



[Experts, officials call for stronger China-Africa cooperation via Global Development Initiative](#)

Experts and policymakers from various United Nations (UN) agencies, the African Union (AU) and African countries stressed the need to further bolster China-Africa cooperation across various sustainable development areas while attending a recent dialogue on the Global Development Initiative (GDI) here. Addressing the gathering, Mohamed Belhocine, the AU Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, said China-Africa ties have evolved into "an outstanding and mutually beneficial partnership." Describing China-Africa cooperation as "a bright example of South-South cooperation that addresses and harnesses global challenges and opportunities in several priority areas," the AU commissioner said the China-proposed GDI has the capacity to further strengthen the ever-growing China-Africa relationship and broaden South-South cooperation. China Daily.

[GDI Instrumental to Further Strengthen China-Africa Ties, Broadens South-South Cooperation: AU Official](#)

The African Union Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Mohamed Belhocine, highlighted the importance of China-proposed Global Development Initiative (GDI) to further strengthen the ever-growing China-Africa relationship and broaden South-South cooperation. The Commissioner made the remark at the recent dialogue held in Addis Ababa on the Global Development Initiative (GDI). On the occasion, experts and policymakers from various United Nations (UN) agencies, the African Union (AU) and African countries stressed the need to further bolster China-Africa cooperation across various sustainable development areas. Addressing the gathering, Mohamed Belhocine, the AU Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, said China-Africa ties have evolved into "an outstanding and mutually beneficial partnership." Ethiopian News Agency.

[China-Africa cooperation fosters Africa's regional economic integration](#)

Africa has witnessed a steady process of regional economic integration in recent years. In February 2024, the African Union (AU) launched the Second 10-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 during the 37th AU Summit. Mohamed Ould Cheikh Ghazouani, Mauritanian president and chairperson of the AU for 2024, said that the AU is committed to unleashing the development potential of the African continent, promoting regional economic integration, increasing infrastructure connectivity, and enhancing agricultural productivity, so as to ensure the smooth implementation of the second 10-year implementation plan. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) was officially established in July 2019 and went into operation in January 2021. Alwihda Info.

[Xi congratulates Taye Atske Selassie on taking office as Ethiopian president](#)

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Saturday sent a congratulatory message to Taye Atske Selassie on taking office as president of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Xi noted that in recent years, China-Ethiopia relations

have witnessed comprehensive and rapid development, with deepening political mutual trust and fruitful outcomes in pragmatic cooperation across various fields. Xi said that he places great importance on the development of China-Ethiopia relations, and is willing to work with President Taye to take the chance of implementing the outcomes of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation to push the all-weather strategic partnership between the two countries for achieving new results and better benefit the people of both nations. China Military.

[DR Congo seeks to reduce China's dominance in its mining sector](#)

Mines Minister Kizito Pakabomba revealed that the country plans to streamline customs and tax processes to attract new partners, News.Az reports, citing Bloomberg. The plan includes streamlining processes to pay customs and taxes, along with a partnership with the United Arab Emirates, he noted. The nation is also planning to revamp a railway that can be used to transport minerals so cargoes can be more easily exported from a port along the Atlantic Ocean, positioned closer to US and European markets, he said. Congo wants to “attract better investors, more investors and diversified investors,” Pakabomba said. The ambitions come as the country continues to play a key role in international metals markets, while also finding itself at the center of a contest between China, the US and other countries vying for access to critical minerals. News AZ.

[Madagascar's president on lessons from China's modernization](#)

Madagascar can learn a lot from China's experience of development to accelerate its own progress in achieving modernization, said the president of the African country in Beijing. Last month, Rajoelina led a delegation to visit China and attended the 2024 summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation. In an exclusive interview with China Media Group during his visit, Rajoelina shared his impression of Chinese modernization. "I am very satisfied with my visit to China. I am deeply impressed by China's technological progress. I visited several fully automated factories and told our delegation members that I was shocked by China's technological progress. I firmly believe that with the help of China's expertise and technology, we will also accelerate the development of Madagascar," he said. CGTN.

[President of Madagascar: Roads built by China improve people's life and productivity](#)

In an interview with CMG, the President of Madagascar Andry Nirina Rajoelina said that the roads built by China have significantly improved people's life and productivity. Last month, Rajoelina led a delegation to China and attended the 2024 summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). CGTN.

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