



[Somaliland is where India can counter China in east Africa](#)

India should develop closer relations with Somaliland, especially by using its port. This could provide India a valuable tool for countering China's influence along the eastern coast of Africa. In looking for access to the Red Sea, India should avoid overcrowded Djibouti and opt for Somaliland's port of Berbera. Berbera handles 1/10 as much traffic as Djibouti's port, but it is growing, thanks to investment by Ethiopia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which are new members of the BRICS grouping and key partners for India. India has frequently deployed anti-piracy patrol boats and warships to the Gulf of Aden, north of Somaliland, to maintain stability in the region. As India strives to gain more influence, Somaliland itself could become India's strategic lynchpin. The Strategist.

[Chinese investors shift focus to neighboring countries amid challenges in Ethiopia](#)

Chinese investors, who have significantly contributed to Ethiopia's economy with investments totaling approximately \$5 billion across more than 2,000 projects, are increasingly relocating their operations to neighboring countries such as Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. This trend is attributed to a multitude of challenges that have arisen in Ethiopia, prompting concerns from both the Chinese Embassy and local officials about the implications for the country's economic development. As of May 2024, Chinese enterprises have created around 610,000 job opportunities in Ethiopia, playing an irreplaceable role in the nation's modernization efforts. However, the representative from the Chinese Embassy in Ethiopia expressed alarm over the recent shift in investment patterns. Capital Ethiopia.

[China Opens Doors Wide: Ethiopia set to tap massive consumer market as second-biggest economy introduces zero-tariff policy](#)

In a landmark decision announced at the recently held 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), China unveiled a zero-tariff policy for 33 African nations, including Ethiopia, opening its vast market to 100 percent of goods from these countries. This move positions China among the very few industrialized countries to offer such a concession, turning its vast market into a golden opportunity for African economies like Ethiopia. "This is a voluntary and unilateral opening of our market," declared Chinese President Xi Jinping during his keynote speech, signaling a historic shift in global trade dynamics. For exporters in Ethiopia, the policy eliminates customs duties across all product categories, offering a significant opportunity to tap into one of the world's largest consumer markets. Addis Standard.

[Ethiopian PM inaugurates Chinese-built Ethiopia's largest cement factory](#)

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has inaugurated the Chinese-built Lemi National Cement Factory, the country's largest of its kind with a production capacity of 150,000 quintals (15,000 tonnes) per day. Inaugurating the mega cement factory on Saturday, Abiy said "the project exemplifies the swift and efficient delivery of crucial infrastructure. Congratulations to all those involved in realizing this important project, which now produces 50

percent of the cement made by factories across the country." "Returning to this site after two years, I am astounded by the progress, which reflects our governance principles.. Xinhua.

[Chinese embassy in Kenya celebrates 75th founding anniversary of PRC](#)

The Chinese embassy in Kenya held a reception on Sunday to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China at an event attended by hundreds of dignitaries and guests. In addition to enjoying Chinese cuisines, the guests and dignitaries immersed themselves into cultural performances that highlighted the deepening relationship between China and Kenya. Speaking at the event, Musalia Mudavadi, Kenya's prime cabinet secretary and the cabinet secretary for foreign and diaspora affairs, said in the past 75 years, the Chinese government has made tremendous political and socio-economic development, including lifting Chinese people from poverty to high quality living standards, that is unmatched in the world. China Daily.

[Mudavadi: Kenya will facilitate Chinese private-sector investments](#)

Kenya plans to enhance partnerships with China beyond the Belt and Road Initiative projects, Prime Cabinet Secretary Musalia Mudavadi has pledged. Mudavadi who represented the government on Sunday during commemorating 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in Nairobi assured that the government would facilitate Chinese private sector investments. The investments would be in multiple areas among them ICT, renewable energy, education and joint research, retail, hotel and housing. Mudavadi said the move aims to enhance the Kenya-China strategic partnership and ensure deeper bilateral co-operation and integration of the Kenyan and Chinese people. The Standard.

[With an Eye on China, Angola Becomes Key Partner for U.S. Ambitions for Africa](#)

Joe Biden's choice of Angola as his first trip to Africa as president underscores the oil-rich country's influence as the focus of one of the biggest U.S. infrastructure projects on the continent, countering China's investments. China Global South Project.

[China, Ghana trade volume hits \\$6billion in H1](#)

In 2023, bilateral trade volume between China and Ghana exceeded \$11 billion, increasing 10.4 per cent year on year (YoY). The Chinese ambassador to Ghana, Tong Defa, disclosed this at the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. The event that saw Chinese culture in the form of cuisine and documentary, was graced by President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo; some ministers of state, members of the diplomatic corps and the Chinese community in Ghana. Mr Defa, who proposed a toast to a good relationship with Ghana, said China remained Ghana's largest trading partner and main source of investment. For Africa, he said, China's trade volume with Africa increased from \$10.5 billion in 2000 to \$282.1 billion in 2023, nearly 26-fold increase. Graphic Online.

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