



### [African countries urged to capitalize on China's pledge to share modernization experience](#)

A number of African experts are calling on leaders in the continent to make good use of the opportunities available from the latest commitment by the People's Republic of China to open up more and share its experience on modernization. The professionals drawn from various fields and representing multiple organizations spoke in China where they were attending the 7th China-Africa People's Forum. They noted that the East Asian nation has immense capabilities that will help Africa to fulfill its development needs at a desirable scale and urgency. "China is quite advanced in terms of technology. As Africans, we can take advantage of their progress. They have been able to come up with new technologies in various areas, like in their industries such as the ones we visited," said Frankline Mutuma, the Chief Executive Officer of Kenya Public Welfare Management Agency. KBC.

### [China builds new platform for Sino-African entrepreneurship](#)

For Taiwan-based China Communications Media Group, a crucial step in their venture into Africa starts a little closer to home, in Hunan, a central province on the Chinese mainland. Aspiring to expand its sales network of electric vehicles into Africa, the company will first set up a subsidiary inside the China-Africa Economic and Trade Headquarters Building in Hunan's provincial capital Changsha, leveraging the many preferential policies and constellation of Chinese and African companies at the site. "We've long wished to explore the African market, but our journey had been circuitous," said the company's chairman Liu Yao-yuan. "Now many like-minded companies gather here. I believe our exchanges and cooperation can lead to common prosperity." Opened on June 13, the building is the latest Sino-African landmark in Hunan, one of the most active Chinese provinces in economic ties with Africa and a trailblazer in China-Africa cooperation. Xinhua.

### [More Finance, Less Emissions: Chinese Investment in Africa for Low-Carbon Industrialization](#)

As African and Chinese leaders prepare for the upcoming Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), it is imperative to consider the environmental implications of China's growing economic presence in Africa. Our new working paper published by the Boston University Global Development Policy Center reveals that Chinese foreign direct investment (FDI) is contributing to increased industrial carbon emissions in Africa, highlighting the urgent need for sustainable development strategies. By analyzing Chinese FDI in 34 African countries from 2003-2014, our research reveals that the emissions increase is particularly pronounced in labor-intensive and resource-intensive sectors, which have been the primary focus of Chinese investment in Africa. Conversely, investments in knowledge-intensive manufacturing sectors showed no significant increase in emissions, suggesting that investments in the latter have the potential to support more sustainable industrialization in Africa, pointing to a potential pathway for sustainable industrialization. These findings are particularly relevant as global pressure to address climate change intensifies, potentially exposing African economies reliant on high-emission industries to future economic risks and trade barriers. China Global South Project.

## [Chinese Communist Party's Top Diplomat Wraps Up South Africa Tour, Expressing Confidence in New Government](#)

The head of the Communist Party of China's (CPC) international department, Liu Jianchao, wrapped up a five-day visit to South Africa on Sunday where he met with leaders of the new Government of National Unity (GNU). On Friday, Liu held talks with President Cyril Ramaphosa and expressed confidence in the new governing coalition. Liu also met with Foreign Minister Ronald Lamola and Secretary-General of the ANC Fikile Mbalula. China Global South Project.

## [Tanzania's Zanzibar farmers get relief as China introduces new rice variety](#)

Since March this year, more than 300 rice farmers in Tanzania's Zanzibar have breathed a collective sigh of relief following the introduction of a water-saving and drought-resistant rice variety. Ali Abdallah Jaku, a 40-year-old rice farmer at Kibonde-Mzungu in Mjini Magharibi region on Unguja Island, was full of hopes in a recent interview with Xinhua when he said that the new rice variety was going to increase his harvests compared to the one he was using currently. "China brought this water-saving and drought-resistant rice variety early this year for demonstration, but we have started seeing bumper harvests. Indeed, this variety is a game changer in rice cultivation," said Jaku, a father of three children. Salum Faki Hamad, a researcher with the Zanzibar Agricultural Research Institute under the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, Natural Resources, and Livestock, said about 300 farmers at Kibonde-Mzungu village are now using the Chinese water-saving and drought-resistant rice variety. Xinhua.

## [China strengthens agricultural research collaboration with Africa](#)

After several academic exchange trips to China, Thomas Gbokie, former deputy agriculture minister for regional development, research and extension at the Liberia Ministry of Agriculture, decided to continue his studies in China in 2018. After completing his master's degree, which was jointly awarded by Nanjing Agricultural University and the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences (CATAS) in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, he jumped at the opportunity to study for a plant pathology PhD, specializing in disease control in coffee. At Yazhou Bay Science and Technology City in Sanya, Gbokie walks quickly between test fields and a laboratory. "The environment and the climatic conditions of Sanya and Liberia are almost the same, so I hope to put what I learned here into practice in my country," he said. IOL.

## [The West tries to push back Beijing's influence in Africa with a \\$2.3 billion infrastructure project](#)

The U.S. and Europe want to use the Lobito Corridor to simplify the export of copper and cobalt from the heart of Africa, with the help of a Swiss commodities trader. But the ambitious project may be coming too late. «America is all in on Africa,» a visibly cheerful Joe Biden pronounced in the Oval Office in November 2023. The American president sat in front a roaring fire, next to João Lourenço, the president of Angola – the African country in which the U.S. wants to prove how serious it is about its commitment to the continent. Biden was talking about the Lobito Corridor, a \$2.3 billion project to connect mining areas in the heart of Africa with the port of Lobito on Angola's Atlantic coast. At the heart of the project is a 1,300 kilometer long railroad line that is scheduled for renewal. NZZ.

### **Ethiopia, China to Implement Projects to Uplift Lives of Vulnerable Population**

Ethiopia's Ministry of Women and Social Affairs and the China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) signed an agreement to implement a series of projects to uplift the lives of poor and vulnerable Ethiopians. Women and Social Affairs Minister Ergogie Tesfaye and China Foundation for Rural Development Ethiopia Country Director Yin Qian signed the agreement today. On the occasion, Minister Ergogie stated that the big project signed today shows strong Ethio-China relation and partnership. According to her, the renewed partnership seeks the implementation of seven projects such as Smiling Children, Panda Pack, Solar Lamp, WASH, Women Economic Empowerment, School Water Purifying, and Water Harvest across the country, with a particular emphasis on rural areas. The Smiling Children expands school meal services to rural areas, Panda Pack provides educational materials for students, Solar Lamp installs solar-powered renewable energy sources in underserved schools. ENA.

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