

# Chinese children marvel at Tanzania's abundant nature

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# Tanzania's FM January Yusuf Makamba to visit China May 16-20

At the invitation of Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi, Tanzania's Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation January Yusuf Makamba will pay an official visit to China from May 16 to 20, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said on Wednesday. CGTN.

### Why Shenzhen China should matter to SA's SME market

Chinese mega smart city Shenzhen considers South Africa to be its biggest trading partner in Africa – a relationship that multinational tech firm Huawei is ready to endorse and leverage. Speaking at the China (Shenzhen)-South Africa Investment Promotion Conference, hosted recently in Sandton by the Development and Reform Commission of the Shenzhen Municipality, Guo Ziping, director of the municipality, said, "South Africa has become the largest trading partner of Shenzhen in Africa, with bilateral trade reaching 21 billion Yuan (R55.4 billion)." Ziping added, "Over the past 40 years, Shenzhen has developed from a small fishing village on the coastal border into one of the cities with the highest economic, enterprise, innovation, and talent density in China" IT Web.

### Chinese Solar Firm Picks Partners for 283-MW South Africa PV Project

Chinese solar photovoltaic and energy storage systems firm Trina Solar Co., Ltd has announced a new partnership with China Energy International Group and China Gezhouba Group for the installation of the 283-MW Mooi Plaats solar photovoltaic power project in South Africa. The project, located approximately 18.5 km southwest of Noupoort in the Northern Cape Province, is being developed by Envusa Energy, a joint venture between London-based multinational mining firm Anglo American and EDF Renewables, a wholly owned subsidiary of French utility EDF Group. Engineering News Record.

How China and Kenya are building a community with a shared future

The history of China-Kenya relations is a fascinating narrative that has evolved over decades, marked by shifts in geopolitics, economic priorities, and cultural exchanges. While formal diplomatic ties were established several decades ago, the foundations of this relationship can be traced back to early interactions between Chinese and Kenyan traders along ancient trade routes. Historical records suggest that Chinese traders and explorers may have ventured into East Africa as early as the 15th century, although these interactions were sporadic and limited. The Swahili coast served as a hub for trade between Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, facilitating exchanges of goods, ideas, and cultures. KBC

#### China's Hailiang, Shinzoom to join Morocco's EV battery ecosystem

China's copper foil producer Hailiang and anode maker Shinzoom signed a deal with Tanger Tech to build two plants for a total investment close to \$1 billion, adding to a list of Chinese electric battery investors in the Kingdom. Hailiang signed a deal with Tanger Tech to build a copper factory for a total cost of \$450 million over 30 hectares. The project will offer 1800 jobs, said Tanger Tech in a statement. Hailiang, a leader in automotive copper pipes, has generated \$30 billion in revenue in 2022, thanks to its 22 production sites across the world. For its part, Shinzoom signed a deal to build an anode plant worth \$460 million over 20 hectares, a project that will offer 2000 jobs. North Africa Post.

# Illegal timber trade with China funds terrorism in Mozambique, NGO says

Islamist insurgents in the country's north are reportedly raking in millions selling illicit rosewood to Chinese consumers. A four-year undercover investigation by the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), an NGO that campaigns against alleged environmental crimes, has found that timber smuggling from Mozambican forests to Chinese consumers generates an estimated US\$23 million each year for terrorists and criminal networks in northern Mozambique.While rosewood, an umbrella term for a wide range of tropical hardwoods, is protected under the international CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) treaty, Islamist group al-Shebab in Cabo Delgado has been smuggling these precious trees and other flora and fauna products to fund their insurgency, generating an estimated US\$1.9 million a month. Macao News.

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