



[China, trying to address trade deficit, moves to boost agriculture imports from Africa](#)

China is expanding its imports of semi-processed agriculture from Africa in an effort to address a trade imbalance and also as a way of diversifying global food chains amid geo-political tensions. Kate Bartlett visits South Africa's rural Limpopo province where avocado farmers are getting ready to export their products to the Chinese market for the first time. VOA.

[In Search of Food Security: US-China Hegemonic Rivalry in Africa](#)

Africa is still affected by hunger and malnutrition, despite its description as the food basket of the global system. This recurrent problem is partly due to the outbreak of COVID-19, climate change (inaction on climate change by African governments), conflicts in some African states, and an unhealthy rivalry between China and America who together largely dominate imported food supplies. By this, Africa is vulnerable to all manners of burdens inherent in the terms of reference embedded in most of the agreements and partnerships from these global giants. Importantly, while China and America compete sternly to partner with Africa as proposed by SDG 17, in a bid to achieve other goals, especially "food for all or no hunger", evidence shows that this gesture is more of competition for power and influence over Africa's food security sector. Consequently, this leads to the impoverishment of Africa, especially, in food security and by extension, food sovereignty. E- International Relations.

[Talaat outlines Egypt's digital vision at China-Africa Forum](#)

Amr Talaat, Egypt's Minister of Communications and Information Technology, delivered a keynote address at the closing session of the Forum on China-Africa Digital Cooperation held in Beijing. In his speech, Talaat detailed Egypt's vision for strengthening Sino-African collaboration in the digital economy, emphasizing the importance of implementing national digital strategies to drive development and economic growth. The event saw participation from notable figures, including Zhang Yunming, China's Vice Minister of Industry and Information Technology, as well as ministers and government officials from various African countries. Representatives from the African Union Commission were also present. Talaat highlighted the forum's discussions, which covered strategies and visions for achieving a digital Africa in partnership with China and other international stakeholders. He pointed out the opportunities for cooperation and the exchange of best practices, noting the significant technological advancements of the past two decades. These advancements, he stated, have underscored the crucial role of information technology in fostering economic prosperity, enhancing social protection systems, ensuring environmental sustainability, and improving living standards. Daily News Egypt.

[Jendayi Frazer on U.S.-China Geopolitical Competition in Africa](#)

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this week on what the U.S. needs to do to better compete with China in Africa and other developing regions. Campbell

bluntly told senators Washington “has to do better” to match Chinese finance, trade, and military engagement around the world. But the problem for Campbell and other U.S. stakeholders is that it’s been difficult to define what success looks like in their bid to out-compete China. China Global South Project.

[US-China Rivalry and the Future of Africa](#)

In November 2021, Antony Blinken made his maiden voyage as Secretary of State across the Atlantic to engage with sub-Saharan Africa. His first stop was to Kenya, where he met with President Uhuru Kenyatta to discuss regional security issues, primarily violence, terrorism, and political transitions in Sudan, Somalia, and Ethiopia (Voice of America). After this two-day visit, he travelled to Abuja, Nigeria, where he addressed the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and noted some of Nigeria’s strengths—namely the nation’s perception as the “Giant of Africa,” its robust economy, engaged civil society, and even its cultural influence through the global diffusion of afrobeats music and its most notable culinary specialty—jollof rice. Finally, in Senegal, Blinken reaffirmed the U.S.’ desire to continue developing the U.S.-Senegal friendship which was first established six decades ago, and he urged the nation to continue modeling good governance and leading progress on strengthening democracy and security in West Africa (U.S. Department of State Press Release). E-International Relations.

[China plays key role in Zimbabwe's path to industrialization: Zimbabwean official](#)

China is a key player in Zimbabwe's quest to transition from primary industries to manufacturing value chains, a Zimbabwean official said on Tuesday. In an interview with Xinhua on the sidelines of the Southern African Development Community Industrialization Week underway in the Zimbabwean capital of Harare, Deputy Minister of Industry and Commerce Rajeshkumar Modi said the country can leverage its ties with China to promote industrialization. Noting that industrialization is a key component of development, Modi hailed China's support for Zimbabwe's industrialization agenda. "China is already playing a very big role in Zimbabwe's industrialization, and we are grateful for that," said Modi, adding that he hoped China will help Zimbabwe go up the value chain to bring more benefits to the country. "If we get to that, local people can benefit; they can get more employment, and that can help our economy," he added. Xinhua.

[China ready to ‘boost’ military ties with Rwanda – envoy](#)

Amb Wang Xuekun, China’s envoy to Rwanda, has said his country is ready to work with Rwanda to boost relations between the two nations’ militaries. He noted this on July 31 as the Chinese embassy in Rwanda hosted a celebration to mark the 97th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA). The event in Kigali was attended by government officials, diplomats, and members of the Chinese community in Rwanda, among others. In his remarks, Amb Xuekun praised the bilateral relations which are growing stronger and faster, saying that China is ready to work with Rwanda to enhance cooperation between the two countries’ defence forces. “Since the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Rwanda, our bilateral relations have grown stronger. And I firmly believe that our military exchanges and cooperation will continue to go deep and achieve more results. And that will, in turn, further strengthen our bond of friendship,” he said. The New Times.

[China-Africa Cooperation Summit to kick off this September](#)

China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through its Embassy near Monrovia, says it has invited the government and people of Liberia to participate in the upcoming Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). The 2024 FOCAC summit will be held in Beijing, China, from September 4 to 6, 2014. This year's summit is themed "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa." In a statement dated July 30, 2024, the Chinese government said the upcoming summit will be the fourth time that the FOCAC meeting has been held as a summit. Given the importance of the summit, the release further indicated that the summit aims to celebrate China-Africa friendship, explore cooperation, and chart the course for the future. "The upcoming summit will be the fourth time that the FOCAC meeting is held in the form of a summit," the release said. "It will be an event to celebrate China-Africa friendship, explore cooperation, and chart the course for the future under the theme of "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future," the release pointed out. The New Dawn Liberia.

[Xi's special envoy to attend inauguration of Mauritania's president](#)

Chinese President Xi Jinping's Special Envoy Wang Guangqian will attend the inauguration of the president of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, foreign ministry spokesperson Lin Jian announced on Wednesday. At the invitation of Mohamed Ould Cheikh Ghazouani, President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Wang, also vice chairperson of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will attend President Ghazouani's inauguration in Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, on August 1. Xinhua.

[Attention Shifts to Chinese Debt Following Ethiopia's IMF, World Bank Deals](#)

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