



### [China is extending its lead over the US in Africa's energy transition](#)

China's manufacturing "overcapacity," fueled by government subsidies, is giving its companies an edge over the United States in Africa's transition to green energy, analysts say. W. Gyude Moore, senior fellow at the Center for Global Development, speaking at the Semafor World Economy Summit (WES) on Thursday, said that China's reported overcapacity — whereby its production capability significantly exceeds domestic demand — enabled its companies to offer competitive prices for green energy technologies in low-income countries. "If we're going to switch over to clean energy, are we going to use solar panels produced in Canada that are more expensive or the ones from China?" he posed. Semafor.

### [Africa's youth is a geopolitical force courted by Europe, the US, Russia, and China](#)

The European Union should increase its investment in the next generation of African leaders, Stefano Manservigi and Mehari Taddele Maru write. Africa's influence on the world stage is growing. Not only does the continent play an increasing diplomatic role in the Ukraine war; its membership of, and participation in, multilateral forums such as the G20 and BRICS is growing, and it demands a place in the UN Security Council. Amid the global scramble for influence, and in another sign of Africa's new-found importance, the continent has recently received a flurry of high-level visitors. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, and Chinese and Russian foreign ministers Qin Gang and Sergei Lavrov, have all visited Africa during the past year. Euro News.

### [Chinese-built railways win hearts of Ethiopians with greener, cheaper transportation](#)

Nigussie beamed with joy as he described his newfound liberation from the nightmare of traffic jams and the time-saving benefits of the Addis Ababa Light Rail Train (AALRT), which was put into operation in 2015. For the past 15 years, Natnael Nigussie has been operating a small business, selling female cosmetics and clothing, in a bustling area called Legehar at the heart of Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. His daily routine started with a two-hour drive through the chaotic morning rush to reach his small shop from his home in the eastern suburb of the city. Nigussie beamed with joy as he described his newfound liberation from the nightmare of traffic jams and the time-saving benefits of the Addis Ababa Light Rail Train (AALRT), which was put into operation in 2015. Hundreds of thousands of people are traveling with the light rail every day from 39 stations across the city. Xinhua.

### [China's Shanxi culture, tourism promotion event held in Morocco](#)

A culture and tourism promotion event was held in Rabat, the capital of Morocco, on Monday to showcase north China's Shanxi Province to the Moroccan public. Noting that China was about to hold a new meeting of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation this year, Jin Xiangjun, governor of Shanxi Province, said the promotion event was a chance to enhance exchanges and cooperation between the two countries in such areas as culture and tourism. Mustapha Messoudi, secretary general of the Moroccan Ministry of Youth, Culture and Communications, expressed the hope that this event could be an opportunity to facilitate communication between Arab countries and China. Xinhua.

### [China's low-cost e-commerce giant PDD heads to Africa](#)

In January, the e-commerce marketplace Temu launched in South Africa, as the Chinese giant PDD Holdings begins its expansion into Africa. PDD Holdings was founded in Shanghai in 2015, with the Pinduoduo platform launching in the same year. Pinduoduo is a third-party marketplace that connects buyers with sellers and has become known for offering heavily discounted consumer goods. The company makes its profits by taking a percentage of each transaction and charging merchants for advertisements. African Business.

### [Kenya second-hand clothes imports from China rise 86pc](#)

The quantity of second-hand clothes imported from China, which is Kenya's main source of the popular low-cost used clothing, jumped by 86.2 per cent in the first quarter of this year signaling increased demand. Data from Chinese authorities shows the country exported 31,594 tonnes of second-hand clothing and accessories to Kenya between January and March 2024, valued at \$22.732 million (Ksh3.03 billion). In the first quarter of 2023, the value of second-hand clothes imported from China was \$20.651 million (Ksh2.768 billion) for 16,962 tonnes brought in. Second-hand clothes, which are commonly known as mitumba, are popular, especially among low and middle-income earners due to their low price compared to new clothes which are more expensive. The EastAfrican.

### [Ivorian high school to welcome Chinese language teacher](#)

This agreement paves the way for a Chinese teacher to join the faculty of the prestigious Lycée d'Excellence Alassane Ouattara high school in Grand-Bassam. The MoU was signed by Minister Mariatou Kone and Chinese Ambassador Wu Jie at the Ministry's office in Abidjan. Minister Kone hailed the agreement as a significant step forward in cultural and educational exchange between the two nations. She highlighted China's renowned educational expertise and expressed confidence that the new teacher will not only impart language skills but also enrich the students' educational experience with insights into Chinese culture. "This initiative strengthens the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Côte d'Ivoire and China," stated Minister Kone. "It fosters intercultural dialogue, a crucial element in preparing our youth to be well-rounded global citizens." Apa News.

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