



### [China-Africa Summit Preview: What's on the Agenda for FOCAC 9?](#)

The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit is now less than a month away. Chinese President Xi Jinping will host dozens of African leaders in Beijing in the first week of September for the triennial gathering that comes at a critical time for African countries and China. Africa needs China's support for continued infrastructure financing and to buy more of its goods, while China is looking to Africa as a vital supplier of critical resources and to develop new markets for its cars, solar panels, and other products that are increasingly shut out from G7 countries. But with very little visibility into the negotiating positions of the various stakeholders, it's difficult to tell what will emerge from this year's summit. Development Reimagined Policy Analyst Ovigwe Eguegu is closely following African preparations for FOCAC and joins Eric & Cobus to share some of his insights on what to expect. China Global South Project.

### [China-Africa infrastructure collaboration bears fruitful outcomes](#)

China-Africa's infrastructure collaboration bears fruitful outcomes and offers an exemplary model for unity and cooperation between developing nations. Collaboration in ports and transportation makes the once-isolated communities in the second-largest continent thrive with improved roads and bridges and new modes of travel and trade. In addition to the infrastructure the two sides jointly built, the partnership has raised living standards and connected hopes across the continent. (Photos via CFP). CGTN.

### [Igniting the African dream](#)

China-Africa vocational education cooperation will inject sustained impetus into Africa's industrialization and modernization. Since Africa's first Luban Workshop — a platform for hands-on learning and technical skills development — was launched in Djibouti in March 2019, China has built 12 such workshops in Africa, with the aim to help Africa realize the development and innovation of vocational education through localized vocational training. In the meantime, thanks to strong financial support from the Chinese government and Chinese enterprises, more and more African youth are coming to China to study and further their education, taking innovative practices such as e-commerce for poverty alleviation, digital economy and green development back to Africa. The African Union's Agenda 2063 clearly lists industrialization as one of the seven development goals. The constantly upgrading China-Africa cooperation in vocational education is becoming an important driver of Africa's industrialization, helping Africa break through the talent bottleneck that restricts its industrialization. China Daily.

### [FOCAC 2024: Three Trends to Watch at This Year's Africa-China Summit](#)

As leaders from across Africa prepare to gather with their Chinese counterparts for the upcoming Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), all eyes will be on the evolving dynamics of this crucial relationship. The

summit, a cornerstone of Sino-African diplomacy for the past two decades, offers key insights into the trajectory of China's engagement with the continent. First, the summit's thematic focus will likely signal China's priorities for the region. Previous gatherings have emphasized industrialization, infrastructure development, and, most recently, health cooperation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Given China's growing emphasis on climate and environmental issues globally, all under the umbrella of China's evolving "Green Belt and Road Initiative", we may see a pivot towards "green" initiatives. Expect announcements on renewable energy projects, sustainable transportation, and cooperation on climate finance. China Global south Project.

### **China-Africa paired hospital in six decades: for a global community of health for all**

"We are greatly encouraged by China's consistent assistance to Africa in the field of medical and healthcare over the past decades. Today, many African hospitals, even in remote areas, use medical equipment and technologies from China, which has benefited more and more people. Meanwhile, we are also optimistic about the prospects of China-Africa medical cooperation," a cardiologist from Namibia told China Economic Net reporter at 2024 Beijing Forum for Global Health (China-Hospeq 2024), which opened on August 9. Over the past 61 years, more than 30,000 Chinese medical personnel have participated in overseas medical aid missions, treating nearly 300 million patients and earning widespread international acclaim. In 2020, China announced that it would establish 30 paired hospital cooperation mechanisms with African countries. Through concerted efforts, 37 paired hospital cooperation mechanisms involving 67 hospitals from 36 countries and regions have achieved substantial progression. China Economic Net.

### **China, Nigeria poised to drive global modernization, says Yuqing**

The Chinese Consul General in Lagos, Ms Yan Yuqing, has expressed confidence that China and Nigeria would make greater contributions to the world on the road to peaceful development of modernization. Yuqing stated that China and Nigeria would work together to deepen, expand exchanges and cooperation in various fields, adding that the two countries would make new and greater contributions to the building of a high-level community with a shared future for Africa and for mankind. The Chinese Consul General made this known in a paper titled "Future deepening reform comprehensively to advance Chinese modernization building a high-level China-Africa and China-Nigeria community with a shared future" delivered recently. The Nation Newspaper.

### **Ethiopia and China explored cooperation in the nuclear sector**

Molla, after visiting the advanced research reactor in Beijing, met with CAEA Vice Chairman Liu Jing, during which he mentioned China's comprehensive support to Addis Ababa's development, the state-owned media revealed. He acknowledged that his country hopes to achieve the same level of growth in peaceful nuclear technology utilization as China. The two sides also explored the possibility of expanding the scope of cooperation between universities and related institutions in the fields of nuclear education and research. He recalled Ethiopia's close collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and called on the Chinese Authority to support the local proposal submitted to that institution belonging to the UN system to build an African nuclear technology training center. Prensa Latina.

### [China's Electrical Appliance Giant Hisense To Establish New Factory In Egypt](#)

Hisense Group, a Chinese multinational major appliance and electronics manufacturer, in partnership with the United Arab Emirates' FBB TECH company, signed on Thursday a land lease contract with Egypt-TEDA SEZone Development Company to build a new factory in the China-Egypt TEDA Suez Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone. The signing ceremony was attended by Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly, Suez Canal Economic Zone (SEZone) Chairman Waleid Gamaleldien, and other senior Egyptian officials. The project is planned to cover an area of about 13 acres (about 5.26 hectares) with an investment of 38 million U.S. dollars, said Ou Yang, president of Hisense International Middle East and Africa Region, noting that it will be put into production in the second quarter of 2025. Ou said that after the completion of the first phase of the project, 1.5 million high-quality screens will be produced annually. Capital Digital Media.

### [Kenya, China to further strengthen cooperation](#)

China and Kenya have committed to strengthening bilateral cooperation ahead of this year's Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, or FOCAC, summit to be held in Beijing next month. Speaking at a meeting with representatives from the Chinese business community on Tuesday, Musalia Mudavadi, Kenya's prime cabinet secretary, said Kenya is ready to be the pilot country in Africa to implement the joint vision of building a closer community with a shared future. Mudavadi, who is also the cabinet secretary for foreign and diaspora affairs, said the strategic partnership between Kenya and China underlines the strength of diplomatic relations between the two sides over the past six decades. "We achieved an important milestone in 2017 when China elevated bilateral relations with Kenya to a comprehensive strategic partnership that manifested our mutual trust, respect and benefit for the people of Kenya and China," he said. China Daily.

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