

## <u>DURBAN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE ESTABLISHES</u> CHINA-AFRICA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The China-Africa-UNESCO Dialogue on Education and Cultural Heritage Cooperation was held in Beijing, China on 06 September 2024. A key outcome of the event was the launch of the China-Africa Regional Development Centre for "Chinese + TVET" which is a collaborative effort between the Durban University of Technology (DUT), the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation (under China's Ministry of Education) and the Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (FAFU). Representatives from the three partner institutions, including Yu Yunfeng, Director of the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation, Dr Nkosinathi Sishi, Director-General of South Africa's Department of Higher Education and Training and Lan Siren, President of FAFU, attended the unveiling ceremony to officially establish the centre. Durban University of Technology.

#### BRICS creates new opportunities for Africa

At the ongoing BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia, the leaders of BRICS member states are focusing on strengthening strategic partnerships and enhancing the grouping's role in international affairs. BRICS has a multi-tiered framework of pragmatic cooperation in fields such as economy and trade, finance, technology, agriculture, culture, education, health, and so on. It has become a constructive force in promoting global economic growth, enhancing global governance, and advancing the democratization of international relations. The grouping also has to strengthen the roles of its member states in the global monetary and financial system, deepen interbank cooperation, facilitate the transformation of the global settlement system and expand the use of national currencies of BRICS member states to settle payments. China Daily.

# Ambassador Han Jing Attends the Roundtable Meeting on the 2024 Beijing Summit of Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)

On 18 October 2024, Ambassador Han Jing attended the roundtable meeting on Assessing the Opportunities Presented by the FOCAC Summit for the Enhancement of China-Zambia Relations held by the International Relations Association of Zambia (IRAZ) and delivered a keynote speech. Ms. Etambuyu Anamela Gundersen, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and representatives from think tanks, universities, media houses and non-government organizations were present. Ambassador Han said that during the FOCAC summit, President Xi Jinping announced the "Ten Partnership Initiatives" for China and Africa to jointly promote modernization in the next three years, which injected new impetus into the China-Africa cooperation and the modernization of the Global South. Africa.com LLC.

## South African Minister of International Relations hails ties with China, ahead of BRICS summit

The South African Minister of International Relations and cooperation spoke positively about

bilateral relations between Moscow and Beijing, ahead of the BRICS summit of emerging economies that kicked off on Tuesday in Russia. Ronald Lamola described the relationship between the two nations as based on mutual trust, and said that South Africa is open to more investment and collaboration. "It is a relationship of trust, which is mutually beneficial. With the Chinese companies having invested a lot in our country, we are looking at the benefits for our country, value add in South Africa and also local manufacturing, which we believe can help drive our economy," Lamola said. Africa News.

### China and Africa Create a Model of Solidarity and Cooperation in the "Global South"

Since the establishment of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in 2000, China-Africa relations have been continuously upgraded. Relying on the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, China and Africa have further consolidated development consensus, built an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era, and created a model of unity and cooperation in the "Global South". When assisting Africa, China always respects the leading role of the recipient countries, never attaches any conditions, and does not interfere in the internal affairs of African countries. Nile Post.

## China-Nigeria Expo to strengthen trade collaborations

The organisers of the China Commodities Expo-Nigeria have said the expo will enhance trade partnerships between the two countries and foster future growth and collaboration. The 2024 China Commodities Expo-Nigeria, organised by Brightway International Exhibition and the Trade Development Bureau of China's Ministry of Commerce, with support from the Chinese Consulate in Lagos and Nigerian government entities, will take place from November 5-8, 2024, in Lagos. According to a statement from the organisers, the expo will host over 250 Chinese manufacturers and attract more than 5,000 buyers from Nigeria and neighbouring countries seeking business opportunities. Punch Nigeria Limited.

### China Vows Strong Support for Ethiopia's Modernization Journey

Vice Minister of Education of China, Wu Yan stated that China is committed to strengthening bilateral cooperation with Ethiopia in education and other sectors to a higher level. A panel discussion was held last evening in Addis Ababa under the title "New Opportunities for China-Ethiopia Cooperation in the Joint Pursuit of Modernization." The panelists were Chinese Vice Minister of Education, Wu Yan, Prosperity Party Public and International Relation Deputy Head, Tesfahun Gobezay and Training Director General at the Institute of Foreign Affairs, Melaku Mulualem. Ethiopian News Agency.

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