



[Beijing prepares for ninth Forum on China-Africa Cooperation](#)

The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation has been the central mechanism for improving ties between China and the continent and could unveil new areas of collaboration when it reconvenes in September, say experts at consultancy Development Reimagined. The ministerial conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), in Beijing in early September, will be the ninth such event. Since its inception in 2000 FOCAC has provided a platform for cross-continental solidarity and economic cooperation, solidifying the bonds between China and African nations. The upcoming conference, to be held in September in Beijing, will convene senior African and Chinese representatives in Beijing to discuss the future trajectory of Sino-African cooperation. Since its emergence, FOCAC has distinguished itself as the most effective plurilateral agreement between Africa and a single nation, and has generated some of the largest financial commitments to African countries on the part of a single nation. African Business..

[China Poised to Become Africa's Largest Trading Partner](#)

This year, China could scoot ahead of the US and become Africa's biggest trading partner, reckons David Shinn, a former US ambassador to Ethiopia and Burkina Faso and an expert on Chinese–African relations. Meanwhile, although both Europe and the US have a longer tradition of as foreign direct investors in Africa, China is catching up. This year, China could pull ahead of the US and become Africa's biggest trading partner, according to David Shinn, a former US ambassador to Ethiopia and Burkina Faso and an expert on Chinese–African relations. Meanwhile, although both Europe and the US have a longer tradition as foreign direct investors in Africa, China is catching up — and its interests reach beyond trade and commerce, says Shinn, who is the co-author of forthcoming book on China–Africa relations. In an interview with China Knowledge at Wharton, Shinn dissects the country's aid and development strategy in Africa and explains why it has a steep learning curve ahead. Fair Observer.

[PBIC challenges Chinese youth to develop solutions for better Africa](#)

Beijing has hosted the 8th edition of the Public Benefit International Challenge for Youth (PBIC). The UN-supported competition challenges teenagers in China to come up with innovative ideas to solve societal problems in Africa. Teams are helped and mentored by African youth living in China. CGTN's Chen Lanyou has more. CGTN.

[China's huge geoeconomic footprint in the Horn of Africa](#)

China's extensive geoeconomic footprint in the Horn of Africa spans from building a new port and the Djibouti International Free Trade Zone to developing industrial parks in Ethiopia and linking them through the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway, forming an emerging economic corridor, according to US academic Chen Xiangming. The Horn of Africa is caught in a wave of crises. The Houthis in Yemen have been launching drone attacks at

commercial ships in the Red Sea while exchanging rockets with Israel amid the current war in the Middle East. Ethiopia's federal government is dealing with the aftermath of a civil war with the Tigray region (2020-22) and its entrenched ethnic conflicts. Through a geopolitical lens, China's establishment of its only overseas military base in Djibouti in 2017 for military supplies — where US, French and Japanese military bases are also present — seemed to be a talisman in the face of the emerging great power competition. Much less known is that China has quietly spread a massive socioeconomic footprint in the Horn, primarily within and between Djibouti and Ethiopia. Think China.

[Yuqing: China, Nigeria Will Make Greater Contributions to Global Development Targets](#)

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 modernisation. 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. She said, "In the communique of the Third Plenary Session of the 20th CPC Central Committee, reform and opening up, development, people and Chinese modernization have once again become high-frequency hot words. This Day Live.

[Chinese Smart-Meter Company Opens Manufacturing Plant In Kenya](#)

Global provider of smart energy solutions, CHINT Global, has opened a new manufacturing plant at Graylands Industrial Park in Athi River, Machakos County. The latest factory is CHINT Group's tenth overseas unit and second on the African continent. The facility will produce CHD130 Single Phase DIN-Rail Meter, CHS120 Single Phase Smart Meter, and CHS320 Three Phase Smart Meter for residential and commercial customers and feature anti-tamper systems, flexible installation options, and secure communication protocols. "Our new factory in Kenya is not just a manufacturing site; it is a beacon of innovation, sustainability, and economic growth for the region," said Lily Zhang, President of CHINT Global. The manufacturing plant has a maximum production capacity of 400,000 meters per year and will initially employ 40 people—90 percent of whom are local staff. The factory is expected to achieve a localisation rate of 30%–40% for its products, with plans to increase this rate as the facility grows. Capital Digital Media.

[Cameroon spends 90% of Chinese development loans on its French region: this could deepen the country's divisions](#)

In Cameroon, violent clashes between government forces and separatists from the English-speaking parts of the country started in 2017. Since then, at least 598,000 people have had to leave their homes and about 2 million have been left in need of humanitarian aid. The anglophone crisis resulted from the government's repressive response to largely peaceful protests in 2016-2017. Protesters were demanding an end to the marginalisation of the anglophone minority. Since then, Cameroon's military has been fighting separatist forces from the two anglophone regions of the country: North-West and South-West. The marginalisation continues, most recently in how the government chooses the location of Chinese-funded projects. Their allocation has been heavily skewed in

favour of the French speaking side of the country, leaving the anglophone region marginally represented in the geography of Chinese assistance to Cameroon. The Conversation.

Job fair held by Chinese companies attracts local graduates in Botswana

Eight Chinese companies held a job fair in Botswana on Friday, attracting about 200 applicants from various universities. This event is organized by the Confucius Institute at the University of Botswana (UB) in partnership with the Chinese Enterprises Association in Botswana as well as the Careers and Counselling Center at UB. "With the deepening of bilateral practical cooperation between China and Botswana, many Chinese companies are building infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges, water supply, and networks in Botswana, bringing local jobs," said Fan Yong, Chinese ambassador to Botswana. It is hoped that jobseekers will find satisfactory jobs and Chinese companies will find the talents they need to achieve a win-win situation, Fan said. Richard Tabulawa, deputy vice chancellor of UB, expressed his appreciation to the Confucius Institute for actively organizing the on-campus job fair. Xinhua.

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