

#### African scholars call for 'unbiased narrative' on China

African scholars emphasized the importance of creating a comprehensive and unbiased narrative that portrays the stories of China-Africa cooperation at a forum in Beijing on Wednesday, noting that misleading Western voices have hindered the African people from getting to know the real China. With the theme of "Join Hands in the Paths towards Modernization," the 6th Forum on China-Africa Media Cooperation and China-Africa Think Tank High-Level Dialogue was held in Beijing on Wednesday. The realization of modernization is an inherent requirement for the development of society, and also one of the topics that receives much attention and extensive discussion. Global Times.

## China-Africa trade, economic ties going strong

China and African countries enjoy close trade and economic ties as a result of mutually beneficial and win-win cooperation. China has been Africa's largest trading partner for 15 consecutive years. It is also the fourth largest source of investment in Africa. China-Africa trade reached a record high of \$282.1 billion in 2023. In the year, China's new energy vehicles and lithium batteries exports to Africa jumped by 291 percent and 109 percent year on year while China's imports of African nuts and vegetables increased by 130 percent and 32 percent, respectively. To boost imports from Africa, China has waived tariffs on 98 percent of taxable imports from 21 least-developed countries in Africa, opened "green lanes" for African agricultural exports to China, and helped African products enter Chinese market via cross-border e-commerce platforms. In the first half of this year, China imported goods worth \$60.1 billion from Africa, a significant year-on-year increase of 14 percent. CGTN.

### China seeks closer ties with African trading bloc COMESA

Chinese Ambassador to Zambia Han Jing on Tuesday presented his letters of accreditation to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) with a pledge to build enhanced ties with the African trading bloc. Han, who is now the special representative of China to COMESA, presented his letters of accreditation to COMESA Secretary-General Chileshe Kapwepwe during a ceremony at the organization's secretariat in Lusaka. Han said China attaches great importance to and enjoys good working relations with COMESA and will continue to build on this relationship. He said China appreciates the progress made by COMESA in promoting regional integration and trade facilitation. CGTN.

#### China-Africa media cooperation forum focuses on support for modernization

Chinese and African media organizations and think tanks should make joint efforts to facilitate the modernization drive of developing countries, according to attendees at the 6th Forum on China-Africa Media Cooperation & China-Africa Think Tank High-Level Dialogue held in Beijing on Wednesday. They said that China-Africa relations have entered a new phase in the joint construction of a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future, calling on media and think tanks to enhance their efforts to disseminate the successful story of China-Africa cooperation. They said that topics related to modernization should be high on media reporting and

think tank research agendas, and that intellectual and public support should be provided to the Global South on their journey toward modernization. Li Shulei, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, delivered a speech at the opening ceremony. Xinhua.

## A glimpse into China-Africa cooperation projects

The 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) will be held in Beijing from Sept. 4 to 6. Over the years, China and Africa have established a reliable partnership that continues to grow stronger. This collaboration has produced significant achievements across various sectors, resulting in modern infrastructure, increased job opportunities, and enhanced momentum for sustainable development across the African continent. These efforts have brought real, tangible benefits to local communities. Chinese companies have been crucial to this cooperation. For instance, the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) has spearheaded numerous projects that have had a substantial impact on the region's growth and development. Let's explore some of the key China-Africa cooperation projects driving this positive change. People's Daily Online.

# Senior Commerce Ministry Official Says China Not the Main Creditor in Africa, Refutes Debt Trap Charge

The top Africa official at China's powerful Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) forcefully pushed back against U.S. and Indian accusations that Beijing engages in predatory lending on the continent. Shen Xiang, MOFCOM's director of West Asia and Africa, responded to a question on the issue at a press conference in Beijing on Tuesday by noting that commercial and multilateral loans account for two-thirds of the outstanding debt in Africa today. China Global South Project.

#### China-Africa Cooperation: African ministers vow media exchanges with China

Ministers attending the sixth China-Africa Media Cooperation Forum in Beijing have called for amplifying shared stories and experiences to foster mutual understanding. Participants at Wednesday's event also discussed best practices in the use of technology in media. ISMAILA CEESAY, Minister of Information, Republic of The Gambia "I think it's important for the two people to know each other at the micro level. There's no better way for that to happen without the role of the media to make sure that content from China portraying Chinese culture, Chinese history, Chinese tradition is shown to the Gambian audience. Equally for Gambian history, Gambian culture, and Gambian development trajectory, and Gambian aspirations is shown to the Chinese audience, also know the people they are friends with. This is very important." CGTN.

## 6th edition of China-Africa media cooperation forum held in Beijing

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participating guests said it is imperative to explore a high-quality path to development and prosperity that is more resilient, inclusive and beneficial to all in order to help countries in the Global South solve development problems. CGTN.

# Chinese investors seize Nigeria's guest houses in Liverpool, plan to sell them on eBay

A Chinese investment group has finalized plans to sell two residential properties it seized from the country on eBay. A Chinese investment group, aiming to recover up to \$70 million in arbitration awards from Nigeria, has finalized plans to sell two residential properties it seized from the country on the global online marketplace eBay, sources familiar with the arrangement informed Peoples Gazette. This latest development comes shortly after Zhongshang Fucheng Industrial Investment Ltd secured a court judgment in France authorizing the seizure of three Nigerian presidential planes. The company seized two buildings tied to the Nigerian government in Liverpool, United Kingdom, in June 2024, following Nigeria's failure to comply with an arbitration ruling issued in 2021. Business Insider.

## Nigeria's NEPC sensitises Ondo exporters on China trade, GACC

The Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) has sensitised exporters and potential exporters in Ondo state on the General Administration of Chinese Customs (GACC). Speaking during the one-day sensitization exercise on the General Administration of Chinese Customs (GACC) of the people's Republic of China, the Executive Director/CEO, NEPC, Mrs Nonye Ayeni, said the programme became necessary to enlighten Nigeria exporters on the Chinese import requirement. Represented by the State Coordinator, NEPC, Ondo state Coordinating office, Mrs. Iyabode Abe, said the event aimed at enhancing Nigeria's export potential and strengthening trade relations with China. Abe added that the exercise also aimed at helping exporters navigate the complexities in exporting and to ensure that the quality of Made-in-Nigeria products to be exported into China avoid rejection. ZAWYA.

#### China, Egypt hold joint naval exercise in Mediterranean Sea

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy recently held a joint naval exercise with the Egyptian Navy in the Mediterranean Sea, with observers on Wednesday highlighting the PLA Navy's strides toward blue water operations and the deepening of friendships with its foreign counterparts. After completing a five-day friendly visit to Egypt, the Type 052D guided missile destroyer Jiaozuo and the Type 903A comprehensive replenishment ship Honghu of the PLA Navy's 46th escort task group embarked from the Egyptian port city Alexandria on Monday local time and held a joint maritime exercise in the Mediterranean Sea with the Egyptian side, the PLA Navy said in a press release on Wednesday. Global Times.

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