



### [China-Africa trade cooperation fosters inclusive, sustainable growth in Africa: UN official](#)

China-Africa trade cooperation is playing a pivotal role in fostering inclusive and sustainable development across Africa, a senior official with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said on Friday. Diane Sayinzoga, UNCTAD's chief of the Regional Office for Africa, said the China-Africa trade partnership has facilitated the implementation of major infrastructure projects that are crucial for the economic integration and growth of the African continent. "The China-Africa cooperation is aligned with UNCTAD's goals of promoting sustainable development by enhancing Africa's manufacturing capacities, increasing trade opportunities, fostering economic diversification, and integrating the African countries into the global value chain," Sayinzoga told Xinhua in an exclusive interview. News AZ.

### [Chinese firms praised for building high-quality infrastructure in Ethiopia](#)

Ethiopian officials have praised Chinese companies for the effective construction of high-quality infrastructure projects in Ethiopia and their timely completion. The officials made the remarks on Thursday in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa on the sidelines of an ongoing international construction exhibition dubbed "BIG 5 Construct Ethiopia 2024," the largest construction event in the East African country. Noting that China is one of the fastest-growing countries and is introducing advanced construction technologies to the world, Wondimu Seta, Ethiopia's state minister for the Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure, said Chinese companies are now handling complex and large infrastructure projects in Ethiopia and other parts of the world. Xinhua.

### [Kenya-China cooperation yields fruitful outcomes, says Kenya's parliament speaker](#)

China's support has been crucial to the success of Africa's development, and Beijing has consistently aligned itself with the aspirations of developing countries, including Kenya, said Moses Masika Wetangula, speaker of Kenya's National Assembly. Cooperation between Kenya and China has grown significantly over the past six decades, yielding fruitful outcomes in various areas, Moses Masika Wetangula, speaker of Kenya's National Assembly, has said. Diplomatic relations between both countries have flourished, especially since the early 2000s when Kenya made deliberate efforts to strengthen ties with China, Wetangula told Xinhua in a recent interview. This has resulted in frequent high-level visits, and enhanced commercial ties and cooperation in Kenya's infrastructure development, greatly benefiting both peoples, he said. Xinhua.

### [China leads Ghana's imports in 2023, import value reaches GHC33.9bn](#)

China has retained its position as the largest source of Ghana's imports in 2023, recording an amount of GHC 33.9 billion, up from GHC 26.4 billion in 2022. Among the products Ghana mostly imported from China last year were iron and steel, vehicles and automotive parts, chemical products, machinery, and electrical equipment. This information is sourced from the Ghana 2023 Trade Report released by the Ghana Statistical Service. According to

the Trade Report, China maintained a 22.5% share last year, a slight decline from 23.2% in 2022. The Russian Federation emerged as a key contributor, replacing the United Kingdom in the top five, with imports primarily consisting of mineral fuels and oils. The Netherlands remained a significant player, with Ghana importing mineral fuels and oils worth GHC 17.3 billion. The ranking of India and the United States of America (USA) has swapped, with India emerging as the fourth-largest import source at GHC 11.7 billion, and the USA maintaining a comfortable position as the fifth at GHC 10.9 billion. Citi NewsRoom.

### [China's monitoring progress of negotiations on Zambia's debt restructuring](#)

China is closely monitoring the progress of negotiations on Zambia's debt restructuring and will take steps to support Zambia in dealing with relevant issues, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Mao Ning said on Friday. At a regular press conference in Beijing, Mao stressed that China is playing a crucial role in this issue. “Congratulations on the significant progress made in Zambia's debt restructuring negotiations. As Zambia's good friend and partner, China takes Zambia's debt concerns very seriously. China was the first official international creditor to relieve Zambia's debt and, as co-chair of Zambia's Official Creditors Committee, led the efforts that led to significant progress in restructuring that debt. Our contribution is recognized by Zambia and by the international community. China will continue to coordinate with the parties concerned to advance the follow-up of Zambia's debt treatment,” said Mao. Africa News.

### [Chinese Premier Extends Congratulations to Chad's New Prime Minister](#)

Chinese Premier Li Qiang on Wednesday sent a congratulatory message to Allamaye Halina on his taking office as the new prime minister of Chad. In his message, Li said that in recent years, under the care and guidance of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Chadian President Mahamat Idriss Deby Itno, China-Chad relations have maintained a sound momentum of development, with deepening political mutual trust, steady progress of cooperation in various fields, and closer international coordination. Li said that the Chinese government attaches great importance to the development of China-Chad relations, adding that he stands ready to work with Halina to deepen political mutual trust, promote practical cooperation, and push for new achievements in the friendly relations between the two countries. News Ghana.

### [China-Somalia Relations: Foreign Ministers Wang and Fiqi met on cooperation in agriculture, fishery and health](#)

Also on Friday, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has met with Somalia's Foreign Minister Ahmed Moallim Fiqi. Minister Wang said China is willing to assist Somalia in reconstruction projects. He said the two sides are willing to deepen cooperation in key areas such as agriculture, fishery, and health. China will continue to provide humanitarian assistance and emergency food aid to Somalia. China will hold the Second China-Horn of Africa peace conference. Fiqi congratulated China on successfully hosting the 10th Ministerial Conference of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum. The Somali foreign minister looked forward to more cooperation under the framework of the China-Africa and China-Arab States Cooperation Forum – in fields such as infrastructure, energy, and investment. CGTN.

### [China, Tunisia establish strategic partnership](#)

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Tunisian President Kais Saied on Friday announced the establishment of a strategic partnership between the two countries. The announcement came as Xi held talks with Saied, who is on a state visit to China. Noting that China and Tunisia are good friends and brothers, Xi said that over the past 60 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, China and Tunisia have always respected and supported each other, and treated each other as equals despite international vicissitudes, writing a vivid chapter of developing countries standing together through thick and thin. Consolidating and developing China-Tunisia relations conforms to the fundamental interests and common expectations of the two peoples, Xi noted, adding that China is willing to work with Tunisia to continue the traditional friendship, deepen exchanges and cooperation in various fields and push bilateral relations to a new level. TSCIO.

#### **[Libya, the UN Security Council renews the arms embargo: Russia, China and African countries abstain](#)**

The Security Council of United Nations decided to renew the measures relating to the implementation of the arms embargo imposed on Libya for a further year. In yesterday's session, Friday 31 May, resolution number 2733 was approved, which includes the authorization for member states to inspect ships suspected of violating UN resolutions in international waters off the coast of Libya. The resolution was approved by nine Council members: South Korea, Ecuador, France, Japan, Malta, the United Kingdom, Slovenia, Switzerland and the United States. Six members abstained: Algeria, China, Guyana, Mozambique, Russia and Sierra Leone, the UN website reported. The new UN resolution, proposed by France and Malta, made changes to the previous resolution 2292 from 2016. Now, all member states are authorized to seize and dispose of prohibited items, such as weapons, in international waters off Libya. Agenzia Nova.

#### **[Dbeibah inaugurates the first Libyan-Chinese Economic Forum in Beijing](#)**

The Prime Minister of the Government of National Unity, Abdul Hamid Dbeibah, inaugurated on Friday the first Chinese-Libyan Economic Forum in Beijing under the slogan (Libya and China are partners in development and reconstruction). According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Media Office, Dbeibah stressed the need to focus on resuming suspended Chinese firms' projects in Libya, and considering this resumption the first stage of joint cooperation. 84 Chinese companies operating in various fields, directors of government executive agencies, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Economy for Commercial Affairs Suhail Abu Shiha, Director General of the National Council for Economic and Social Development, the Libyan Embassy in China, and Director of the Asia Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have participated in the Forum. The Libya Observer.

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