



## [The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Holds A Briefing for Chinese and Foreign Media on President Xi Jinping's Attendance at the Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation](#)

On August 23, 2024, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a briefing for Chinese and foreign media on President Xi Jinping's attendance at the opening ceremony of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and related events. Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong briefed on that and answered questions from the journalists. Chen Xiaodong said, the 2024 Summit of the FOCAC will be held in Beijing from September 4 to 6. The leaders of China and Africa will gather around the theme "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future" to celebrate friendship and chart the way forward for cooperation. This marks another grand reunion of the China-Africa big family following the 2006 Beijing Summit, the 2015 Johannesburg Summit, and the 2018 Beijing Summit of the FOCAC. It is also the largest diplomatic event China has hosted in recent years, with the highest attendance of foreign leaders. Leaders of many African countries and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission will lead delegations to participate in the Summit. Embassy of the People's Republic of China in India.

## [\(FOCAC\) Xinhua Commentary: Fruitful, dynamic cooperation with China promotes Africa's independent development](#)

As leaders from China and African nations are scheduled to gather in Beijing for a summit in early September, expectations are high that the event will chart the course for enhancing bilateral cooperation and advancing Africa's independent and sustainable development. Through joint efforts under the framework of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) as well as the Belt and Road Initiative, continuous and solid progress has been made in cooperation in such fields as industry, agriculture and health, epitomizing the unique resilience and dynamism of China-Africa relations. Such cooperation has helped improve the well-being of the people and promote the industrialization of the continent that is home to the world's largest number of developing countries. Recent data highlight the vigorous momentum of China-Africa relations. China has been Africa's largest trading partner for 15 consecutive years, with bilateral trade reaching a record 282.1 billion U.S. dollars last year. Xinhua.

## [\(FOCAC\) Update: China-Africa investment cooperation promotes Africa's industrialization: report](#)

Extensive investments by Chinese enterprises in Africa are driving the continent's industrialization, according to a report released Friday by the China-Africa Business Council (CABC). "Through market-oriented investment, infrastructure investment and investment in new fields, Chinese enterprises are improving Africa's industrial system, promoting the progress of Africa's industrialization and upgrading its quality," stated the report titled "China-Africa Investment Cooperation: A New Impetus to Africa's Industrialization." The report, an outcome of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Dakar Action Plan (2022-2024), has been released annually

since its inaugural edition in 2021. The 2024 report was published ahead of the upcoming FOCAC summit, scheduled to take place in Beijing from Sept. 4 to 6. Xinhua.

### [Xi to address key forum on China-Africa cooperation](#)

Diplomatic event showcases friendship, charts future course of relations. Chinese and African leaders will meet in Beijing in early September for the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) - the largest diplomatic event to be hosted by China in recent years with the highest attendance of foreign leaders. The event will showcase the sincere friendship and achievements from decades of China-Africa collaboration and set the new direction for future cooperation, said analysts from China and African countries, stressing that the gathering is also expected to set an example for Global South cooperation and contribute to global development and stability. Chinese President Xi Jinping will attend FOCAC's opening ceremony on September 5 and deliver a keynote speech. During the summit, President Xi will host a welcoming banquet and related bilateral events for the leaders of FOCAC's African members and representatives of related African regional organizations and international organizations invited to the summit, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying announced on Friday. Global Times.

### [China-Africa summit nears as Beijing seeks to bolster relations with Africa](#)

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong said on Friday that now is "the right time" to deepen cooperation between China and Africa, ahead of an upcoming China-Africa summit in Beijing next month. Chen told a press conference on Friday that China and Africa should use the meeting to sound a "strong voice" for the Global South in the reform of global governance. "Currently, a once-in-a-century change is accelerating and the world has entered a period of turbulence and transformation," said Chen. "China and African countries are both important members of the Global South, and Africa is experiencing a new awakening by actively promoting the process of unity, self-improvement, and integration," he added. Chinese President Xi Jinping will attend the opening of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) on September 5th, China's foreign ministry announced on Friday. Africa News.

### [African farmer reaps benefits of China's Juncao tech](#)

After completing his university studies in 2017, Nyambo Obed, who is from Rwanda, benefited from Chinese farming technology. While unemployed, he took a training course on agriculture featuring Juncao technology, which was organized by the China-United Nations Peace and Development Trust Fund. In five years, Obed became a farmer employing dozens of people and producing a wide range of products, including food, animal feed and fertilizer. "Juncao technology has not only changed my life, but has also made me a champion in my village, helping others out of poverty. Thanks to it, I am now able to support the livelihoods of dozens of families on my own," Obed told Fu Cong, China's permanent representative to the UN, when Fu visited his farm in Rwanda. Juncao technology is an agricultural invention using chopped grass as a substrate for growing edible and medicinal mushrooms. Invented in the 1980s by Lin Zhanxi from China's Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, the technology has benefited more than 100 countries, including Rwanda, according to Xinhua News Agency. China Daily.

### [Stable China-Africa ties support world's common good](#)

China and African nations have strong diplomatic and economic ties dating back generations. Today, officials on both sides say they are dedicated to promoting a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future. Willy Bett, the Kenyan ambassador to China, tells CGTN's Zhao Yunfei that China's philosophy of not leaving anybody behind complements Africa's development plans. Diao Chunhe, executive chairman of the Alliance of Chinese Business in Africa for Social Responsibilities, says the close ties are beneficial for global development. CGTN.

### [\(FOCAC\) Profile: Kenyan railroad engineer rides "fast track" of China-Africa cooperation](#)

When Jamlick Mwangi Kariuki came to China to study transportation seven years ago, his home country, Kenya, had only one narrow-gauge railroad, built nearly a century ago by the British. On the old railroad, it took about nine hours to reach Nairobi from Mombasa, said Kariuki, referring to the country's capital and major port city. In May 2017, a Chinese-built modern railway linking the two cities opened to traffic. The 480-km standard gauge railway (SGR) cuts rail travel time between the two cities by half, and is hailed as a flagship project and a successful example of China-Kenya Belt and Road cooperation. Just as the modern, efficient railway facilitates travel and promotes economic development for Kenya, Kariuki's own life has hit the fast track of development with the expansion of China-Africa cooperation. Xinhua.

### [China, Africa to embrace closer ties on people-to-people exchanges](#)

The sustainable advancement of China-Africa cooperation and people-to-people exchanges, especially through health and wellness, capacity building and cultural programs, is promoting mutual sharing and strengthening understanding and friendship between the two sides. "In 2021, the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the FOCAC (Forum on China–Africa Cooperation) was held successfully. At the opening ceremony, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that China and Africa had jointly prepared the China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035. Under the first three-year plan of this Vision, China will work closely with African countries to implement the nine programs," China's Assistant Minister of Commerce Tang Wenhong said. Tang made the remarks at a press conference on Tuesday, detailing the progress and achievements under the nine cooperation programs that China announced during FOCAC's Eighth Ministerial Conference in Senegal three years ago. CGTN.

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