



[Learning Through Lending: China-Africa Economic Engagement through FOCACs Past and Present](#)

As the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) approaches, it is warranted to look back at the trajectory of China-African economic engagement and assess its current state. For China, FOCAC, in its early years, provided a platform for assembling the ideological foundation of its growing ties with Africa while promoting policies that matched China's needs as a growing economy with opportunities in Africa. However, pledges and rhetoric at the last two FOCACs reflect the realization that Chinese and African needs and objectives do not reach perfect equilibrium without intervention and correction. Chinese and African officials have identified fundamental deficiencies in their previous modes of economic engagement, and actions taken in recent years exemplify the political will necessary to implement changes. China Global South Project.

[African talents flourish through China collaboration](#)

In 2023, Jamlick Mwangi Kariuki decided to return to China to continue his studies after earning a bachelor's degree at Beijing Jiaotong University in 2021. In the years between, Kariuki worked as an assistant engineer in his home country, Kenya. His responsibilities ranged from inspecting tracks on the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), a flagship project of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative, to planning, railroad management and operation. However, a hunger for more expertise and knowledge drove him back to the same university in Beijing, where he is currently enrolled in a master's degree in civil engineering. The 26-year-old Kenyan is just one of the more than 50,000 African students studying in China each year. China has become a preferred study destination for many young Africans, according to Hu Changchun, head of the Chinese mission to the African Union. CGTN.

[China and Africa deepen infrastructure cooperation](#)

Infrastructure is a cornerstone of China-Africa economic and trade collaboration. China supports Africa's focus on infrastructure development as a key strategy for economic revitalization and encourages Chinese companies to engage in Africa's infrastructure construction, investment and management through various models. The results of China-Africa cooperation in infrastructure have been impressive. Africa is now China's second-largest overseas contracting market. Chinese companies have signed over \$700 billion in contracts and generated more than \$400 billion in revenue, completing numerous landmark projects in transportation, energy and beyond. CGTN.

[China-Africa Cooperation: China-built railway integrates Ethiopia, Djibouti with global markets](#)

Since it was launched, the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway, coordinated by China, Ethiopia and Djibouti, has improved transportation and boosted the local economy under the Belt and Road Initiative. Our reporter Zheng Songwu visits Ethiopia's Addis Ababa to learn more about the changes on the ground. Dejen Gezu from Ethiopia was one of the earliest train engineers working on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway. It spans more than 750 kilometers, starting in Addis Ababa and ending in Djibouti City. ZHENG SONGWU Addis Ababa, Ethiopia "Hi,

how is everything? When is the departure time? Would you like to share us how you operate a train?" DEJEN GEZU Train Engineer, Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway "Good, around 11 o'clock, yes." In 2018, Dejen joined the China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation, or CCECC, one of the Chinese companies that helped to build and run the railway. He had the opportunity to visit the Zhengzhou Railway Vocational and Technical College in Central China's Henan Province. CGTN.

[Focus on China-Africa relations](#)

Business Day TV speaks to Standard Bank China economist Jeremy Stevens. Africa is rich in solar, wind and hydropower resources, and over the past 10 years China has made considerable investments in renewable energy projects across the continent. Standard Bank is of the view that co-operation on renewable energy could become a more compelling and mutually advantageous peg for maturing China-Africa relations. To unpack that in detail, Business Day TV spoke to Standard Bank China economist Jeremy Stevens. Business Live.

[BRI cooperation boosts 'Made in Africa'](#)

From Uganda to Egypt, and from Senegal to Nigeria, Chinese-operated industrial parks and zones are thriving across Africa, helping the continent better integrate into the global production chain and promote new African brands. Driven by the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China's involvement in African industry is also fostering the ecological and sustainable development of local manufacturing, thereby enhancing its competitiveness in the global market. As this fruitful cooperation continues, "Made in Africa" sees promising prospects. "MADE IN AFRICA" BOOMING. Hellen Mugala, 27, joins hundreds of her colleagues each morning to commute to the Sino-Uganda Mbale Industrial Park in the eastern district of Mbale, Uganda. "This industrial park has helped many local people. I've gained skills and earned a living," she said. The park, invested in and operated by the private Chinese company Tian Tang Group, has attracted more than 40 companies since its establishment in March 2018, creating over 5,000 local jobs. China Daily.

[China affirms commitment to Africa at FOCAC Summit](#)

In a speech at a press and think tank briefing, Ambassador Hu Changchun, the Head of Mission of China to the African Union, highlighted the critical role the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) has played over the past 24 years in strengthening the friendship and cooperation between China and Africa. Ambassador Hu emphasized that FOCAC has been focused on achieving common prosperity and sustainable development for China and Africa, adhering to the principles of extensive consultation, joint contribution, and shared benefits. He noted that FOCAC has become an important platform for collective dialogue and an effective mechanism for practical cooperation between the two sides. Citing a range of figures, Ambassador Hu outlined the tangible results of China-Africa cooperation under the FOCAC framework. Capital Newspaper Ethiopia.

[China-Namibia Relations: Official: Namibia looks forward to discussing potential hydrogen projects at China-Africa summit in Beijing](#)

China and Namibia have developed steady ties over the past three decades. These relations will come into focus during the Summit of the Forum on China and Africa Cooperation to be held in Beijing next month. CGTN reporter Cen Ziyuan interviewed Namibian Ambassador to China Elia Kaiyamo to find out how bilateral ties are moving forward. CEN ZIYUAN CGTN Reporter "You mentioned many of the high-level officials will be

coming, as well as some projects are being negotiated, maybe on the table. So what can we expect?" ELIA KAIYAMO Namibian Ambassador to China "To help the cooperation, whether is in the economy or tourism or investment. That is what will happen on the level of bilateral and also on what we want. China always helps us with what we want from the relationship. What I'm expecting is the relationship will improve. We expect the implementation to be harmonious in terms of a win-win situation. CGTN.

[Coffee with ambassadors – How do China and Ethiopia share common development?](#)

The Forum on China and Africa Cooperation is scheduled to be held in Beijing from September 4 to 6. It's the latest gathering after the one in Beijing in 2018. This year's forum is themed "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future." A series of activities will take place including the opening ceremony, a welcoming banquet, a gala performance, high-level meetings, and the Conference of Chinese and African Entrepreneurs. Bilateral meetings will also be held on the sidelines. Ahead of the event, CGTN is holding a series of roundtable discussions with officials from Africa as well as business leaders who have witnessed the development of the long-standing friendship between the two sides. This episode will focus on Ethiopia, the birthplace of coffee. CGTN.

[How Tanzania-China friendship midwifed 'Karibu Milele' film](#)

TO jog your memory, Michael Renov a professor of critical studies at the USC School of Cinema-Television in 1993, in his theorising about documentary forms made a distinction between four fundamental functions of documentary films: to record, reveal and preserve; to persuade or promote; to analyse and interrogate; and to express. In his school of thought, he had it that a documentary film is one of the greatest ways of helping people understand reality on the ground, because when one is able to see the people involved in such a film, it lends a certain immediacy and understanding that is hard to get on the page. That was also remarked by an American writer and journalist Lawrence Wright, emphasising that the visual medium of film has a profound impact on human connection and empathy. By showcasing real people and their stories through a documentary lens, viewers are able to witness the experiences, emotions and perspectives of individuals in a way that transcends written words on a page. Daily News.

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