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The 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) ran from September 4 to 6 in Beijing, the largest diplomatic event hosted by China in recent years, with the highest attendance of foreign leaders. In a recent exclusive interview with the Global Times, South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Ronald Lamola said he believes China and Africa will take this forum as an opportunity to carry out more practical cooperation, promote solidarity and boost the modernization of the Global South. As for China-South Africa relations, Lamola believes the two countries are at a "golden era," as manifested during South African President Cyril Ramaphosa's recent visit to Beijing, when the two sides upgraded their relationship into an all-round strategic cooperative partnership in the new era. "This is a clear indication of the deep trust between the two nations," Lamola said. Global Times.

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As the 9th Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing came to an end on September 6, there is no gainsaying the fact that the Summit has provided veritable opportunities for Nigeria and China to open up new vistas in their 53-year-old bilateral relations. Nigeria is the largest engineering contracting partner, the second largest exporting market, the third largest trading partner and important investment destination for China. Economic experts have, therefore, viewed President Bola Tinubu's visit to China for the Summit as worthwhile, as it would particularly consolidate the past achievements recorded in China-Nigeria relations and further deepen the bilateral dealings, particularly in the economic sphere. During a discussion with the media, think tanks and global affairs experts on the outcomes of the summit in Abuja, the Chinese Ambassador to Nigeria, Amb. Yu Dunhai, said that China attached great importance to President Tinubu's visit to China and, therefore, made special arrangements to welcome him. Economic Confidential.

[Egypt's tourism, antiquities minister seeks to boost ties](#)

The Minister of Tourism and Antiquities of Egypt Sherif Fathy expressed his desire to enhance cooperation with China in the fields of tourism and archaeology at a press conference in Cairo on Tuesday, the Xinhua News Agency reported on Wednesday. The call has won active response from Chinese cultural and archaeological experts, who said the cultural exchanges between the two countries have achieved fruitful results and highlight China's role as an active advocate for cultural heritage protection and dialogue among civilizations. Fathy told Xinhua that the relationship between Egypt and China is very solid, and it has thrived following the visits of the two heads of state and the wide-ranging and productive cooperation between the two nations, including the ongoing exhibition On Top of the Pyramid: The Civilization of Ancient Egypt being held in China. Global Times.

[Mutual respect the foundation for DRC and China to conduct cooperation: Foreign Minister Wagner](#)

"Mutual respect is the foundation for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and China to conduct

cooperation." Therese Kayikwamba Wagner, DRC state minister for Foreign Affairs, told the Global Times in a recent interview that the tangible impacts of the bilateral cooperation has driven development of infrastructure and other key sectors of DRC. On the morning of September 2, President Xi Jinping met with President of the DRC Felix Tshisekedi, who is in China for the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing. This was the second time that President Tshisekedi visited China. When President Tshisekedi paid a state visit in May last year, the two heads of state jointly elevated the China-DRC relationship to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership, embarking on a new chapter of China-DRC relation. Global Times.

Tanzania prioritises projects for FOCAC funds

TWO weeks after the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Summit, Tanzania has unveiled plans to submit a range of priority projects aimed at securing funding from the financial assistance pledged by China during the summit. According to the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Ambassador Samwel Shelukindo, Tanzania would submit projects that have already undergone evaluation and feasibility studies. "This will help shorten the time needed to secure funding for their implementation," he said during a meeting with Permanent Secretaries from 12 ministries. This underscores Tanzania's commitment to leveraging international partnerships to drive its development agenda and enhance economic growth. The FOCAC summit, held in Beijing, was attended by 51 Heads of State, including President Samia Suluhu Hassan. Daily News.

Speaker of Kenya's National Assembly to visit China

Moses Masika Wetangula, speaker of Kenya's National Assembly, will lead a delegation to visit China from Sept. 21 to 26, at the invitation of Zhao Leji, chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee. Xinhua.

Morocco, China to bolster cooperation on water resources management

Morocco and China signed, on Wednesday in Rabat, a memorandum of understanding establishing an executive program for cooperation in the field of water resources, covering the period 2025-2027. The executive program provides for exchange of experiences, strengthening human and institutional capacities, drafting cooperation projects, and coordinating the implementation of special training programs in the water sector. The areas of cooperation covered by this program comprise water infrastructure, including the construction, operation, management, and maintenance of water distribution projects. The program also covers the management of extreme phenomena such as floods and drought, the supply of drinking water in rural areas, and the conservation and protection of water resources, including saving water for irrigation. North Africa Post.

Chinese investment sought for Cameroon roads

Chinese investment in Cameroon's road infrastructure is being sought by Cameroon's president, Paul Biya. A number of road projects in Cameroon are already benefiting from Chinese financing and further funding would help improve the country's transport infrastructure further. A key road project that could benefit from Chinese financing is the second phase of the highway linking the country's capital, Yaoundé, with its largest city and major port, Douala. Other important road works that would benefit from Chinese funding include the Ebolowa-Akom

2-Kribi route and the Douala-Bafoussam project. Meanwhile, China First Highway Engineering Corporation (CFHEC) is now carrying out work for the 107km Edéa-Kribi road, which is expected to cost US\$172 million. A significant portion of the funding for this road project is being supplied by the African Development Bank (AfDB). World Highways.

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