

## China, Africa move to strengthen digital cooperation

Minister of Industry and Information Technology Jin Zhuanglong said at a forum on Monday in Beijing that China will continue its collaboration in the digital field with African countries, and help them build a "digital Africa." Jin told the forum on digital cooperation between China and Africa that enterprises will be supported in pragmatic cooperation in such areas as mobile communication, data centers, and submarine and land cables. Joint efforts will also be made to advance the development and application of digital technologies such as 5G, 6G, network security, high-performance computing and quantum communication, according to Jin. The establishment of cooperative platforms for capacity building among enterprises, think tanks and universities will be encouraged, the minister added. An action plan for the development of digital China-Africa cooperation was released during the forum, which was hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. People's Daily Online.

### FOCAC summit to start a new stage for China-Africa relations

Forum to align development strategies with African countries, strengthening consensus of Global South: expert. The 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) will be held in Beijing from September 4 to 6 with the theme of "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future," the Chinese Foreign Ministry announced on Tuesday. Leaders of FOCAC's African members will attend the summit at the invitation of the forum. Representatives of relevant African regional organizations and international organizations will attend relevant forum events. This is the first gathering of the China-Africa family in Beijing since the 2018 FOCAC summit, and the summit will start a new stage in the development of China-Africa relations and write a new chapter in the construction of the China-Africa community with a shared future, the ministry said. The focus of this cooperation forum is to further align development strategies with African countries and to address the collective demands of more than 50 African nations, experts said, noting that the significance lies in building consensus among the Global South. Global Times.

# Eswatini engages in diplomatic balancing act over China, Taiwan ties

On Daybreak Africa: The southern African kingdom of Eswatini, formerly Swaziland, is the only country left in Africa that maintains diplomatic relations with Taiwan, a position strongly opposed by China. Plus, Chinese road projects link resource-rich regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo with its capital Kinshasa. Ethiopians say the devaluation of the local currency could lead to severe inflation & soaring prices. A new study published in the journal Nature suggests that biodiversity loss may be a main driver of infectious diseases across the world. For these and more, tune in to Daybreak Africa VOA.

#### Sino-African ties to get boost

Leaders of China and countries in Africa will gather in Beijing for the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in September, a key gathering widely expected to enhance solidarity and cooperation between the two sides. The three-day summit, scheduled to start on Sept 4, will have the theme "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future", according to the Foreign Ministry. A series of events will be held, including an opening ceremony, a welcoming banquet, parallel and high-level meetings, a conference of Chinese and African entrepreneurs and bilateral meetings, ministry spokesman Lin Jian said on Tuesday. A senior officials' meeting will be held on Sept 2 and a ministers' meeting on Sept 3 to make preparations for the summit, Lin said, adding that the Chinese and African sides are maintaining close communications and consultations on the preparation work. The gathering will come six years after the last FOCAC Summit was held in Beijing in 2018. China Daily.

#### China strengthens position: Large-scale military drills in Africa

From late July to mid-August, joint military exercises "Peaceful Unity-2024" will be held in Africa, organized by China, Tanzania, and Mozambique. This initiative was announced by the representative of the Chinese Ministry of Defense, Zhang Xiaogang. Zhang Xiaogang claims that the goal of the exercises is to deepen mutual trust and practical cooperation in the military field. But isn't this a classic example of China demonstrating its strength and influence on the African continent? The exercises include anti-terrorist operations both on land and at sea, indicating Beijing's serious plans and capabilities in terms of military cooperation and expansion. It is clear that China is striving to strengthen its presence in Africa. Beijing's economic influence on the continent has long been felt through loans, investments, and infrastructure projects. However, joint military exercises take this interaction to a new level. African countries are becoming a testing ground for military experiments, which can have both positive and negative consequences for regional security. News az.

### Africa: China Escalates Its Political Party Training in Africa

A ubiquitous Chinese government talking point is the principle of non-interference in other countries. This includes issues of governance where China has long claimed that it does not export its model or encourage foreign nations to emulate its practices. Yet, this is rapidly changing in China's engagements in Africa. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has escalated its training of African party and government officials as part of Xi Jinping's "new model of party-to-party relations," particularly in the Global South. An indication of this renewed emphasis is the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School. Launched in 2022, the Nyerere School trains ruling party members from the Former Liberation Movements of Southern Africa (FLMSA) coalition--Angola, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. China has built or supported African party schools going back to the 1960s. However, the Nyerere School is the first to be modeled after the CCP Central Party School, which trains China's top cadres and leaders. It is also the first of its kind to cater to multiple African political parties. All Africa.

### Chinese Journalists Highlights Importance of BRICS to Bolster Ties between Ethiopia, China in Media

Chinese Journalists highlighted the importance of the BRICS bloc to strengthen media partnership between Ethiopia and China for the benefit of the countries. Chinese media delegation drawn from the leading Chinese Peoples' Daily Newspaper is in Addis Ababa for a working visit in Ethiopia. The journalists told the Ethiopian News Agency that the multifaceted relationship between Ethiopia and China has been rapidly growing with strong people to people ties. They stressed the need to further enhance the longstanding friendship between Ethiopia and China in media cooperation through the BRICS framework. In this regard, the BRICS is vital instrument to further enhance the cooperation between the two countries. Senior Editor at People's Daily Newspaper, Ren Yan noted the importance of media to further bolster the existing relations between China and Ethiopia. "When we look to the future, I think the media plays important role in promoting the ties and the understanding between our two peoples. Peoples' Daily is the leading newspaper in China. And we want cooperation with your news agency." ENA.

#### China-Egypt partnership spotlighted at Cairo dialogue on reform opportunities

A dialogue themed "World Opportunities of China's Deepening Reform in the New Era" was held in Cairo on Tuesday. Co-hosted by China Media Group (CMG), the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, and the Chinese Embassy in Egypt, the event was part of a series of cultural exchange events marking the 2024 China-Egypt Year of Partnership. Guests from China and Egypt engaged in in-depth discussions about the global development opportunities resulting from China's comprehensive deepening of reform in the new era. Shen Haixiong, deputy head of the Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and president of CMG, said that the resolution on further deepening reform comprehensively to advance Chinese modernization adopted by the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China at its third plenary session, outlines more than 300 reform measures, with a clear goal to complete these reforms by the 80th anniversary of the People's Republic of China in 2029. CGTN.

### Egypt's Investment Minister discusses opportunities to deepen economic ties with China

Egypt is looking to strengthen its economic relationship with China, with a focus on investment and trade, Investment and Foreign Trade Minister Hassan El-Khatib said Monday. El-Khatib met with members of the Egyptian-Chinese Business Council on Monday to discuss ways to boost cooperation between the two countries. The meeting was attended by Hossam Heiba, CEO of the General Authority for Investment and Free Zones; Mohamed Awad Tag El-Din, Presidential Advisor for Health Affairs; Hisham Okasha, Chairperson of the National Bank of Egypt; Sherif El-Gabaly, Chairperson of the African Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives; and Ahmed El-Sewedy, Chairperson of the Egyptian-Chinese Business Council. "Stimulating investment for export is a key driver of our economic policies," El-Khatib said, adding that coordination between government agencies is essential to increase commodity exports. The minister highlighted the importance of deepening ties with China to integrate Egypt into global supply chains. Daily News Agency.

### <u>Algeria – China: The comprehensive strategic partnership has reached new heights</u>

The Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Algiers, Li Jian, indicated that the Sino-Algerian comprehensive strategic partnership has reached new heights under the leadership of the Algerian President, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping. During a ceremony organized Monday evening at the embassy headquarters in Algiers, on the occasion of celebrating the 97th anniversary of the Chinese People's Liberation Army foundation, Li Jian welcomed the new summits achieved by the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries, emphasizing their trading partnership. Indeed, bilateral trade exceeded the \$10 billion mark for the first time in 2023, cooperation on strategic projects such as the progressing Gara

Djebilet-Bechar railway, as well as the developing of digitalization and new energies, said the ambassador. He also spoke of his country's support for the glorious November Revolution, stressing that the freedom fighters of the Liberation War "remain the pride of the entire Algerian nation and a symbol of the friendship between our two countries." AL 24 News.

## Zimbabwe: In a rare move, Chinese nationals deported over alleged abuse

The Zimbabwean government deported two Chinese miners accused of torturing two Zimbabwean mine employees as punishment for stealing. But civil society groups and labour unions say the two accused Chinese should have faced the law before deportation. The government of Zimbabwe expelled two Chinese miners after they were accused of torturing two employees for allegedly stealing diesel. But rights groups say the Chinese nationals should have been tried in a court of law. The Africa Report.

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