



[Retaining US influence in Africa requires bridge-building with China](#)

In a complex new multipolar world, a country's allies and friends will determine the global pecking order. Despite its large population, Africa is a small global player. Its combined economy is less than 3% of the world economy, and Africa's political heterogeneity makes it difficult to stand united on contentious issues such as China's claim over Taiwan or the war in Ukraine. Although most African countries aren't part of global value chains, external economic challenges and tensions affect them deeply. Africa's most violent period since independence was in the years before the Berlin Wall collapse in 1989. At the time, tensions between the United States (US) and former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) led to intense proxy wars in the Horn of Africa and Angola. ISS.

[China in the Sahel | ChatGPT's take on China-Africa](#)

China somehow managed to get the oil flowing between Niger and Benin this week amid a bitter dispute between the two West African countries that had briefly shut down the pipeline. Eric, Cobus, and Geraud discuss how the Chinese seem to be navigating the Sahel's contentious politics with some finesse. The China Global South Project.

[Ethiopia, China Reaffirm Commitment to Bolster Cooperation in Agriculture & Mining Sectors](#)

Addis Ababa, May 16/2024(ENA)-Ethiopia and China have reaffirmed their commitment to further elevate their cooperation, particularly in agriculture and mining industries. The Ethio-China Agriculture and Mining Industry Cooperation Fair was held in Addis Ababa today. The event, that brought together major enterprises from Hunan of China, and the Ethiopian business community, aims to foster bilateral cooperation in the agriculture and mining sectors. Ethiopian Investment Commission and the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia, along with 36 Chinese companies and their Ethiopian counterparts participated at the fair event. Organized by the Ethiopian Investment Commission, Changsha Municipal Bureau of Commerce, and the Ethiopian Youth Entrepreneurs Association, the fair aimed to unite Ethiopian and Chinese business communities. MSN.

[Culture and Tourism Year celebrates ties between China, Tanzania](#)

2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Tanzania, an East African country known for its vast array of natural and cultural heritage. The 2024 China-Tanzania Culture and Tourism Year, an important program to celebrate the occasion, kicked off on Wednesday at the China National Opera House in Beijing. Sun Yeli, China's minister of culture and tourism; Angellah Kairuki, Tanzania's minister of natural resources and tourism; and Khamis Omar, Tanzanian ambassador to China, attended the opening ceremony and delivered speeches. China Daily.

[The One-China Principle and the Future of China-South Africa Relations](#)

Li Zhigang, Chargé D'affaires of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in South Africa. China-South Africa Relations Are Entering a Golden Era of Cooperation. As we reflect upon the journey we have traversed over the past decades, we could not forget those who dug well so that we could drink water without fear of thirst. Back in 1953, when the late Walter Sisulu visited Beijing, he was received by Chairman Mao and Premier Zhou Enlai. Twenty six years ago, with strategic vision and political responsibility, China and South Africa made the strategic decision to establish diplomatic ties between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of South Africa. IOL.

[China-Kenya Tea Trade Centre Officially Launched In Shanghai](#)

The China-Kenya Tea Trade Centre was officially launched on Wednesday in Shanghai in a move seeking to boost bilateral trade and strengthen the tea industries of both nations. Kenya's Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Mithika Linturi inaugurated the centre marking a significant step in enhancing economic ties and cooperation between Kenya and China. In his address at the launch, CS Linturi highlighted that Kenya, the third-largest tea producer globally after China and India, generates approximately USD 1.5 billion (Ksh.196 billion) annually from its tea industry. Citizen Digital.

[Russia, China and Iran Must Not Seize Control of Sudan](#)

Moscow has undertaken a radical change in its involvement in the Sudanese conflict, with the Kremlin now providing al-Burhan's Islamist-aligned SAF its "uncapped" military support. In return, Moscow is hoping the Sudanese leader will honour a deal struck in 2020 to allow Russia to establish a naval base in Port Sudan, a move that would enable the Russian navy to threaten directly Western trade routes passing through the Red Sea. If, as now seems likely, both Russia and Iran, together with China, succeed in deepening their foothold in Sudan, as well as gaining access to key maritime bases such as Port Sudan, they will be in a strong position to challenge the West's ability to protect key shipping routes in the Red Sea. Iran's presence in Sudan, moreover, will present a major challenge to Israel: it will complete Tehran's strategic encirclement of the Israelis. Gatestone Institute.

[China's top legislator holds talks with speaker of Moroccan House of Representatives](#)

Zhao Leji, China's top legislator, held talks with Speaker of the Moroccan House of Representatives Rachid Talbi Alami on Thursday in Beijing. Zhao, chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, said that under the strategic guidance of the two heads of state, the China-Morocco strategic partnership has developed rapidly in recent years, bringing tangible benefits to the two countries and two peoples. China is ready to work with Morocco to implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, consolidate political mutual trust, deepen practical cooperation, promote cultural exchanges and mutual learning, enhance China-Arab states and China-Africa cooperation, and push for the greater development of bilateral relations, Zhao said. Xinhua.

[Business matchmaking event between Morocco, China held in Casablanca](#)

A business matchmaking event between Morocco and China's small commodity production hub Yiwu was held in Casablanca on Wednesday. Wang Jian, party secretary of Yiwu, a county-level city in east China's Zhejiang Province, said that Yiwu is an important window for China's opening up to the world. Since the inception of the

Belt and Road Initiative, economic and trade exchanges, as well as cultural interactions between Yiwu and Morocco, have been increasingly frequent and deepening, Wang said, adding that Morocco has become an important trading partner for Yiwu. He hoped the matchmaking conference would serve as a new starting point for deepening cooperation and exchanges, and inject continuous vitality into the economic and trade cooperation between the two sides. Xinhua.

[Illicit trade in 'conflict timber' smuggled to China funds insurgency, EIA warns](#)

Timber smuggling, estimated to be worth \$23 million a year, from Mozambique's ancient forests to China is helping to fund the country's Islamic-State linked militants operating in its northernmost province of Cabo Delgado, according to a new report by Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA). A multi-year investigation by the NGO, which campaigns against alleged environmental crime, has found that since 2017 an average of over 500,000 tons per year of timber has been exported from Mozambique to China in violation of the country's log export ban, and a portion of this trade also fund the brutal Islamist insurgency as well as a large criminal network. The North Africa Post.

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