

China, Nigeria Restate Commitment to Strengthen Ties in the Entertainment Sector

The People's Republic of China and Nigeria have reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing collaboration in the entertainment sector, aiming to foster a culture of peace and promote cultural diplomacy, thereby contributing to global efforts for a more harmonious world. This declaration was made by Mr. Yang Jianxing, Director of the China Cultural Center and Counselor of the Chinese Embassy, during the 5th National Entertainment Peace Summit held in Abuja to commemorate World Peace Day. The theme of this year's summit, "Cultivating A Culture of Peace," resonates deeply with the essence of the gathering. Mr. Jianxing explained that entertainment plays a crucial role in alleviating negative emotions and fostering unity among diverse populations. News Central Television.

## FOCAC's Partnership Action for Trade Prosperity:

The 4th Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), held in Beijing from September 4 to 6, 2024, brought together heads of state, policy makers, media representatives, international invited delegations and global stakeholders. President Xi Jinping declared that "the China-Africa relationship is now at its best in history", highlighting the peak of cooperation and mutual benefit. This piece examines the significance of the summit, the current bilateral cooperation between Ethiopia and China, the implications of the partnership action for trade prosperity to Ethiopia and the future direction of the evolving partnership. The central theme of this year's FOCAC Summit is "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a Community with a Shared Future", with a focus on collaboration for sustainable development. Since 2000, FOCAC has strengthened relations between China and Africa. This year's summit focused particularly on promoting modernization. Capital Newspaper.

## China Woos Africa While America Lectures

If you were to poll the 50 African leaders who attended this month's Ninth Forum on Africa-China Cooperation Summit in Beijing which nation they view more favorably, the United States or China, they'd surely pick the latter. And who could blame them? President Xi Jinping offered them \$51 billion in loans and a million jobs while promoting gasoline-powered pickup trucks, minivans, and SUVs by Great Wall Motors. The U.S., by contrast, is requiring them to adhere to American goals for climate change, gender equality and other aspects of American domestic politics. China is wise to court Africa, the continent with the fastest growing human population in the world. Yes, Africa has the most poverty, the lowest access to energy, the least developed infrastructure and among the lowest levels of industrialization. The Heritage Foundation.

## Botanist documents beauty of Kenya's plants

Wang Qingfeng's office in Wuhan, Hubei province, is decorated with a host of items and novelties from Africa, and among them is a painting of a baobab tree on a special type of paper from a plant native to the continent. The

botanist has spent nearly 30 years traveling back and forth between Africa and China as he cataloged Africa's diverse plant life. In September last year, the first volume of Flora of Kenya was published, with Wang serving as the chief editor on the Chinese side. It was the first book about the flora of a country other than China organized and compiled by Chinese researchers. In May, a study systematically explaining the evolutionary history of the baobab tree was published in the journal Nature. Wang, who is director of the Wuhan Botanical Garden and director of the Sino-Africa Joint Research Center of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, was one of the two authors. China Daily.

### Deputy Speaker rallies Chinese lawmakers to invest in Uganda's Tourism

The Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Thomas Tayebwa, has asked a visiting delegation of Chinese legislators to use their influence to promote Uganda as one of the tourism destinations for their citizenry. "We hope your visit will help raise the profile of Uganda in China as a destination for Chinese tourists, we appeal to you to use your office to encourage Chinese tourists to visit Uganda, the Pearl of Africa," Tayebwa told the delegation from the National People's Congress (NPC) of China, led by H.E. Zhong Shan on Monday, 23 September 2024 at Parliament House. Zhong Shan is a member of the Standing Committee of the NPC which is China's highest organ of state power and its national legislature. He is also the Chairman of the Financial and Economic Committee of the NPC. Tayebwa commended Uganda's friendship with China highlighting key milestones in the physical infrastructure that has been constructed and expanded with financial assistance from the Government of China. Africa.com.

### Trade between Ghana and China was \$6b in Q1 of 2024

The bilateral trade volume between China and Ghana in the first half of 2024 reached nearly \$ 6 billion, an increase of 13.3 per cent the previous year. In 2023, the trade volume exceeded \$11 billion, an increase of 10.4 per cent year-on-year, Mr Tong Defa, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, announced in Accra. At the reception celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of China, the Ambassador emphasized the strong partnership between China and Ghana. He highlighted that China remained Ghana's largest trading partner and a primary source of investment, showcasing the deepening economic ties between the two nations. The event was also to welcome Ambassador Defa, marking the beginning of his diplomatic mission in Ghana. Ghana Business News.

#### Emptech seeks foothold in Mali amid China's growing presence in African identity market

Chinese identity solutions provider Emptech is reportedly lobbying to implant itself in the Malian technology market and possibly win a contract to produce the country's government-issued documents. This comes at a time when technology companies from China are seen to be expanding their presence in Africa's burgeoning and lucrative identity documents space. Information by The Africa Report (first published by Jeune Afrique) describes how the company has been struggling for the past several months to stamp its presence in Mali. This information emerged just about a week after the Malian leader, Assimi Goïta, announced plans by the three member-states of the Alliance of Sahel States (AES) to introduce a common biometric passport. Biometrics Research Group.

## China Mining Heavyweights Partner with Zimbabwe on Lithium Mine

Chinese miners Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co. and Tsingshan Holding Group Co. are defying low lithium prices to develop a deposit of the battery metal with a Zimbabwean state company. The two firms already operate lithium

projects in the southern African country and will complete a study before building a mine and processing plant at Sandawana, in the country's south, according to the chief executive officer of Kuvimba Mining House, the state-owned firm that owns the asset. Kuvimba had announced the deal in July, without naming the partners. Bloomberg.

# 50th anniversary of China Road and Bridge Corporation's presence in Rwanda celebrated

Rwandan Prime Minister Edouard Ngirente has congratulated the China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) Rwanda Office upon its 50th anniversary, saying it underscores its significant impact on Rwanda's development. He spoke at an event on Saturday night to mark the CRBC Rwanda Office's 50th anniversary in the Rwandan capital of Kigali. "This anniversary not only highlights the CRBC's long life but also underscores its significant impact on Rwanda's development, particularly connecting our communities and promoting our economic growth," said Ngirente. The CRBC has constructed more than 1,500 km of roads across the East African country, including both completed projects and ongoing ones, according to the prime minister. Xinhua.

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