



[Kenya Hosts Seminar To Review Achievements Of China-Africa Cooperation](#)

A seminar was held Friday in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital to assess milestones achieved since the inception of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) more than two decades ago. Senior policymakers, diplomats, scholars and students attended the half-day seminar, themed “Strengthening Sino-African Relations: Reflections on Two Decades of FOCAC.” The seminar was organized by the Africa Center for the Study of China, domiciled at the University of Nairobi, Kenya’s oldest university. Martin Owuor, assistant director of the Asia and Pacific Directorate in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said that under the FOCAC, Kenya has gained immensely from bilateral ties with China.”Kenya and China have enjoyed warm, cordial relations over six decades,” Owuor said. Capital Digital Media.

[African scholars hail FOCAC achievements](#)

As the dust settles after the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, university scholars have hailed the platform for its transformative role in economic, political, and social development over the last two decades. In a seminar held on Friday in Kenya's capital Nairobi, co-organized by the Department of Diplomacy and International Studies at the University of Nairobi and the Africa Center for the Study of China, scholars said the platform has helped bridge the gap between the Global South and the major world economies. Jack Odhiambo, the dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Nairobi, said the tangible results of the partnership are visible across Africa, ranging from the roads, bridges, healthcare and education projects, to the capacity-building programs. China Daily.

[Opinion | Why China is succeeding in Africa where the US is failing](#)

China started building infrastructure in Africa decades ago, long before its Belt and Road Initiative could inspire Western jealousy. This month, Beijing played host to the heads of state from 53 of the 54 African countries at the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation summit. It was a spectacular diplomatic show that might have made Western governments and media outlets feel jealous and bitter, leading some to harp on about debt traps. Others see the event as a victory for China’s grand strategy to gain influence on the global stage. Africa has been an integral component of China’s grand strategy. It is a crucial geopolitical link in China’s Belt and Road Initiative. African countries can provide vital support for China in international affairs as a voting bloc in the United Nations and other international organisations. South China Morning Post.

[China Commits \\$51 Billion in New Investments to Africa, Aiming to Create One Million Jobs](#)

President Xi Jinping announced a commitment to enhance China’s support for debt-stricken Africa, pledging nearly \$51 billion in funding over the next three years, alongside support for additional infrastructure projects and the creation of at least 1 million jobs. Speaking to delegates from over 50 African nations gathered in Beijing for the triannual Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Summit, Xi expressed China’s readiness to bolster cooperation

in industry, agriculture, infrastructure, trade, and investment. “China and Africa account for one-third of the world population. Without our modernization, there will be no global modernization,” Xi stated. As the world’s largest bilateral lender, China committed to executing three times as many infrastructure projects across resource-rich Africa, despite Xi’s expressed preference for “small and beautiful” initiatives centered around the sale of advanced and green technologies, where Chinese firms have heavily invested. Tech in Africa.

[China Renews Commitments To Promote People To People Relationship With Nigeria](#)

The China General Chamber of Commerce in Nigeria and the China Cultural Center has renewed commitments to promote and strengthen people to people relationship between China and Nigeria. The renewed commitments was done through the distribution of electronic devices,, dining vouchers, health products among others to Nigerians and Chinese who participated at the commemoration of the 2024 Mid-Autumn Festival, in Abuja, Nigeria’s capital. The festival is often celebrated annually on the 15th day of the eighth month of the Chinese lunar calendar, usually in September or October, when the moon is very full and the size is bigger. Speaking , the Cultural Counsellor, at the Chinese Embassy in Nigeria, Li Xuda, explained that the festival represents the harvest season and the idea that hard work leads to a fruitful result. Voice Of Nigeria.

[Nigeria, China relations, game changer for regional security — Expert](#)

The recent elevation of Nigeria-China relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) has been hailed as a significant development with far-reaching implications for regional security, economic growth, cultural exchange, and global governance. Speaking at the 2024 Mid-Autumn Festival Salon Dinner, organised by the China General Chamber of Commerce in Nigeria in collaboration with the China Cultural Center in Abuja, Dr. Olakekan Batatunde, Research Fellow at the Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution in Abuja, said the CSP between Nigeria and China is a strategic move that will bolster regional security and stability. He noted that China’s support in areas such as counter-insurgency, counter-terrorism, and maritime security will be crucial in addressing Nigeria’s security challenges. Tribune Online.

[Ethiopia, China Vow to Enhance Military Cooperation](#)

Top Ethiopian and Chinese military officers pledged to further enhance military cooperation on Sunday. Ethiopia’s high-level military delegation led by Chief of General Staff of Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF), Field Marshal Birhanu Jula is participating in the 11th Beijing Xiangshan Forum. The 11th Beijing Xiangshan Forum is being held from with unprecedented participation from over 100 countries and organizations under the theme: "Promoting Peace for a Shared Future." And this year's event features critical discussions on global security, regional stability, and innovative technologies in defense, it was learned. On the sidelines of the forum, Field Marshal Birhanu held talks with General Liu Zhenli, a member of China's Central Military Commission (CMC) and Chief of staff of the CMC Joint Staff Department. Ethiopian News Agency.

[\(China Economic Roundtable\) China Focus: Raising retirement age a proactive response to population aging](#)

China’s move to raise its statutory retirement age is a proactive and effective measure tackling the challenge of population aging, according to guest speakers at the China Economic Roundtable, an all-media talk platform hosted by Xinhua News Agency. According to a decision adopted by Chinese lawmakers on Friday, the statutory

retirement age will be gradually raised from 60 to 63 for men over the course of 15 years from 2025, from 55 to 58 for women working as cadres, and from 50 to 55 for women who are blue-collar workers. China's current statutory retirement age was set in the 1950s and has remained unchanged for more than seven decades. Over the years, profound changes have been seen in the country's average life expectancy, health conditions, demographic structure, education level, and relationship between labor supply and demand, Qi Tao, an official of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security, said at the roundtable. Daily News Egypt.

[One-China Policy: Chinese ambassador Wu Peng salutes South Africa for championing China unification](#)

Ambassador of the People's Republic of South Africa, Wu Peng has commended the South African government for championing the One-China Policy which was reiterated by President Cyril Ramaphosa during his recent two-legged trip to Beijing. IOL reported earlier this month that during his Beijing tour, Ramaphosa repeatedly emphasized that the Government of National Unity formed after the May 29 general elections does not "dilute" Pretoria's long-held position which asserts that there is only one sovereign State under the name China, with the People's Republic of China's serving as the sole legitimate government of that China, and Taiwan as an inalienable part of China. Ramaphosa invited several high-ranking Cabinet ministers on his Beijing tour, including Agriculture Minister John Steenhuisen who is also leader of the Democratic Alliance, to accompany him on the State Visit to China, and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit. Independent Online and affiliated companies.

[Sudan army chief Burhan seeks political legitimacy on the back of damaging war](#)

Sudan's military leader Abdel Fattah al-Burhan is seeing September, again, as a lucky month to market himself to the global audience as the legitimate leader of his country. It comes even as the ongoing war churns out a king-size humanitarian crisis. Last week, Burhan travelled to Beijing where he met with President Xi Jinping. The occasion was the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (Focac) where dozens of African leaders including Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and Kenya's President William Ruto gathered. But it was a personal triumph for a man who was forced to relocate from the country's capital Khartoum to Port Sudan, from where he has tried to defend his fort. In Beijing, discussions with Xi didn't amount to much but a photo of him and China's assurances on Sudan sovereignty were significant. China is ready to work with Sudan to promote the steady development of their strategic partnership, Xi said, according to an official dispatch from Beijing. Xi said China supports Sudan in "safeguarding national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, and hopes Sudan will restore peace and stability at an early date." The East African.

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