



### [Can China go green in Africa?](#)

Less than 11% – just \$500m – of the \$4.61bn loaned by China to eight African countries in 2023 was dedicated to renewable energy projects despite the growing urgency of the global climate crisis, according to data from Boston University Global Development Policy Center. While China pledged \$50bn to boost Africa’s economy at the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in September, only one of the 11 points in its action plan specifically mentions climate-related initiatives. Moreover, the \$50bn commitment breaks down into \$29.5bn in credits, \$11.3bn in assistance, and \$9.8bn in investment, meaning that it largely falls to the private sector to determine how funds will be used. African Business.

### [China, Zambia develop matrix for implementing FOCAC agreements](#)

“All relevant Zambian authorities, including the Cabinet Office, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, are working closely with the embassy to make sure that this matrix be translated into real changes on the ground at the end of the day,” Chinese Ambassador to Zambia Han Jing made this statement during a roundtable meeting aimed at assessing the opportunities presented by the FOCAC summit for enhancing China-Zambia relations. He emphasized that China values concrete action over empty rhetoric and is committed to collaborating with Zambian authorities to ensure the implementation of the FOCAC outcomes. The meeting, organized by the International Relations Association of Zambia, brought together experts from academia and think tanks to discuss and exchange views on the opportunities presented by the FOCAC summit. IPP Media.

### [China’s perennial rice technology helps Africa’s food security and agricultural modernization](#)

At the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Beijing Summit in September 2024, Chinese President Xi Jinping solemnly announced ten partnership actions that China would take with Africa to advance modernization in the next three years, one of which is the Partnership Action for Agriculture and Livelihoods. In order to implement the outcomes of the summit, the Mission of China to the African Union and the African Union Commission jointly held China-Africa International Symposium on Perennial Rice at the African Union Headquarters on October 16, the World Food Day. This meeting has injected new vitality into the accelerated promotion of perennial rice in Africa, fully reflecting the high attention paid by China and the African Union to food security and agricultural modernization cooperation. Capital News.

### [Hunan Daily’s special feature “Friends and Partners” highlights China-Ethiopia cooperation in the water industry](#)

From September 4 to 6, the 2024 Summit of Forum on China-Africa Cooperation was held in Beijing. Prior to the summit, Hunan Daily Press sent a reporting team to Ethiopia to conduct

interviews for the “Friends and Partners” series, with the aim of understanding the outcomes of the agricultural vocational education training program between China and Ethiopia. On September 4, Hunan Daily published an in-depth report titled “We Are Now Eating Our Own Tilapia,” along with accompanying photos and videos, which tell the story of He Wang, a researcher from the Hunan Fisheries Science Institute, and her efforts to help Ethiopia develop its aquaculture industry. In June 2001, the first phase of the Chinese-funded agricultural vocational education training program in Ethiopia was launched. Since 2003, He Wang has traveled to Ethiopia 10 times to teach fish farming techniques, supporting the development of the local aquaculture industry. Ethio Negari.

### **Ethiopian dam could muddy the waters of China’s position as a global leader**

In recent years, China has worked hard to position itself as a leader for developing nations, particularly through organisations such as the UN and Brics. But now a dam in Ethiopia is threatening to rock the boat, destabilising Beijing’s delicate geopolitical balancing act. With a total capacity of 74 billion cubic metres, the US\$4.6 billion Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) on the Blue Nile is set to be the largest hydroelectric power plant in Africa. But more than 2,500km (1,553 miles) downstream, Egypt is unimpressed with the project, voicing concerns that the dam will drain its own much-needed water supply. Relations between the countries – as well as Sudan which sits between them and also relies on water from the Blue Nile – have soured as a result, particularly since Addis Ababa began filling the reservoir behind the dam in 2020. South China Morning Post.

### **SCZONE aims to attract investments from Chinese ‘Guixi’ in copper industry: Chairperson**

Walid Gamal El-Din, Chairperson of the General Authority of the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZONE), received at its headquarters in the administrative capital a delegation from the city of Yingtan, affiliated with the Chinese province of Jiangxi. The delegation was headed by Juan Yun, Chairperson of the city’s Municipal Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference. Several executive leaders from both sides were present to discuss cooperation, especially in the copper industry and its applications, for which the city is famous. The meeting included an exchange of expertise with the Guixi Special Economic Zone affiliated with the city of Yingtan and the port connected to it, whether to attract Chinese companies operating in the city wishing to expand outside China or to cooperate with the port in various logistical activities. Daily News Egypt.

### **South Africa bows to Chinese pressure to move Taiwan office, analysts say**

South Africa’s decision to further downgrade relations with Taiwan, comes as the dominant political party, the African National Congress, or ANC, strives to reassure longtime ally Beijing after the formation of a coalition government, analysts tell VOA. South Africa’s Department of International Relations and Cooperation confirmed last week it had asked Taiwan to move its unofficial embassy – called the Taipei Liaison Office – out of the capital Pretoria. In a statement, the department said the liaison office would be rebranded as a trade office and moved to the economic hub of Johannesburg, which would “be a true reflection of the non-political and non-diplomatic nature of the relationship between the Republic of South Africa and Taiwan.” Voice of America.

### [Ugandan vice president hails China's green development initiative](#)

Ugandan Vice President Jessica Alupo has said China's decision to partner with Africa in promoting green development is in line with Uganda's development goals and a key driver to her country's sustainable development. Alupo made the remarks in a speech read for her by Rukia Nakadama, third deputy prime minister of Uganda, at the launch of the 2023-2024 Economic, Social and Governance Report by the China Communication Construction Company (CCCC) Uganda late on Thursday. Green development is one of the 10 partnership actions that China announced at the recently concluded Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Summit in Beijing. Xinhua.

### [Niger secures N1tn agro sector deal with Chinese firm](#)

The Niger State government has secured N1 trillion investment from a Chinese firm to boost agricultural productivity in the Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone. Arewa PUNCH calculates that the investment, which is valued at \$684 million will further make the state a hub for agro-industrial processing in the country. The Commissioner for Commerce and Investment, Aminu Takuma, disclosed this latest investment arrangement on Saturday after the ground-breaking and signing of the contract deal at the Government House, Minna. Takuma said that the state was on track to reposition itself as a major player in Nigeria's agricultural sector, driven by the vision of Governor Mohammed Bago. Punch Nigeria Limited.

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