



[Ruto jets out to Beijing for the China-Africa Summit](#)

FOCAC is an official forum between China and all states in Africa with the exception of the Kingdom of Eswatini. The trip will mark Ruto's first trip overseas since the country was hit by a wave of protests by the Gen Zs. President William Ruto is set to fly out to Beijing on Sunday evening for China for the ninth Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). Ruto is among other heads of state who will attend the high-level summit that will focus on improving the China-Africa partnership. The summit will take place in Beijing from September 4-6, 2024. FOCAC is an official forum between China and all states in Africa with the exception of the Kingdom of Eswatini. It is the primary multilateral coordination mechanism between African countries and China, and since 2018, it has been viewed by those countries as a cooperation platform within the Belt and Road Initiative. The Star.

[African leaders in Beijing eyeing big loans and investment](#)

African leaders descend on China's capital this week, seeking funds for big-ticket infrastructure projects as they eye mounting great power competition over resources and influence on the continent. China has expanded ties with African nations in the past decade, furnishing them with billions in loans that have helped build infrastructure but also sometimes stoked controversy by saddling countries with huge debts. China has sent hundreds of thousands of workers to Africa to build its megaprojects, while tapping the continent's vast natural resources, including copper, gold, lithium and rare earth minerals. Beijing has said this week's China-Africa forum will be its largest diplomatic event since the COVID-19 pandemic, with leaders of South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya and other nations confirmed to attend and dozens of delegations expected. Voice Of America.

[African heads of state head to Beijing for China-Africa cooperation summit](#)

African heads of state have begun arriving in the Chinese capital, Beijing, ahead of the 2024 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit which gets underway on Wednesday. This ninth gathering is expected to provide a framework for navigating China's evolving strategic partnership with the continent in the post-Covid era. It is taking place at a time of rising geopolitical tension that will see Beijing prioritise its position in relation to other world powers. Climate and energy are expected to be among the key topics for negotiation between Chinese and African stakeholders. Discussions will also focus on digital and technology cooperation in a bid to close Africa's digital divide. In the past, FOCAC has yielded notable financial commitments for projects spanning infrastructure, agriculture, and manufacturing. Africa News.

[China-Africa cooperation to foster common development](#)

Several national leaders of African countries have arrived in Beijing to attend the upcoming 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) which will be held in Beijing from Wednesday to Friday, as analysts from both China and Africa said the event will inject much needed new impetus into global economic

recovery and set an example for South-South cooperation. According to the Xinhua News Agency, from Saturday night to Sunday, leaders including Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema, South Sudanese President Salva Kiir, Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki, Nigerian President Bola Tinubu, President of the Comoros Azali Assoumani, and Mali's transitional president Assimi Goita, have already arrived in Beijing to attend FOCAC. Global Times.

[FOCAC 2024: A Defining Summit For The Future Of China-Africa Relations](#)

At the 2024 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit in Beijing from September 4 to 6, the world will witness a renewed commitment between China and African nations—a partnership that has evolved and significantly shaped the continent's future. This summit is not just a routine diplomatic event but a pivotal moment that will influence Africa's global engagement. China's approach to Africa stands out globally. Unlike Western powers that often impose political conditions and interfere in domestic affairs, China follows a “five-no” policy: no interference in domestic affairs, no imposition of will, no political conditions, and no pursuit of selfish gains. This resonates with African nations eager to develop independently and has fostered a bond of trust grounded in shared historical experiences and mutual respect. Capital Digital Media.

[FOCAC and the Africa Plus One Summit: Where to Next?](#)

2024's Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) takes place against the backdrop of two significant trends. First, the role of the Global South, and debate over whether China should be considered a part of it, has become a more prominent question amidst escalating U.S.-China tensions and an increasingly pronounced North-South split around issues like the conflict in Gaza. Second, the continent is becoming increasingly cynical about so-called “Africa Plus One” summits. FOCAC wasn't the first of these summits. France arguably coined the concept, and Japan's Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), in many ways, set the template for FOCAC. However, unlike its predecessors, FOCAC was not framed through a traditional lens of aid. Instead, it quickly evolved to operate at a higher level, with successive funding commitments and an expanding scope to respond to African demands. China Global South Project.

[5 key Chinese 'Belt and Road' projects underway in Africa](#)

China has vowed to beef up its vast Belt and Road global infrastructure initiative, promising "high-quality cooperation" ahead of a summit with African leaders in Beijing starting Wednesday. Africa is already a key Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) region, with Chinese companies signing contracts there worth more than \$700 billion between 2013 and 2023, according to Beijing's commerce ministry. However, China's investment in the continent has been slammed by critics who accuse the BRI of saddling countries with exorbitant debt or funding projects that damage the environment. AFP looks at five key BRI projects in Africa. Kenya's Standard Gauge Railway — built with financing from Exim Bank of China — connects the capital Nairobi with the port city of Mombasa. It has cut journey times from 10 hours to four since opening in 2017. Voice Of America.

[Ruto, Raila to attend Africa meeting in China](#)

Over the last two decades, China has changed the face of Kenya's infrastructure with notable achievements such as the Thika Super Highway and the Nairobi Expressway. China has also invested in the modernization of Kenya's ports, construction of dams and digital connectivity. President William Ruto and opposition chief Raila Odinga are set to attend a crucial meeting bringing together African heads of states in China. The President made the

revelation during a church service in Bungoma on Sunday. “Later today, I will be travelling out of the country,” Ruto said. Elkanah Odembo, co-chair of Raila’s African Union Commission chairmanship campaign secretariat, also confirmed the statesman's attendance. The Star.

[China and Africa will chart a path to shared future](#)

The 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation will be held in Beijing from Wednesday to Friday. It is expected to chart a path for high-quality China-Africa cooperation in the next three years and beyond. Over the 24 years since the establishment of the FOCAC, particularly in the new era, the forum has always adhered to the principles of planning together, building together and benefiting together, with the two sides advancing their mutually beneficial cooperation toward higher-quality development. The strategic coordination between China and Africa is advancing to deeper levels, and the Belt and Road Initiative and the Global Development Initiative have been synergized with the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the development strategies of African countries. China Daily.

[Bilateral Ties: China, Nigeria Collaborate on Fashion Show](#)

The best of both Nigerian and Chinese fashion were exhibited at a fashion show co-organized by the Chinese Embassy. The best of both Nigerian and Chinese fashion were exhibited at a fashion show co-organized by the Chinese Embassy, the China Cultural Center, and the China Chamber of Commerce in Nigeria as both Nigeria and China continue to cement bilateral ties. Featured at the 2024 China-Nigeria Fashion Show held in Abuja were three chapters: Flower Rain along the Silk Road, Harmony Across Sea and Sky, and Walking Together on the Great Road. The fashion show vividly displayed the splendid attire of China and Nigeria, embodying a spirit of win-win cooperation. The event was which was held at the weekend was hailed as a success by attendees as it offered a unique opportunity to witness the deepening relationship between China and Nigeria through the universal language of fashion. Arise News.

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