



### [Astral Aviation taps China-Africa cargo business](#)

The route will have an onward connection from Nairobi to Maputo, the capital of the Republic of Mozambique. As a pivotal hub in southern China, Guangzhou serves as a vital gateway for Chinese goods, ranging from electronics to e-commerce. Nairobi-based Astral Aviation has launched freight services between Guangzhou (China) and Kenya, to tap into the growing trade between the two countries. The route will have an onward connection from Nairobi to Maputo, the capital of the Republic of Mozambique, marking a significant milestone in the airline's expansion into the Asian market. According to management, the new direct flight between China and the African continent reflects Astral Aviation's commitment to strengthening trade and logistics links between Asia and Africa. As a pivotal hub in southern China, Guangzhou serves as a vital gateway for Chinese goods, ranging from electronics to e-commerce, as the Asian country remains Kenya's biggest import source. The Star.

### [China-Africa summit call for action on climate, financial inclusion](#)

A summit bringing together experts in digital financial inclusion, renewable energy and sustainable investment has called for greater China-Africa cooperation to achieve climate goals. The China-Africa Digital Financial Inclusion Summit 2024 took place in Nairobi last week and focused on innovative solutions for climate change and economic empowerment. Finance Centre for South-South Cooperation Director General, Dr. Zhong Wu said leveraging digital inclusion is crucial for promoting sustainable investments. "How can finance address global threats in climate change? We can address this by leveraging digital inclusivity to promote sustainable investments in local communities that have largely been left out," said Wu. Chinese Academy of Financial Inclusion, President Dr. Duoguang Bei, called on stakeholders to tackle power supply challenges in remote areas by harnessing new energy solutions. The Standard.

### [Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Lin Jian's Regular Press Conference on August 27, 2024](#)

ARD German Television: Today Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with the German Social Democrat Parliamentary Group Leader Rolf Mützenich, who has talked about freezing the conflict in Ukraine in the past. Was the freezing of the conflict part of the discussions today? Lin Jian: I'm not familiar with that and would like to refer you to competent authorities. CCTV: Some African scholars recently noted that high-quality Belt and Road cooperation has played an important role in enhancing connectivity in African countries. There's still a large gap in infrastructure in Africa and Belt and Road cooperation between Africa and China will give a strong boost to sustainable development and economic growth in Africa as well as regional integration. What's your comment on that and how will Belt and Road cooperation promote connectivity in Africa? Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The People's Republic of China.

### [Ramaphosa, Akufo-Addo, Ruto... African leaders head to China for FOCAC](#)

Next month's Forum on China-Africa Cooperation is a hot ticket for African leaders, who hope to strengthen their economic ties with China. After a 2021 edition in Dakar, marked by the Covid-19 crisis, African heads of state, senior ministers and business leaders will be meeting in Beijing from 4 to 6 September for the ninth Forum for China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). The theme of this year's summit, which is held every three years alternately in China and Africa, is 'Joining forces to promote modernisation and build a high-level China-Africa community of shared future'. African presidents have responded to the invitation en masse. Ghana's President Akufo-Addo will be coming to FOCAC as president for the last time. Akufo-Addo commissioned a Chinese-built refinery in January and has been glowing in recent praise for the Chinese negotiator Lu Kun for his role in helping Ghana negotiate with official creditors, including China, in the latest debt deal. The Africa Report.

### [China-Africa cooperation boosts continent's green transition](#)

The green economy is a cornerstone of Africa's future development, and collaboration between China and Africa in this sector will play a crucial role in facilitating Africa's green transition, experts said. "Energy shortages have long been a challenge for Africa, and the continent is among the most vulnerable to climate change globally. As a result, Africa places significant emphasis on the development of renewable energy," said Zhang Chunyu, an associate researcher at the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. According to the African Union's Agenda 2063, the share of renewable energy in total energy production across the continent is expected to surpass 50 percent by 2063. Zhang pointed out that Africa's green development is still in its early stages and lacks the necessary funding and technical support. China Daily.

### [China-Africa cooperation opens up new path for Africa's poverty fight](#)

Over the years, China has worked diligently to help reduce poverty and hunger in Africa. The country has launched the Program for Strengthening China-Africa Cooperation on Poverty Reduction. With mechanisms like the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), Africa-China Poverty Reduction and Development Conference, and the China-Africa Youth Exchange Program on Poverty Reduction and Development, China has supported local governments, academics, enterprises, and youth and non-governmental organizations in both China and Africa in carrying out various forms of exchange and pragmatic cooperation to end poverty. China-Africa cooperation promotes agricultural development in Africa, bringing tangible benefits to local communities. Chinese crop varieties and agricultural technologies have been introduced and adapted in various nations across the continent. China.org.cn.

### [Nigeria's Tinubu to visit China seeking economic cooperation](#)

Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu will meet Chinese leader Xi Jinping during a visit to China next week to discuss cooperation on the economy, agriculture and satellite technology, a Nigerian government spokesperson said on Tuesday. Tinubu, who has set in motion deep reforms in Africa's largest economy, will be in Beijing along with other African leaders to attend the China-Africa Cooperation Summit. "This is going to be part of a broader engagement where the two heads of state will discuss matters of mutual interest across not just the economy, but also on issues of national, regional, and international security," the spokesperson, Ajuri Ngelale, said. Africa is a focus of China's flagship economic cooperation programme. Reuters.

### [Financing model in Africa bears fruit over 10 years](#)

It's no secret that 2024 is a pivotal year for China-Africa relations, with the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation just days away. However, the FOCAC isn't the only significant milestone of 2024 — as the Africa Growing Together Fund, a joint effort of the African Development Bank and the People's Bank of China, turns 10 years old this year. Created in 2014, the AGTF, a \$2 billion cofinancing fund that finances sovereign and nonsovereign projects in Africa, became the cornerstone of AfDB's engagement with China, which dates back to 1985. Spanning a 10-year investment period that ends in November this year, the AGTF is a symbolic multilateral approach that is a welcome departure from China's usual practice of bilateral agreements on the African continent. So, what exactly has the AGTF achieved over the last decade? According to the most recent figures available online, there are currently 41 ongoing projects and six approved projects with Nigeria, Tanzania, and Egypt being the biggest recipients of funding and transportation, water supply, agriculture and rural development sectors benefiting the most. China Daily.

### [China-Africa Cooperation: Tanzanian speaker foresees focus on infrastructure and technology at upcoming FOCAC summit](#)

Beijing is set to host the 2024 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Summit from September 4 to 6. Ahead of the event, Tanzanian National Assembly Speaker Tulia Ackson shared her concerns and expectations in an interview with CGTN reporter Feng Yilei. FENG YILEI CGTN Reporter "Do you see the upcoming Forum on China-Africa Cooperation an opportunity to carry out deeper collaboration? What would be the main focus during the discussions?" TULIA ACKSON President, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Speaker, National Assembly of Tanzania "Most of the African countries, the challenges that they are going through are more or less are similar. I would think they'll be talking about infrastructural development and seeing how far China has gone in this area. They might want to learn one thing or two, and then see how China can offer its services to those countries. CGTN.

### [Sudan's Burhan to meet China's Xi, African leaders at Beijing summit](#)

Sudan's military leader Abdel Fattah al-Burhan will hold talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping and several African leaders next week during a summit in Beijing, Sudan's acting foreign minister said on Tuesday. Burhan will attend the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit scheduled for Sept. 2-6, Hussein Ali Awad told reporters. "Burhan is set to have discussions with the Chinese president on the sidelines of the summit and will also meet a number of African leaders," Awad said. He added that Burhan's presence at the summit offered a chance to address Sudan's issues with Beijing and to stress the importance of China's role in post-conflict Sudan, given the strong ties between the two countries. The FOCAC summit will also provide a platform for discussing issues important to Sudan with other participating leaders, Awad said. Sudan Tribune.

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