

China, Africa to Forge Consensus, Make New Contributions for Their Modernization: Amb. HU

China and Africa will further forge consensus, work closely together, and make new contributions to their modernization, Head of Mission of China to the African Union, Hu Changchun, remarked. A dialogue on fully implementing the Global Development Initiative (GDI) and deepening China-Africa development cooperation was held today in Addis Ababa at the African Union Headquarters. In September 2021, Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed the GDI during the General Debate of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. The GDI aligns closely with the African Union's Agenda 2063, both aimed at facilitating development and accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Ethiopian News Agency.

China-Africa seminar held in Tunisia to explore future partnership prospects

A seminar on the opportunities and prospects of mutual cooperation between China and Africa was held here on Wednesday. Themed "China-Africa: Opportunities and Prospects for a Community with a Shared Future for All Times in the New Era" and jointly hosted by the Tunisian Foreign Ministry and the Chinese Embassy in Tunisia, the seminar was attended by officials, experts, and scholars from Tunisia, China, Algeria, Morocco, and other countries. During the seminar, Tunisian Secretary of State to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohamed Ben Ayed expressed his confidence in Tunisia's future collaboration with China and its commitment to "consolidate its partnership" with China. People's Daily Online.

Young African entrepreneurs eager for Chinese knowledge

Jan de Graaf from Rwanda jumped at the chance to take part in a two-week learning tour in China that started in mid-August. The trip took him to several major cities, including Shenzhen in Guangdong province, Hangzhou and Yiwu in Zhejiang province, and Beijing, where he learned from and interacted with big Chinese companies such as tech giant Tencent and e-commerce heavyweights Alibaba and JD. Thirteen years ago, Graaf studied for a semester at Tsinghua University under a student exchange program run in conjunction with National University of Singapore. "So, I was curious about how things are now," said Graaf, who co-founded and has run the Rwanda-based clean cooking fuel company BioMassters since 2020. China Daily Global.

Initial shipment of South African avocados arrives in China, set for display at CIIE: reports

China welcomed an initial shipment of 22 tons of avocados imported from South Africa on Tuesday in Shanghai, Chinanews.com reported on Thursday. The first shipment of imported South African avocados will also be displayed at this year's China International Import Expo (CIIE) in November, according to cnstock.com. South Africa has become the third African country after Kenya and Tanzania to gain access for exporting fresh avocadoes to China, according to the report from Chinanews.com. Agricultural products remain one of the most important exports from Africa to China. Global Times

<u>China-Africa Energy Cooperation: Report on renewable energy development released, highlighting</u> <u>future win-win cooperation</u>

China and the African Union have agreed to jointly promote the development of renewable energy in Africa by strengthening policy dialogues, technological exchanges, and project cooperation. The announcement took place at a promotion event held in Beijing on Thursday. Attended by high level officials, diplomats, and energy experts, the event highlighted the solid achievements of the two sides' energy partnership. A report on China renewable energy development was also released. Participants say cooperation between China and Africa in the field of renewable energy holds great significance, and in the future, exchanges and cooperation between the two sides at a policy level will be boosted. Construction projects and financial investment are also expected to grow. CGTN.

JMIC Strengthens Global Network with New Members from China and Africa, Enhancing Advocacy for the Business Events Industr

The Joint Meetings Industry Council (JMIC), the leading global body representing the meetings and events industry, has welcomed two new members: the China Business Event Industry Committee (CBEIC) and the Southern African Association for the Conference Industry (SAACI). These strategic additions bolster JMIC's international network and enhance its advocacy for the business events sector. Zeng Yafei, Chairman of CBEIC, expressed enthusiasm about joining JMIC, highlighting shared goals between the two organizations. "JMIC and CBEIC share the same objectives of promoting the business events industry globally. We aim to bring China's wisdom to the international stage and believe that the business events industry plays a crucial role in global development," Yafei remarked. Travel and Tour World.

Ethiopia-Djibouti railway wins acclaim for facilitating int'l trade

The Ethiopian government has honored the Chinese-built Ethiopia-Djibouti railway for its "great contribution" to facilitating Ethiopia's growing export-import trade. The Ethio-Djibouti Standard Gauge Railway Share Company (EDR) said in a recent statement that the recognition by the Ethiopian Ministry of Transport and Logistics manifests the 752-km railway's fast-growing contribution to the socio-economic development of the two countries. The EDR said the recognition will serve as "a mandate given to us to further develop the logistics services provided by the Ethiopia-Djibouti railway." "We assure that we are committed to taking the sector to the desired heights by consolidating our existing manpower and expertise," it added. Xinhua.

Revamped China-Tanzania Relations Affirm Suluhu's Eastward Strategy

Tanzania has emerged as a key partner in China's East African strategy, as bilateral ties between the two countries expand beyond infrastructure development to include significant military cooperation. A Beijing military base on Tanzania's Indian Ocean coast has solidified the relationship, reflecting a deepening partnership under President Samia Suluhu Hassan's administration. Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania, Cheng Mingjian, recently highlighted the growing military collaboration as a cornerstone of the relationship. This cooperation marks a notable evolution in Tanzania-China relations, which have flourished since Suluhu took office in March 2021, following the death of her predecessor, John Magufuli. Capital Digital Media.

China Pitches Its Model of Modernization to the Global South

There is a shift underway in China's Global South diplomacy, as Beijing seeks to compensate for less financial firepower by focusing more on governance and capacity building. In his opening speech at the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit on September 5, Chinese President Xi Jinping remarked, "China and Africa's joint pursuit of modernization will set off a wave of modernization in the Global South and open a new chapter in our drive for a community with a shared future for mankind." According to Xi, this joint path to modernization would be distinct from the Western model, which "has inflicted immense sufferings on developing countries." However, Beijing's pitch to jointly pursue modernization with African countries comes at a time when China is reducing loans and investments in Africa and facing growing scrutiny from recipient countries about the viability of Chinese-led projects. The Diplomat.

China calls for foreign fighters to withdraw from Libya

A Chinese envoy reiterated the necessity on Wednesday for external armed forces and mercenaries to withdraw from Libya as soon as possible. "The peaceful reconstruction of Libya is now at a critical stage, and to promote political transition is an important cornerstone to ensure its long-term peace and stability. China calls on all parties to continue to adhere to the general direction of a political settlement, strengthen dialog and consultation, and garner more consensus for the early resumption of political negotiations and establishing unified state institutions," said Dai Bing, China's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, at the Security Council briefing on the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL). Africa News.

Congo Wants to Pivot Away From China's Dominance Over Its Mining

Democratic Republic of Congo's top mining official said the country is courting new investors for its world-class deposits of key metals as it looks to diversify ownership in its industry, which is currently dominated by China. Bloomberg News' Jennifer Zabasajja discusses with Journanna Bercetche on Horizons Middle East & Africa. Bloomberg.

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