



### [China in Africa: October 2024](#)

Organizational Expansion at BRICS Summit: The sixteenth annual BRICS summit in 2024 was hosted by Russia in the southwestern city of Kazan from October 22 to 24. Following last year's summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, Chinese-led expansion efforts saw the addition of two African countries, Egypt and Ethiopia, as BRICS members. According to Russian President Vladimir Putin, more than thirty candidates have expressed interest in joining the organization, with at least two dozen countries having reportedly applied for membership ahead of this year's summit. Not all of the prospects made the cut—the 2024 summit concluded with the addition of thirteen new countries as partners (without full member status), including three African countries: Algeria, Nigeria, and Uganda. Council on Foreign Relations.

### [Five international cities get Shanghai Award in Alexandria, Egypt](#)

Agadir in Morocco, Thiruvananthapuram in India, Doha in Qatar, Iztapalapa in Mexico, and Melbourne in Australia won the second Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities on World Cities Day in Alexandria, Egypt, on Thursday. The honor, also known as the Shanghai Award, was given to five cities that have made strides in their implementation of the goals set by the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda, according to the UN Human Settlements Programme, or UN-Habitat. The program and the Shanghai government jointly presented the award. China Daily.

### [Egypt, China sign protocol to enhance security cooperation](#)

Minister of Interior Major General Mahmoud Tawfik, who is paying an official visit to China, held a discussion session with Minister of Public Security of China Wang Xiaohong, on Thursday 31/10/2024, at the headquarters of the Chinese Ministry of Public Security. Both Ministers tackled aspects of cooperation between the security bodies of the two countries and ways to support them, in addition to the latest developments in security issues of common interest. They also witnessed the signing of a protocol to enhance security cooperation between the two sides in confronting crimes in all their forms. The Chinese Minister of Public Security Advisor praised Egypt's pivotal role in the Middle East region and the efforts made by the Egyptian Ministry of Interior in combating terrorism and organized crimes. SIS.

### [Chinese Companies Engage in Massive "Forest Looting" in the DR Congo](#)

Two Chinese logging companies are now the largest timber harvesters in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with concessions sized at more than 3 million hectares. The firms, Wan Peng and Booming Green, are engaged in industrial-scale logging to export raw timber mostly back to China. But researchers at the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) also discovered that both companies are engaged in a wide range of illegal activities, everything from illegal timber smuggling to bribery. China Global South Project.

### [China's Gotion High Tech to power Morocco gigafactory from 500MW wind farm](#)

Gotion Power Morocco, a subsidiary of China's Gotion High Tech, said on Thursday it will power its Morocco gigafactory via a 500-megawatt wind farm, to be built by Saudi Arabia's energy firm ACWA Power. The \$800 million wind farm project is part of deals worth \$1.78 billion signed by ACWA Power during the Future Investment Initiative conference in Riyadh on Tuesday. In June, Gotion High Tech agreed with the

Moroccan government to build the country's first gigafactory worth \$1.3 billion. Production at the gigafactory is expected to start in the third quarter of 2026, with an initial capacity of 20 gigawatts per hour (GWh). Zawya.

### [China's top legislator holds talks with speaker of Zambia's National Assembly](#)

China's top legislator Zhao Leji held talks with Speaker of Zambia's National Assembly Nelly Mutti in Beijing on Wednesday. Zhao, chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, said that China is ready to work with Zambia to implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, take the opportunity of the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties to closely forge synergy between high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and Zambia's eighth national development plan, deepen the traditional friendship and all-round practical cooperation, and work together to build an even closer China-Zambia community with a shared future. People's Daily Online.