-market developments were product releases and integrations rather than compliance or policy changes.

Usage Metrics

The provided material contained little hard payment-volume or transaction-growth data. The clearest quantitative signals were counts of surfaced merchants and event structure rather than throughput:

- **Kenya:** three named merchant endpoints were surfaced for Bitcoin spending — `bosibori@blink.sv`, `meshack100@blink.sv`, and `Kemunto@blink.sv` [1, 2, 3]
- **Nairobi, Kenya:** BitBiashara’s cited example centered on **one** local entrepreneur, Shakillah, selling snacks for sats during conference activity [4]
- **Kibera, Kenya:** a **third day** of the conference was described as fully dedicated to using Bitcoin in AfribitKibera [9]

Emerging Markets

Kenya — AfribitKibera elevates circular-economy usage into a dedicated conference program

Preparations are under way for Bitcoin Circular Economy Day in Kibera, under the umbrella of `@btcnairobi_conf`, with support from `@TrezorAcademy` and Josef Tětek [10]. A separate post said a third day of the conference is fully dedicated to using Bitcoin in AfribitKibera [9].

“The future is being built today, one transaction, one business, and one community at a time.” [10]

Why it matters: This treats community-scale Bitcoin spending as a core program track, not a side demonstration, which can help convert education into actual merchant and consumer payment activity.

Dominican Republic — Bitcoin Dominicana keeps daily spending at the center of its circular-economy model

Bitcoin Dominicana said it is building communities where people can earn, save, and spend sats in daily life [11].

Why it matters: Even without new merchant counts, the emphasis is explicitly on day-to-day spendability, aligning Bitcoin adoption with routine transactions rather than passive holding.

Adoption Outlook

This batch pointed to momentum at two levels: **grassroots commerce in Kenya** and **merchant-enablement software globally**. Kenya supplied the clearest payment-use signals through three additional merchant endpoints, live sats-based snack sales at BTC Nairobi, and a dedicated AfribitKibera program focused on circular-economy use [1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 9]. Globally, BTCPay Server expanded both online and in-store acceptance paths via Jumpseller and Light-speed while also improving Lightning and node operations [5, 6, 7, 8].

The main gap remains measurement and regulation: the supplied material showed where Bitcoin can be spent and what tools are being deployed, but it did not provide transaction-volume data or new legal changes affecting payments.

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