



### [China, how about you just teach our leaders how to make \\$51bn?](#)

The wise saying "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime" is universally attributed to ancient Chinese wisdom. You would therefore expect those who go to China with interest in development to seek knowledge and skills rather than money. And there can be no doubt that all the conference papers, concept documents and important speeches at last week's China – Africa summit were prepared by experts, using the latest data and state of the art technologies. Therefore, the figure of \$51 billion being offered by China to Africa must be informed by serious concept designs, scrutiny and analysis, and China's offers in funding and tariff-free imports from Africa must be intended to improve the continent's economic situation. One then is left wondering what it is that Beijing is infusing in this modern day Marshall Plan that other development partners have been missing all along, if it is to make a difference. The East African.

### [As China pledges billions to Africa, the U.S. must prioritize the continent](#)

During the China-Africa Summit earlier this month, President Xi Jinping announced that China will ramp up investment in Africa, with a pledge of approximately \$51 billion over the course of three years. Finances will cross several sectors, including trade, investment, and security, with funding for over 30 infrastructure, clean energy, and nuclear technology projects. Nations throughout Africa continue to experience a surge in debt obligations to China, which are laden with terms and conditions that are highly disadvantageous to the borrowers. As of September 2024, Africa's debt to China is approximately \$90 billion. Chinese financing has reached unsustainable levels across the continent and yet, the total amount continues to increase. According to United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, the lack of opportunity for debt relief and scarce resources on the continent risk increasing levels of social unrest and instability. George W. Bush Presidential Center.

### [Trips to Africa gain increasing popularity among Chinese tourists.](#)

By virtue of its unique natural landscapes, cultural charm, and diverse tourism experiences, Africa has become a hot tourist destination for Chinese tourists. In recent years, there has been a continuous increase in the number of Chinese tourists visiting the continent. Data from Chinese online travel service platform Ctrip show that from February to August this year, the number of Chinese tourists traveling to Africa has increased by about 1.2 times compared to the same period last year. Statistics from Fliggy, another major online travel service platform in China, indicate that the booking volume for flights to Africa this year has nearly doubled compared to the same period last year, with flights to Egypt and Kenya experiencing the fastest growth rates of 236 percent and 167 percent, respectively. An executive from Chinese online travel agency LY.com said that the average number of tourists traveling to Egypt per month between January and August this year increased by 200 percent compared to the same period last year. Kenya Association of Travel Agents.

### [IMF official: China-Africa cooperation contributes to Africa's modernization drive](#)

The 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation was held in Beijing from Sept. 4 to 6. In a written interview with People's Daily Online, Steven Alan Barnett, IMF's senior resident representative in China, lauded the fruitful results of China-Africa trade cooperation and said that China's development experience will be conducive to Africa's high-quality development. China is the largest investor in Africa among developing countries and has been the continent's leading trade partner for 15 successive years. According to statistics from the General Administration of Customs, from 2000 to 2023, trade between China and Africa skyrocketed from less than 100 billion yuan (\$14.05 billion) to 1.98 trillion yuan, registering a 17.2 percent annual increase on average, exceeding the 4.6 percent annual average growth of China's trade in goods in the same period. China has become an increasingly important partner in Africa's development over the last few decades. The strong economic and financial ties that have developed between Africa and China over the last decades will foster the continent's further development in the period ahead, said Barnett. People's Daily Online.

### [As Africa Returns From China: One Does Not Equal 54!](#)

The sight of Africa's leaders jetting to China en masse got the executive director of Africa No Filter thinking about economic leverage, optics, strategy and lessons learned from a well-endowed friend. I have a friend who, for her privacy, we will call Imani. When we were in our 20s, everyone wanted to date Imani. She was attractive, intelligent and had a great personality. Imani enjoyed the attention but was also very strategic about it; her rent was paid, she went on trips and had an extensive wardrobe of designer clothes, shoes and bags. Without judging her morals, she knew her value and used it to get what she wanted, on her terms and in her backyard. Imani, in her heyday, reminds me of Africa today. So many countries are courting us in so many ways because of what we have to offer, but we haven't managed to close a deal that gets us what we want – economic freedom. This is the latest example of this courtship ritual played out publicly and elaborately in China. Newscentral Television All rights reserved.

### [China makes its move in Africa. Should the West be worried?](#)

The ninth forum on China-Africa Co-operation (FOCAC) and the FOCAC summit held in Beijing on September 4-6 marked a significant phase in Africa's relations with its global partners in the post-Covid era. China is the last major partner to hold a summit with African nations following the end of the pandemic; Africa summits were held by the EU and the US in 2022, and by Russia in 2023. The pandemic, coupled with rising global tensions, macroeconomic shifts, and a series of crises, underlined Africa's growing role in the global economy and politics – something that China, which has undergone major changes (both internal and external) as a result of the pandemic, and of which it is well aware. It is clear that the relationship between China and Africa is entering a new phase. China is no longer just a preferential economic partner for Africa, as it had been in the first two decades of the 21st century. It has become a key political and military ally for many African countries. The African.

### [China's J-10C, India's LCA Tejas 'Lock Missiles' For Egypt Deal; Report Says Cairo Keen To Explore IAF Fighters](#)

J-10C was one of the star attractions at the international air show in Egypt earlier in September. Following the show, reports spiraled that Egypt had finalized or was looking to finalize J-10s for its force. Images of the Chinese-manufactured Y-20 transporter trailed by six J-10 jets flying over Egypt's Giza pyramids in formation last

week drew global attention, demonstrating distance and performance capabilities in the 10,000-kilometer flight from China to Egypt. Pakistan was the first buyer of the J-10s, which were considered to be more advanced than the JF-17s. A high-level Egyptian delegation visited the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) facilities. By mid-September, the delegation will be in India and learn about Tejas, which will be equipped with Indian weapons in the future. Talks have been ongoing for a year. Cairo could opt for LCA Mk1A, the latest iteration of India's indigenous fighter jet. Egypt is considering procuring about 18 Tejas Mk1A aircraft from India. If the sale of Tejas goes through, it will also include a maintenance, research, and overhaul (MRO) facility in Egypt. EurAsian Times.

### **Tanzania's FM highlights mutual benefits with China**

Tanzania's Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Mahmoud Thabit Kombo lauded the outcomes of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, highlighting its significant role in fostering development and strengthening their relationship. In an interview with China Daily, Kombo spoke about the benefits of China-Africa cooperation for Tanzania and the entire continent, as well as the potential for increased collaboration on the path to modernization. "The just-ended FOCAC provides a clear vision on how China and Africa are going to benefit from their cooperation. China's vision for China-Africa cooperation is based on equality, human-to-human touch and people-to-people development. It's not just China benefiting, and we are the evidence because we see tangible development from collaborating with China," he said. China has been Tanzania's largest trading partner for eight consecutive years. Last year, bilateral trade volume of goods reached \$8.78 billion, marking an 8.9 percent year-on-year increase, according to China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. China Daily.

### **Uganda Wins Best Organizer Award at the China International Tourism Industry Expo (CITIE)2024**

The Ugandan Embassy in Beijing and the Ugandan Consulate General in Guangzhou Showcased Uganda's Tourism Potential at the China International Tourism Industry Expo 2024 in Guangzhou, China, 13-15 September 2024. The Expo highlighted Uganda's rich cultural heritage, diverse wildlife, and stunning natural landscapes to attract Chinese tourists and investors. The International Tourism Industry Expo was hosted by the Culture and Tourism Development and Support Center of Guangdong Province, China (Guangdong); the International Tourism Industry Expo kicked off at the China Export and Import Fair Complex, Guangzhou, from 13th to 15th September 2024. Known as China's largest comprehensive international tourism expo, CITIE 2024 covered an exhibition area of 40,000m, 100 destinations, 500 tourism service providers and suppliers from more than 50 countries and regions, and 43,000 visitors. CITIE 2024 facilitated the exploration of the tourism market in southern China, enhanced the high-quality recovery of the industry, and jointly created a new pattern for the world tourism economy. Africa.com LLC.

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