

What Africa's Largest Mining Project Means for Guinea, China and the World

The completion of Guinea's giant Simandou mine would help China diversify its iron ore supply and decarbonize its steel industry, but the project could be derailed by political instability in the West African country. On June 20, China's Baowu Steel confirmed its purchase of an undisclosed stake in the Winning Consortium Simandou (WCS), which manages two of the four blocks of Guinea's \$20 billion Simandou iron ore mine, Africa's largest mining project that sits atop the world's largest untapped reserves of high-grade iron ore. This came after Anglo-Australian mining giant Rio Tinto approved a \$6.2 billion investment in the project in February. As part of negotiations with Guinea authorities, project participants agreed to invest in the construction of a new deepwater port in the locality of Morebaya, situated to the south of the Guinean capital of Conakry, as well as two railway sections totaling over 620 kilometers that will connect... Wild View.

Letter From DC: Is Africa Holding Itself Back?

Greetings from Washington, DC, Whoo boy...We picked a doozy of a week to be in town. The overlapping reverberations from leadership fights within the Democratic Party, the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump, and the announcement of JD Vance as his vice-presidential candidate are understandably focusing attention inwards. China Global South Project.

China looks to South African food exports as way of reducing reliance on US and Australia

The country is already a major supplier of metals and minerals, but now its agricultural sector could benefit from strong demand in China. For decades, South Africa has been China's top source for metals such as gold, diamonds and platinum but now Beijing is opening up to more agricultural exports as it moves to reduce its dependency on countries such as the United States and Australia. The newly appointed Chinese ambassador, Wu Peng, told local media that Beijing was implementing measures to fast-track food exports. South China Morning Post.

China helped us a lot to alleviate urgent health needs: Africa officials

"For decades, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has helped us a lot. A broad range of Chinese medical experts have made great efforts, not only in Ethiopia, but also in Africa under the framework of South-South cooperation,"Dereje Duguma Gemeda, Health Minister of Ethiopia, noted at the 3rd Conference of Global Health Forum (GHF) of Boao Forum for Asia. "Since 2015, China has established cooperative relationships with 46 hospitals in Africa and trained more than 100,000 medical personnel for the region, but we are still far from doing enough" echoed another guest Gan Ge, Director of the WHO Collaborating Center for Health System Strengthening. "When it comes to the overall high fragility of Africa's health system, I would like to cite a set of specific data: Africa accounts for 18% of the world's population, but the disease burden is as high as 25%; from the perspective of human resources, only 3% of the world's health workers are serving here, even

worse, financial resources are a negligible 1%," Gan precisely pointed out, dedicating to arouse high attention to the health situation in Africa. China Economic Net.

South Africa: Chinese E-Commerce Companies Popular in South Africa

Rotondwa Mbadaliga is a self-professed "shopping addict." The 25-year-old South African fashion influencer says she is a huge fan of Chinese-linked e-commerce companies Shein and Temu because she can get the latest trends at the cheapest prices delivered straight to her door. Mbadaliga has more than 200,000 followers on TikTok where she mostly talks about fashion, sometimes posting videos of herself excitedly opening her newly arrived purchases from China. "The variety is the main thing I really like and enjoy with shopping on Temu or Shein," she says, adding that South African brands and shops aren't as trendy. "I don't think you can beat the prices," she adds. But the prices of clothing on these e-commerce sites are expected to soon get more expensive. All Africa.

788 artifacts from ancient Egypt on exhibition at Shanghai Museum

In the warm yellow light, the Bust of King Ramesses II stands silently, a majestic figure frozen in time. Just a few steps away, the painted anthropoid inner coffin of Amennutnakht lies in a glass showcase, its colors still vibrant after millennia. They, together with hundreds of other ancient Egyptian artifacts on display, weave a tale of a distant, mysterious, and brilliant civilization. In the deep blue-hued exhibition hall in Shanghai, visitors almost feel as if breezes from the Nile River are gently blowing through the exhibition. The exhibition On Top of the Pyramid: The Civilization of Ancient Egypt will kick off at the Shanghai Museum on Friday, bringing Chinese visitors a feast composed of some 788 artifacts from different periods of ancient Egypt, from statues of pharaohs and anthropoid inner coffins to gold jewelry. Global Times.

China's Green Shoots And Implications For Asia, As Tanzania Pushes Out Maasai To Attract Rich Tourists

The financial landscape is currently buzzing with discussions on several key topics: the overheated stock market, China's economic green shoots, and the private credit bezzle. Let's dive into each of these areas. The stock market has been on a remarkable rally, with indices like the S&P 500 and Dow Jones reaching historic highs. This surge is driven by investor optimism, particularly around advancements in artificial intelligence and other tech innovations. However, experts warn that the market is showing signs of overheating, with valuations soaring to levels that may not be sustainable. This situation raises concerns about a potential correction, where stock prices could sharply decline. Tekedia.

MIAO: Visa "expressway" enhances personnel exchanges between China, Kenya

The Chinese Embassy in Kenya has implemented various measures to ensure Kenyan friends can obtain their Chinese visas smoothly. First, the appointment requirement for visa applications to China has been cancelled. As China's economic development continues to surge and its level of openness improves, the demand for a convenient travel experience to China is growing among foreigners. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, along with other competent authorities, has been continuously optimizing visa and other entry and exit policies for our foreign friends. A series of facilitation measures have been introduced, receiving very positive responses. The Chinese Embassy in Kenya has implemented various measures to ensure

Kenyan friends can obtain their Chinese visas smoothly. First, the appointment requirement for visa applications to China has been cancelled. The Star.

China Has an Opportunity to Grow Its Military Influence in Niger

The withdrawal of U.S. and French military forces from Niger presents a unique opportunity for China to expand its military influence in the region. The complete withdrawal of U.S and French military forces from Niger in July 2024 and December 2023 respectively created a significant power vacuum in the Sahel region Africa. This Vacuum present significant opportunities for actors like China whose influence in Niger has been steadily rising. The Diplomat.

Zimbabwe seeks stronger ties with China in creative sector

Zimbabwe is seeking to elevate cooperation with China in creative arts to boost the sector and promote cultural ties between the two sides, says Napoleon Nyanhi, the director of the National Arts Council of Zimbabwe. "Many of these exchanges take place in the areas of live performances, including music, dance and instrumentation. We would like to see more collaboration in other spheres of the arts, such as fashion design, filmmaking and television productions," said Nyanhi in an interview on the sidelines of the first Harare Forum for Africa and Academic Week, which concluded in the Zimbabwe capital last week. He notes that the Chinese-funded Dreamstar program, Zimbabwe's largest talent search competition for young people, has been pivotal in uplifting Zimbabwean artists in various genres. China Daily.

US Ambassador to Tunisia: Our collaboration offers more advantages than the influence of China and Russia

The United States' "long and fruitful" collaboration with Tunisia offers greater advantages than the influence of China and Russia, such as a positive trade balance and support in the fight against terrorism. The US ambassador to Tunisia said this, Joey Hood, during the virtual discussion "Countering Chinese and Russian influence in North Africa" organized in recent days by the Washington Institute. Hood recalled that "the United States has maintained relations with the countries of North Africa for over 200 years" and highlighted how many of these, especially with Tunisia, are now focused on improving the living conditions of citizens through economic cooperation. The United States is among the largest importers of Tunisian products, such as handicrafts, olive oil, high-end electronics and clothing. These sectors support thousands of jobs in agriculture and other sectors. Agenzia Nova.

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