



[At FOCAC, China Renewed Commitments to Africa. Here's What Needs to Happen Next.](#)

The Forum on China Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), China's triennial conference with Africa, has been the primary mechanism for bilateral engagement across economics, health, peace and security, education, and culture since its inaugural session in 2000. Each summit is an opportunity for China to outline its Africa programs for the succeeding three years, including the announcement of a renminbi-denominated resource package that would accompany each program. While the size of the package announced at last week's summit will get significant media coverage over the coming months, including comparisons with the one announced at the US-Africa Leaders' Summit, it is important to highlight structural limitations in translating those lending targets into actual projects. To partially address these constraints, this post proposes expanding the Africa Growing Together Fund at the African Development Bank and embracing a wider slate of participants to enable continued and sustainable lending from China to African projects. Center for Global Development.

[China-Africa Cooperation Summit: Key Takeaways and Future Prospects](#)

At the recent Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing, China reaffirmed its commitment to Africa by pledging 360 billion yuan (\$50.7 billion) in credit lines and investments over the next three years. This substantial package, while significant, marks a notable reduction from previous commitments, reflecting a shift in China's approach to Africa amidst its own domestic economic challenges and the growing debt risks in African nations. In contrast to the large-scale infrastructure projects traditionally associated with China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the new funds will now focus on 30 targeted infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing trade links between China and Africa. However, specific details about these projects remain limited, and there is growing concern among African nations that debt relief was not more substantially addressed during the summit. China, Africa's largest bilateral lender, has adjusted its strategy in light of current global economic dynamics. Africa News.

[What Does the Emerging China-Africa Minerals Consensus Mean for U.S. Initiatives?](#)

The recently concluded Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) provided a revealing glimpse into the current state of the Africa-China relationship. On the one hand, the official imagery and language of the summit emphasized constancy — a vision of a stable South-South relationship stretching from the past into the future. On the other hand, the summit also projected a relationship that is being reshaped for a new decade. Data released shortly before the summit showed that Chinese project financing in Africa is creeping back up after several years of decline due to elevated debt levels and China's zero-COVID shutdown. At the October 2023 Belt and Road Forum, Beijing debuted a new emphasis on contained project timelines and budgets and a strong focus on green energy, data connectivity and a larger role for the Chinese private sector. The United States Institute of Peace.

China-Africa Cooperation: Chinese and African leaders share their prospects for future cooperation

The recently concluded Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Summit raised China-Africa friendship to a new level, with Chinese and African leaders agreeing to a new blueprint for high-level cooperation in the new era. Many government officials from China and Africa shared their prospects for future cooperation between the two sides. HUBERT SHIJA MASSANJA Director, Office of the Vice President of Tanzania "Changes are occurring because they create employment opportunities, particularly for the youth. The youth population is significant, making up about one-third of the total population. For example, in Tanzania, we have seen many young people employed by Chinese companies." YUN ZONGGUO General Manager of International Business Department, China International Economic Consultants "We are making every effort to participate in and contribute to the Belt and Road Initiative. CGTN.

China commits to Tanzania-Zambia rail revamp

China, Tanzania and Zambia have struck a deal for the upgrading of the ageing Tanzania-Zambia railway line. Officials from the three countries signed an initial memorandum of understanding for the upgrading of the rail network, on the sidelines of the China-Africa Summit in Beijing last week. Chinese President Xi Jinping, Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan and Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema were present to witness the signing of the agreement, which calls for the revitalisation of the railway from the port of Dar es Salaam to Zambia's copperbelt in Kapiri-Mposhi. Construction of the existing 1 858 km single-track Tanzania-Zambia railway was completed by China in 1976 but decades of under-investment have led to the line remaining poorly maintained, significantly reducing its operational efficiency. Freight News.

China will further work together with Tanzania as partner on the path of modernization: envoy

This year marks the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Tanzania. Their economic and trade ties have flourished, with major investments boosting local industrialization and job creation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), aligning with Tanzania's Development Vision 2025. Following the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania Chen Mingjian (Chen) talked to the Global Times (GT) reporter Yin Yeping in an interview, sharing insight into the strengthening of China-Tanzania relations and the prospect for future cooperation. As China and Tanzania celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations this year, how do you assess the bilateral achievements so far, and what are your expectations for future relations? Global Times.

China calls for more efforts toward political solution in Sudan

The UN Security Council (UNSC) should channel more of its energies into pushing the parties toward dialogue and engagement in search of a political solution, while helping Sudan build up its humanitarian response capacity to stop the humanitarian crisis from worsening even further, Dai Bing, China's deputy permanent representative to the UN, said at a UN meeting on Wednesday. Dai's remarks were part of his explanation of vote on the UNSC draft resolution on sanctions against Sudan. Over one and a half years of conflicts, with no sign of de-escalation in sight, the worsening humanitarian situation on the ground has put millions of innocent Sudanese civilians in the face of multiple challenges, including war, natural disasters, and diseases, said Dai. In this context, the renewal of the sanction measures will go some way toward stemming the steady flow of illicit arms into the battlefield and calming down and de-escalating the situation. Global Times.

[Morocco Overtakes China as Leading Automotive Supplier to European Union](#)

This growth is largely driven by the country's focus on higher-value production and strategic investments in its automotive sector. Morocco has recently surpassed China to become the European Union's top automotive trading partner, marking a significant development in the country's industrial growth. With automotive exports to the EU valued at €15.1 billion in 2023, Morocco edged out China, whose exports reached €13.6 billion. Though China remains the leader in terms of the number of vehicles exported to Europe—shipping 782,000 vehicles compared to Morocco's 536,000—the North African country's achievement highlights its growing influence in the European market. This growth is largely driven by the country's focus on higher-value production and strategic investments in its automotive sector. Central to Morocco's rise are its industrial hubs in Tangier and Kenitra, where state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities have attracted significant international partnerships. Morocco World News.

[Mali's Colonel Assimi Goïta reflects on visit to China](#)

Colonel Goïta noted, "Currently, China and Mali enjoy fraternal ties that have lasted for over 60 years," emphasizing that these relations span several sectors, including defense and security, education, agriculture, and energy. A significant outcome of the visit was the announcement that Mali and China would elevate their relationship to a strategic partnership. "At the request of President Xi Jinping, we have decided to enhance our partnership to a strategic level," the head of Mali's transition stated. This development underscores the importance of Sino-Malian cooperation and will be formalized during an upcoming state visit. In addition to the strategic partnership, Colonel Goïta highlighted several tangible projects, including the recommencement of construction on the new National Assembly and a diabetes center. "Both projects have been accepted," he said, noting that further initiatives, such as financing for Safodi, are also underway. APA News.

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