



[Forum on China-Africa Cooperation evades contradictions at the end of the Belt and Road: Chinese investment, finance and trade controversies in Southern Africa](#)

The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation summit in early September follows a markedly unsuccessful Dakar FOCAC in 2021 (where Chinese investment commitments dropped radically), in turn following overhyped events in Beijing in 2018 and Johannesburg in 2015. To be sure, there are several current processes of importance, all deserving detailed analysis (beyond the scope of this paper): the Nine Programs, 2022-24 Dakar Action Plan, China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035, and the Declaration on China-Africa Cooperation on Combating Climate Change. But the main problem continues to arise and does not appear to be resolvable within FOCAC: the super-exploitative character of investment, finance and trade by Chinese capitalists in Africa, especially Southern Africa's extractive industries. CADTM.

[Why China's sea-rail transport link plan for Africa is an echo of the 'Hunan model'](#)

Proposed network connecting to Africa and Beijing's language around it are straight from 'Hunan model' playbook, observer says. China is on a mission to recreate the ancient Silk Road to East Africa – through air, railroad and sea links under its Belt and Road Initiative. Beijing is also increasingly promoting the interconnected development of transport links and industrial parks built and operated by Chinese companies in Africa. Its latest pledge involves a multimodal sea-rail transport network connecting Africa to China's central and western regions, under the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) action plan issued earlier this month. The September 4-6 FOCAC summit in Beijing saw Chinese President Xi Jinping hold separate meetings on the sidelines with his counterparts William Ruto of Kenya and Tanzania's Samia Suluhu Hassan, as well as Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. The talks focused on prioritising ports and rail connectivity projects for the coming network. South China Morning Post.

[Chad denies reports on return of U.S. Special Forces](#)

Chad on Saturday denied reports that it has agreed on the return of American Special Forces to the Central African nation. On Friday, American media, citing U.S. Major General Kenneth Ekman, reported that the United States and Chad had reached an understanding for the return of a limited number of Special Forces personnel. "No decision of this nature has been taken by the Chadian authorities," Chad's Foreign Minister Abderaman Koulamallah said in a statement. "It is important to remember that Chad, as a sovereign state, remains master of its decisions in matters of national security and military cooperation with its international partners," Koulamallah added. Nearly five months ago, the United States Department of Defense announced the withdrawal of its military presence from Chad. China Military.

[74-year-old veteran from Republic of Congo regains sight on Chinese hospital ship](#)

Ophthalmology experts aboard the Chinese naval hospital ship Peace Ark, which is carrying out the Mission Harmony-2024, successfully performed eye surgery on a 74-year-old veteran who was one of the first batch of students from the Republic of Congo to study in China. Mfoutou Antoine was once one of the first batch of military students from the Republic of Congo to study in China in 1970. He was then a 20-year-old navy soldier. When he finished his studies and prepared to return home, he was warmly received by Chairman Mao Zedong and Premier Zhou Enlai as one of the military students from the Republic of Congo. Recently, after Mfoutou Antoine came to the hospital ship Peace Ark for treatment, the Chinese ophthalmology experts conducted a number of special ophthalmic examinations on him, and successfully completed cataract phacoemulsification surgery for him. After the surgery, Mfoutou Antoine's vision was improved significantly. China Military.

How Tanzania-China friendship blossom in Tennis

IF you are a keen observer and fan of sports, you will not forget the latest table tennis events in Paris 2024 that delivered a thrilling showcase of skill, strategy and resilience, solidifying China's dominance in the sport while also highlighting emerging talents and memorable performances from other nations. Overall, China dominated the table tennis events, winning a total of five medals, including four gold and one silver. This extraordinary performance not only maintained China's longstanding dominance in the sport but also highlighted the new generation of players ready to carry the torch forward. Given the pace set, Tanzania, a friend of China has something to borrow here not only in the political-diplomatic realm, but also sports diplomacy in international relations with the country that builds bridges through the power of sports. Daily News.

The 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation: "Global South Moment" Highlighting the Joint Pursuit of a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind

The 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (the Beijing Summit of FOCAC) was held in Beijing from September 4 to 6. After six years time, leaders from China and African countries gathered in Beijing for the fourth Summit of the Forum to deepen friendship and cooperation and chart the course for the future. The Summit was a "Global South Moment" with a strong message of our era in pursuit of common development, highlighting the concerted efforts to building a community with a shared future for mankind. The Summit is quite unprecedented. It is the largest diplomatic event China has hosted in recent years, reaching record attendance of foreign leaders, with presence of leaders from all 53 African countries with diplomatic ties with China and chairperson of the African Union Commission, as well as attendance by the United Nations Secretary-General and representatives from more than 30 other international and African regional organizations. Khmer Times.

Friendly kickabout bolsters ties among China-Africa youth

African diplomats, their children, and Chinese teachers and students all enjoyed a friendly soccer match, that both sides believe will deepen China-Africa cooperation by forging connections among the next generation. Co-hosted by China Foreign Affairs University, the Beijing People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries and the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Sports, the match was held at the Beijing No 12 High School on Saturday, following the conclusion of the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). About 200 participants, including diplomats from 22 African countries and their children, gathered for an afternoon of sports and cultural exchanges. The match was divided into two categories based on age: the youth group, featuring

children of African diplomats and students of Beijing No 12 High School, and the adult group, with African diplomats and African students studying in China competing against teachers from the school. China Daily.

To truly unlock Africa's potential, China must expand cooperation

As the world continues to wrestle with unprecedented global challenges, Africa's development has become a focal point for international cooperation. While collaboration between Africa and China has made significant strides in recent decades, it is now time for a more inclusive approach to empowering the African continent. The recent Forum on China-Africa Cooperation summit highlighted the strength of their relations, with China announcing a 10-point action plan to deepen its partnership with Africa. However, to truly unlock Africa's potential, we must now expand this cooperation to more global partners, leveraging the strengths and resources of a wider range of nations and institutions. South China Morning Post.

Please note: The news items presented here are for informational purposes. The views expressed within them are those of the authors and/or individuals quoted, not those of the Africa Policy Institute.
