

# China, Nigeria Drugmakers Plan to Build Plant in African Nation

Nigeria's biggest drugmaker will partner with Chinese firms to build a \$100 million plant in the West African nation to help alleviate a shortage of medicines. Fidson Healthcare Plc signed a cooperation memorandum with Jiangsu Aidea Pharmaceutical Co., PharmaBlock Sciences Nanjing Inc. and the China-Africa Development Fund to start building the facility in the commercial capital of Lagos within the next 30 months, the Nigerian drugmaker said by email. The plant aims to foster "self-reliance in health-care delivery, especially to tackle HIV" in Nigeria, Fidson said. Africa's most populous nation has an estimated 2 million people living with the virus, according to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. Last year, the government's National Agency for the Control of AIDS said the country recorded about 1,400 new infections weekly, and about 1.2 million children are orphaned because of it. BNN Bloomberg.

## NASS will provide legal framework for Nigeria, China agreements - Abbas

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Abbas Tajudeen on Friday pledged the National Assembly's resolve to deploy the necessary legislative framework to support the implementation of the agreements recently reached between Nigeria and China. The Speaker, who acknowledged the "deepening relationship" between the two countries, said Nigeria and China have a "partnership built on mutual respect and shared aspirations." Speaking during a reception in commemoration of the 75-year anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China in Abuja, Speaker Abbas praised China for maintaining a cordial relationship with Nigeria over the years. Nigerian Tribune.

## Brics impasse at UN: Egypt and Ethiopia reject joint statement over Security Council bid

Consensus eludes group of major emerging national economies on General Assembly sidelines as new members balk at South Africa's candidacy. A meeting of Brics foreign ministers in New York on Thursday ended without a joint statement for the first time since the group's founding, reflecting difficulties reaching a consensus with the addition of new members last year. The meeting convened on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly and was expected to produce a 52-paragraph text on several issues, including the Middle East conflict, plans for a common currency and preliminary talks on the accession of more Brics countries to the summit slated for October in Kazan, Russia. South China Morning Post.

#### Chinese embassy in South Africa celebrates 75th founding anniversary of PRC

The Chinese Embassy in South Africa held a reception on Thursday in Pretoria, the country's administrative capital, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC). In his welcoming speech, Chinese Ambassador to South Africa Wu Peng said that although China and South Africa are separated by oceans, the friendship between the two peoples dates back a long time and has grown stronger over the years. He said that during South African President Cyril Ramaphosa's state visit to China in early September,

the two countries agreed to elevate their bilateral ties to an "all-round strategic cooperative partnership in the new era," marking another significant step forward in their relations. Global times.

### Africa: Is China-Us Competition Driving the Africa Proposal in the UN?

This week at U.N. meetings in New York, the United States said that two African countries should have permanent seats on one of the world's major decision-making bodies, the United Nations Security Council. For years, numerous African leaders have called for the continent to have representation on the U.N. Security Council, which since World War II has had just five permanent members: the U.S., France, the UK, Russia and China. This week, the top representative of one of those permanent seats, U.S. President Joe Biden, threw his weight behind the idea. However, there was one major caveat, which Kenyan analyst Cliff Mboya said is not going over well on the continent. The new African members would not have veto power on decisions. "We've already seeing a lot of backlash... like this is a big joke, the question is what is the point in joining the Security Council if you don't have veto powers, what are you going to do there?" asked Mboya. All Africa.

#### Uganda commissions \$1.7bn hydro plant, country's largest power generation facility

On Thursday (27 September) the Government of Uganda commissioned the Karuma Hydropower Project (KHP), a 600MW hydropower plant on the River Nile. KHP will be the country's largest power generation facility to date. The \$1.7bn project, to be constructed by Chinese hydropower company Sinohydro Corporation, will be fully financed by China. China's Exim Bank provided a \$1.4bn loan while the Chinese Government covered the remaining costs. The facility will increase Uganda's generation capacity to just above 2GW, according to Reuters. In addition to the commission, a 400kV, 248km transmission line to distribute the electricity from the plant was also launched on Thursday. Another \$180m transmission line is currently under construction to share the electricity from Uganda with South Sudan. Finance Yahoo.

#### Morocco, China Seek to Boost Textile Cooperation Amid Growing Investment Interests

Morocco and China have expressed determination to explore strategic textile partnerships amid growing investment interests. Morocco's Minister Delegate for Investment, Mohcine Jazouli, met on Thursday with a delegation from the China National Textile and Apparel Council. The meeting, which brought together over 20 business leaders, sought to explore cooperation opportunities between the countries in the textile sector. It also served as a platform to present the two countries' industrial opportunities, with the Moroccan representatives providing the delegation with an overview of its industrial sector and potential. The North African country has been attracting investors and investments from different regions and continents. Morocco World News.

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