



### [Launch of the China-Africa Trade Headquarters Building](#)

Establishing a Leading Zone for China-Africa Economic and Trade Cooperation to Promote High-Level Opening-Up in Central Regions. CHANGSHA, CHINA, June 18, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On the morning of June 13, The China-Africa Trade Headquarters Building, a pivotal project for China-Africa economic and trade relations in Hunan Province, was officially inaugurated today in the Changsha Economic and Technological Development Zone. This landmark initiative is expected to significantly boost foreign trade, projecting a total volume exceeding 70 billion yuan over the next three years. EIN News.

### [African agriculture thrives with Chinese technology, market access](#)

In recent years, agricultural cooperation between China and Africa has flourished under the frameworks of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and the Belt and Road Initiative. From local fields to global e-commerce platforms, China's efforts have significantly boosted African agricultural productivity and modernization through technical assistance, industry chain development, and market access. Platforms such as the China International Import Expo, the China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo, and the African Goods Online Shopping Festival have become crucial showcases for African agricultural products, enhancing their international visibility. At the Nigerian Agricultural Technology Demonstration Center near Abuja, the capital of the West African country, Chinese agricultural experts have a daily routine of examining newly harvested rice. Xinhua.

### [Niger group claims attack on China-backed pipeline, threatens more](#)

An armed group opposed to Niger's ruling junta disabled a section of the country's PetroChina-funded (601857.SS), opens new tab crude oil pipeline in an attack on Sunday night, it said in a statement. The pipeline has a capacity of 90,000 barrel per day (bpd) and extends for nearly 2,000 km (1,243-mile) linking Niger's Agadem oilfield to Benin's coast. Exports are meant to be loaded under a \$400 million deal with oil giant China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC). Reuters.

### [China's Top Diplomat for Africa Appointed as Ambassador to South Africa](#)

Wu Peng, China's new ambassador-designate, arrived in South Africa on Monday. His appointment is the latest example of high-powered diplomats with continent-wide experience becoming the PRC's envoys to Pretoria. Before he took up the ambassadorship, Wu was the Director-General of the Department of African Affairs in China's Foreign Ministry—the country's top diplomat for Africa. His predecessors, Chen Xiaodong and Lin Songtian, were similar heavyweights. The China Global South Project.

### [China maintains Morocco e-vehicles, ICT market leadership](#)

CHINA has hailed the impact of its companies in the electric vehicles as well as information and communications technology (ICT) sectors in Morocco. The Asian nation's top envoy in Morocco expressed the sentiments as the two countries pledge further cooperation in education and technology. Li Changlin, the Chinese Ambassador, was speaking in Rabat following his country's committing the expansion at the recent, tenth Ministerial Meeting of the China-Arab Cooperation Forum, where President Xi Jinping announced that in the next stage, it would build a "five-cooperation pattern" with the Arab African country. "The reputation of China's high-quality high-tech products in Morocco is gradually increasing, which has strengthened Morocco's confidence in continued cooperation with China," Changlin said. The envoy said prominent Chinese international companies had made significant investments in Morocco's renewable energy and automotive industries. CAJ News Africa.

### [Chinese & South Africans Show Great Interest in Visiting Croatia in Its 1st Year of Schengen Membership](#)

Croatia received 38,500 Schengen visa applications in its first year of receiving requests. Chinese and South African applicants filed most visa requests to Croatia. Visa rejections from Croatia were higher than the EU average. As part of becoming a Schengen state member in 2023, Croatia has for the first time started receiving visa applications. In its first year, Croatia received 38,511 visa requests, which is 0.37 per cent of all 10.3 million received by Schengen states. According to data by Schengen Visa Statistics, Chinese, South African and Qatari nationals were the top visa applicants for the year, Schengen.News reports. While application rates were low, Croatia's rejection rates stood out as being higher than the EU average. The EU average of rejected applications was 15.81 per cent, while Croatia rejected 19.63 per cent of visa applications in 2023. Schengen visainfo.com.

### [Nigeria's FM to visit China](#)

From June 19 to 26, Nigeria's Foreign Minister Yusuf Maitama Tuggar will pay an official visit to China, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Lin Jian announced on Tuesday. Tuggar's visit is at the invitation of Wang Yi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and Chinese foreign minister. During his visit, the two foreign ministers will co-chair the first Plenary Session of China-Nigeria Inter-governmental Committee. Xinhua.

### [Ethiopia's Council of Ministers Approves Major Financial Sector Reforms including Establishment of CBDC Regulatory Framework](#)

The central bank classifies digital currencies, including Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, as illegal but the government has recently licensed dozens of data mining firms, many from China, looking to Ethiopia as a base of operations for its low electricity tariffs. According to a post by the National Bank of Ethiopia, the country's Council of Ministers has approved 2 major laws that are set to bring further liberalization and modernization of the country's financial sector. The two bills that still need to be ratified by the House of Representatives are the draft banking business proclamation, which allows granting foreign banks with licenses to operate in Ethiopia and National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) proclamation. BitKe.

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