

Back in Action: The Ninth Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Sees Renewed Relations and Development Prospects

For those suggesting China has disengaged from its cooperation with Africa, Chinese leader Xi Jinping sent a clear message at the recent ninth Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC): China is back and reaffirming its commitment to support "modernization" in African countries, offering its own development model as an example. How will this "joint pursuit of modernization path" unfold? Analyzing key documents from the Ninth FOCAC, including Xi's speech, the Beijing Declaration and the 2025-2027 Action Plan, in both English and Chinese, reveals China seeks to adjust its approach with Africa by forging strategic partnerships, compartmentalizing financial tools for various development projects and aligning its engagement with regional multilateral initiatives. Boston University Global Development Policy Center.

Higher tariffs on China could give the continent an edge, but the AGOA, which is up for renewal in 2025, also looks fragile.

With both Democrats and Republicans now espousing support for industrial policy and techno-nationalism, the US presidential campaign has turned into a battle over who can sound toughest on China. The protectionist rhetoric is causing heartburn across Africa, where fragile export sectors fear getting trampled in a brawl between America and China. The Africa Report.

Will The West Cede Africa To China & Russia?

According to the African Youth Survey 2024, China and Russia are winning the war for the hearts and minds of Africa's youth, almost by default. As the Russia-Ukraine war moves toward its third anniversary with no end in sight, and as Israel and Iran square off, African concerns all too often appear as a mere afterthought in Western strategic planning. For centuries, Western nations have focused more on extracting Africa's mineral wealth, often by bribing strongmen, than on forging alliances with the people who inhabit Africa's 54 nations. CNBC Africa.

CIG, EV makers team up to extend footprint in Africa

Trading firm Choice International (CIG) is ramping up efforts to take more Chinese new energy vehicles to overseas markets, with the latest achievement being a series of strategic cooperation agreements signed with Nigeria covering electric vehicle shipments. According to the agreements, project E-Mobility has been jointly launched by CIG and the Lagos state government, Nigeria, in early July, based on which the company will introduce a total of 5,000 EVs to Lagos and help establish the local EV infrastructure. The project aims to promote green transportation and sustainable development by promoting intelligent dispatch systems with Chinese EVs and ride-hailing solutions, to optimize traffic resource allocation, improve local transportation conditions and boost green transition in the African country, said Chen Xiuxia, chairwoman of CIG, a Guangzhou, Guangdong province-based company. China Daily.

Beijing is making inroads in North Africa

Talk of China in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) rarely focuses on the latter, but Beijing has made significant gains in its recent outreach to the Maghreb. This was highlighted in September when the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Ministerial Conference was hosted in Beijing, where China showcased the depth of its regional relations. FOCAC was established in 2000 at the insistence of the African Union, which sought to increase and institutionalize China's presence on the continent. The forum is held every three years, alternating between Beijing and an African capital city. FOCAC's several sub-forums formalize cooperation across sectors like youth leadership, health, poverty reduction, and development, among others. Atlantic Council.

Chinese investors vitalize Ethiopia's economic growth: investment commission

Chinese investors are playing a crucial role in bolstering Ethiopia's economic development, injecting substantial capital, and creating jobs, according to the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC). In a statement issued late Friday, the EIC revealed that some 3,309 Chinese projects have invested more than 8.5 billion U.S. dollars in Ethiopia over the past years, significantly contributing to the East African country's socio-economic goals. The EIC highlighted that the growing presence of Chinese investors, both in terms of the number of projects and capital inflow, has brought much-needed vitality to Ethiopia's economic aspirations. Xinhua.

A Chinese-led port deal has been signed in Mozambique

A Chinese-led consortium has officially signed a 15-year concession for the construction, operation, maintenance, and management of the Chongoene Port Terminal on the southern coast of Mozambique. The public-private partnership between Chinese firm Desheng Port, which holds an 80-percent stake, and Mozambican state-owned railway operator Caminhos de Ferro de Moçambique is now authorised to "design, finance, build, own, operate, manage, rehabilitate, maintain, commercially exploit and develop the port infrastructure" of both the port and "all related an auxiliary infrastructure." Officials say the Chongoene Port Terminal will enable various development projects in the south of the country. The Macao News.

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