



[China's agenda at FOCAC: Climate, connectivity, and coalitions](#)

While some might believe that China's engagement with Africa is primarily driven by a desire for the continent's natural resources, in reality, the relationship is multifaceted. Africa's 54 votes at the UN, its substantial youth demographic, and the way that Africa-China cooperation enhances China's narrative that it is building a global community of developing countries highlight why China remains committed to Africa. As China navigates increasing global pressure, particularly from the US and its allies, this relationship has become even more critical. The upcoming 2024 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing will be a defining moment for both sides, shaping the trajectory of this vital partnership. The Africa Report.

[China-Africa economic relations set to deepen](#)

Conference will bring entrepreneurs, business leaders on both sides closer. Chinese and African business leaders will gather in Beijing next week to explore new avenues for deepening China-Africa industrial cooperation, paving the way for African countries to accelerate their integration into global industry and supply chains, said China's top foreign trade and investment promotion agency on Friday. Speaking at a monthly news conference in Beijing, Wang Linjie, a spokeswoman for the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, said that the eighth Conference of Chinese and African Entrepreneurs will be held in Beijing on Sept 6. By the end of Thursday, representatives from 408 companies, business associations and other institutions across 48 African countries had registered to attend the meeting, according to information released by the CCPIT. China Daily.

[Combining quality and innovation, China helps fuel Africa's industrialization](#)

The history of modern economic development reveals that industrialization is essential for achieving modernization. As partners in this regard, China and Africa possess complementary advantages and substantial potential for industrial cooperation. From infrastructure projects, industrial parks to talent grooming programs, China-Africa cooperation is moving to a higher gear featuring quality and innovation. These projects funded or undertaken by China in Africa are not only bolstering industrial capacity but also creating jobs and fueling local economies, marking a significant shift across the continent. In Cameroon's South Region, the second phase of the Kribi Deep Seaport, built by the China Harbor Engineering Company (CHEC), is in full swing with nearly a thousand workers on site. People's Daily Online.

["Tickets" Witness China-Africa Friendship](#)

"To get rich, build roads first." The popular Chinese proverb rings true in Africa. Drawing on its own development experience, China has been dedicated to working with Africa to build transport facilities crucial for economic development. Launched on May 31, 2017, constructed by the China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC), the Mombasa – Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), linking Kenya's port city of Mombasa to the capital of Nairobi, has been at the heart of the country's socio – economic transformation. The 120km Nairobi

—Naivasha railway is an extension of the Mombasa—Nairobi SGR. Being the first modern railway to be built in Kenya in about 100 years, SGR is a flagship project under the Belt and Road Initiative and is Kenya ' s largest infrastructure project since its independence in 1963. Xinhua Daily Media Group.

[Why is Africa so close to China?](#)

China and Africa used to seem so far away from each other. As the British poet W. H. Auden once wrote, "I'll love you, dear, I'll love you till China and Africa meet." However, Africa and China have established an exceptionally close and friendly relationship a long time ago. This September, the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) will be once again held in Beijing. According to announcements from Beijing and Africa, dozens of African leaders are expected to travel thousands of miles against all odds for the gathering, which will undoubtedly underpin Beijing's recent statement that the China-Africa relationship is "in its prime in history". Why are China and Africa so close, though geographically far apart? It baffles the Western world, which always views Africa as its own sphere of influence. China Daily.

[China-Africa cooperation in the eyes of African scholars](#)

As Beijing is set to host the 2024 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation from September 4 to 6, hundreds of diplomats, scholars and business people have gathered in China, working on expanding cooperation with Chinese partners. At the launching ceremony of the Report on China's Investment in Africa held by the China-Africa Business Council last week, experts from Africa explained to CGTN reporter Li Jingjing why cooperation with China is important and how it is different from other partners. CGTN.

[UNICEF Representative to China: China-Africa cooperation benefits children](#)

South-South cooperation is a powerful tool in supporting children's health, education and protection, Amakobe Sande, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Representative to China, told China News Service in an interview. Projects that China has undertaken with UNICEF in Africa show what can be achieved through South-South cooperation, which brings tangible benefits to children. According to Sande, Africa has made significant strides in recent decades on child survival and development. However, due to a polycrisis that is characterized by climate change, regional conflict, and the COVID-19 pandemic, many urgent needs for children are yet to be met, including providing health services, addressing malnutrition, ensuring access to safe water and sanitation, and tackling the learning crisis. Ecns.cn.

[Avocados and honey imports a sign of China's growing agricultural engagement with Africa](#)

Agricultural cooperation will be high on the agenda when Beijing hosts the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Summit next week. South Africa is preparing to ship its first avocados to China and Tanzania has won a deal to export honey there as agriculture becomes a new focus of China-Africa engagement. The deals come as Beijing prepares to host the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Summit next week, with agricultural cooperation expected to be high on the agenda. Apart from avocados, China's food imports from Africa now include soybeans, pineapples, chillies, cashew nuts, sesame seeds and spices. The September 4-6 FOCAC Summit is expected to see African countries seek duty-free access to China for their products. In Beijing on Friday, Chinese foreign vice-minister Chen Xiaodong confirmed that "agricultural modernisation" would be part of the summit's four high-level meetings. South China Morning Post.

[China, Africa set to embrace closer economic, trade ties at FOCAC](#)

Located 95 kilometers southeast of Addis Ababa, in the heart of the East African Rift, the Adama Wind Power Project stands tall with its impressive 80-meter-high white turbines. The project, built by Chinese companies, is a landmark in the partnership between China and African countries. Since they started operating in May 2015, the wind turbines have been a vital source of power for about 600,000 households. They have helped ease Ethiopia's power shortages, reduced the need for diesel generators and supported economic growth. Around 2,100 local jobs were created and several universities are involved in training and maintenance. This hands-on experience has prepared many for future roles in Ethiopia's wind energy sector. CGTN.

[I want to share two Chinese features with my people: South African Ambassador to China](#)

“Chinese culture, and Chinese people’s hard work are the two features that I want to share with South Africans,” said Siyabonga Cwele, the South African Ambassador to China, in an exclusive interview with China News Service in Beijing. Cwele has served as the Ambassador to China for more than three years and visited Zhejiang, Hubei, Hunan, Guizhou provinces, as well as Chongqing Municipality, etc. In his view, the bilateral relations between South Africa and China are continuously developing, with frequent exchanges and mutually beneficial cooperation maintained at a high level. "China maintains very good relations with African countries, including South Africa," said Cwele. He believes mutual respect is the key feature of China-South Africa relations, from which people of both sides can benefit. The two sides are working together to advance a fairer and inclusive global governance, he said, making it a model for South-South cooperation. Ecns.cn.

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