



[Seminar held on China-Africa agricultural development strategies to improve food production](#)

A seminar on China-Africa agriculture development was held Friday in Rwanda, with participants emphasizing the need to strengthen the partnership with China for agricultural modernization aimed at addressing the challenge of low food production on the African continent. The one-day event in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, was organized by the Rwanda Institute of International Affairs (RIIA), in collaboration with the Chinese Embassy in Rwanda, themed "Practice and vision on China-Africa agricultural high-quality development: food security, improve added value and facilitate trade of agricultural products." Speaking at the opening, Ildephonse Musafiri, Rwanda's minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, said there is a need for more food not only in Rwanda but Africa. He talked of the need for healthy diets and a sustainable way of food production. He said partnerships with China can be an opportunity to address the challenge of low food production on the continent. People's Daily.

[DAY 3 RUGBY SEVENS REPECHAGE: PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND SOUTH AFRICA SECURE FINAL OLYMPIC QUOTAS](#)

The rugby sevens repechage tournament in Monaco came down to two thrilling finals, where two Olympic dreams were realized in high-stakes battles for the last Olympic Games Paris 2024 quotas. Tournament favorites the People's Republic of China for the women and South Africa for the men, rose to the occasion, overcoming immense pressure to secure their coveted berths. Olympics.

[Coup-hit Niger was betting on a China-backed oil pipeline as a lifeline. Then the troubles began](#)

A 1,930km pipeline meant to export crude oil from landlocked Niger has been stalled by several challenges. A China-backed pipeline that would make Niger an oil-exporting country is being threatened by an internal security crisis and a diplomatic dispute with neighbouring Benin, both as a result of last year's coup that toppled the West African nation's democratic government. The 1,930km (1,200-mile) pipeline runs from Niger's Chinese-built Agadem oilfield to the port of Cotonou in Benin. It was designed to help the oil-rich but landlocked Niger achieve an almost fivefold increase in oil production through a US\$400 million deal signed in April with China's state-run national petroleum company. But it has been stalled by several challenges, including the diplomatic disagreement with Benin that led to the pipeline's closure last week. There also has been an attack this week by the local Patriotic Liberation Front rebel group, which claimed to have disabled a part of the pipeline and is threatening more attacks if the US\$400 million deal with China is not cancelled. The group, led by Salah Mahmoud, a former rebel leader, took up arms after Niger's junta came to power, posing further security threats to the country, which is already struggling with a deadly security crisis. South China Morning Post.

[China to increase agricultural imports from Nigeria after FG's N572 billion exports to Asia](#)

The Chinese government has promised to increase agricultural product imports from Nigeria going forward. This was disclosed in a joint statement between Wang Yi, China's foreign affairs Minister and his Nigerian counterpart, Yusuf Tuggar, at the first plenary meeting of the China-Nigeria Intergovernmental Committee held in Beijing. This is after Nigeria exported N572.58 billion worth of agricultural products to the Asian market including China, according to data from the Nigerian Bureau of Statistics (NBS). The two sides seized the moment to review the positive achievements in the development of China-Nigeria relations over the past 50 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations. According to the joint statement published on China's foreign affairs website on Saturday, the two countries agreed to strengthen cooperation in infrastructure, electricity, telecommunications, finance, agriculture, industry, mining, free trade zones and other fields. Nairametrics.

[DR Congo president lays foundation stone for Chinese-built ring roads project](#)

The President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Felix Tshisekedi on Saturday laid the foundation stone for the construction of Kinshasa's ring roads project, one of the priority infrastructure projects within the cooperation package of "resource for projects" between the DRC and China. During the ceremony, attended by high-ranking personalities, including Prime Minister Judith Tuluka Suminwa, President Tshisekedi, driving a wheel loader himself, personally launched the project's construction. He said he was "reassured" by the Chinese techniques while wishing for a more diverse and deeper cooperation between the two countries. For Alexis Gisaro Muvuni, minister of State for Infrastructure and Public Works, this project marks "a new stage" for DRC-China cooperation which strengthens DRC's road interconnectivity with various infrastructure projects. This project will cross four communes of Kinshasa, home to more than 17 million residents, with nine penetrating roads connected by four interchanges, which would help relieve traffic congestion. People's Daily.

[Former Tanzanian FM: China is a trusted old friend of Tanzania](#)

The year 2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Tanzania. "China is a trusted old friend of Tanzania, going through with Tanzania in good times and difficult times," said Palamagamba John Kabudi, former Tanzanian Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, and professor at the University of Dar es Salaam, in a recent interview with China News Network. Econs.

[CCM, CPC see brighter Sino-Tanzania relations](#)

CCM and the Communist Party of China (CPC) have expressed optimism about the future of Sino-Tanzania ties amidst global changes, with intent to elevate bilateral cooperation to new heights. Dr Emmanuel Nchimbi, the party secretary general, exhibited this optimism after exchange of views with Tang Dengjie, a CPC central committee member who paid him a courtesy call at the CCM sub-headquarters in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Underscoring enduring and mutually beneficial relationship between the two parties, the meeting was a notable event in the CCM calendar with an official three-day visit by the senior Chinese official, the party secretary for the northern Shanxi Province, and chairman of China Atomic Energy Authority, who lately led a delegation to the 61st International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) general conference held in the Austrian capital of Vienna. While China has significant investments in the country with an estimated 260 projects in various sectors and arguably the biggest source of substantial foreign investments, the visit indicates interest in the country's emerging critical minerals sub-sector, observers noted. IPP Media.

[Heartbreak For Kenya Lionesses As Olympic Dreams Dashed By China](#)

The Kenya women's national rugby team, the Kenya Lionesses, saw their dream of making it to the 2024 Paris Olympics shattered after a 24-7 loss to China in a Monaco repechage. China overpowered the Kenya Lionesses to secure their Olympic ticket, ending the Lionesses' hopes of qualifying for the Olympics for the third time in a row. China opened the scoring just three minutes into the match before Janet Akello equalized for the Lionesses, bringing the score to 7-7. However, China managed an unconverted try to lead 12-7 at halftime. The Lionesses had a strong start in Monaco, topping Pool D with a commanding 31-5 victory over Samoa and a narrow 19-17 win against Argentina. These victories secured their progression to the quarter-finals, where they once again faced Argentina and triumphed with an emphatic 31-5 win. The semi-finals presented a tougher challenge, but the Lionesses edged out the Czech Republic 12-10, setting the stage for the high-stakes final against China. Citizen Digital.

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