

China dethrones USA as the most influential global power in Africa: Report

China has dethroned the United States of America (USA) as its approval ratings in the region rose six percentage points, from 52% in 2022 to 58% in 2023, two points ahead of the U.S. According to the report, China recorded its highest leadership approval rating in Africa in a decade, while the U.S. dropped to second position as its approval ratings slipped from 59% in 2022 to 56% in 2023. The latest edition of the report showed China's approval ratings are two points ahead of the U.S., indicative of the country's soft power. The report further revealed that of the four global powers mentioned (China, the U.S., Berlin, and Russia), the U.S. was the only one not to see its image improve across Africa in 2023. Business Insider Africa.

Breaking the Debt Deadlock in Africa: the IMF's Balancing Act with China

The economic shock after COVID-19 plunged many African economies into debt trouble. Yet, four years later, the current system for restructuring debts – the G20 Common Framework – has struggled to support African economies in making their debts sustainable. A key block in these talks has been China. Chinese development banks have largely refused to take losses on their loans, making reaching an agreement difficult. At the recent Spring Meetings, the IMF brought forward a potentially radical proposal to break the deadlock: to leave China out of debt restructuring deals. By adjusting the policy of "loaning into official arrears" (LIOA), the IMF could support a partial debt restructuring agreement and freeze out China. ECFR.

How Africa-China Cooperation Is Forging A Path To A Shared Future

As responsible members of the global community, Africa and China have created a reliable path towards a shared future. It is indeed in Africa that the Chinese concept of "a global community of shared future" is gaining a broader and deeper meaning, and setting a clearer goal and blueprint for the peoples of the continent. To have a common future where there is prosperity and people-to-people connectivity, the Chinese footprint has begun to be seen across much of socio-economic lives, infrastructure and technological modernization of the peoples through the China-Africa community of shared future. The idea of building a community of shared future came from President Xi Jinping when in Moscow in 2013 he proposed a new approach for international relations and new ideas for global governance and exchanges. Daily Trust.

Uganda and China's Norinco partner on drone production

To bolster its defence industry, Uganda has partnered with China's North Industries Corporation (Norinco) to embark on a joint venture that promises to revolutionize the country's military capabilities. This collaboration is set to establish a comprehensive unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) workshop in Nakasongola, marking a new era in Uganda's defence modernization efforts. The groundbreaking ceremony for the UAV workshop was conducted by Uganda's Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs, Vincent Bamulangaki Ssempjija, and Norinco's Executive President, Yang Xiaoqing. Military Africa.

Mayor of Temeke, Tanzania: China is the hope of African businesses

China and Tanzania are marking 60 years of diplomatic relations. CGTN spoke with the mayor of the Tanzanian port city of Temeke, Abdallah Said Mtinika, during his visit to China. He said Tanzanians enjoy bilateral relations with China, and appreciate China's openness with African nations. CGTN.

US says looming Tiktok ban won't change relations with China as Kenya weighs in

A decision by the US government to ban the Chinese-owned Tiktok unless it is sold within a year, would not change the US relations with China, the US Secretary for Commerce Gina Raimondo said in Nairobi on Thursday. In an exclusive interview with *The East African*, Kenya's authoritative regional newspaper, Raimondo who visited China in August 2023, said the decision will also not impact negatively with her allies as countries such as Kenya are likely to follow suit. "The USA does a lot of trade with China and we want to continue to do business with China," said Raimondo who is on his first official visit to Africa since her swearing in in 2021 as the 40th U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The East African.

US approval rating in Africa plummets as Russia, China rise: Poll

Chinese and Russian foreign policies in Africa have made them the more favorable soft powers across the continent, as opposed to the US. The United States is slipping as the world's most influential soft power, particularly in Africa, a poll by Gallup showed. Polling examined the global approval of the US, China, Russia, and Germany. Out of all powers, only the US saw a decline in approval, from 59% to 56% in Africa, giving up its seat to China, whose approval increased from 52% to 58%. Germany's approval rose by three points to 54%, while Russia's increased by eight points to 42%, making it the least approved but remained on the rise. Al Mayadeen.

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