



KENYA-CHINA COOPERATION TO FAST-TRACK KEY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, PRESIDENT RUTO

Kenya and China are working together in the implementation of development projects in the country to realise the two countries' strategic partnership. The President said Kenya is eager to reap the benefits of the projects to enhance transformative development and alleviate poverty. He pointed out that discussions are at an advanced stage over the Rironi-Mau Summit Road, while talks are going on over the extension of SGR 2B (Naivasha to Kisumu) and SGR 2C (Kisumu-Malaba). "Swift project implementation will create jobs, especially for our youth and women, aligning with our Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda," he said. He spoke during a meeting with Mr Li Xi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and Secretary of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection at State House, Nairobi. Office of the President of the Republic of Kenya.

Will China's influence in Africa's AI revolution undermine its sovereignty?

As the global artificial intelligence (AI) revolution reaches African shores, China is emerging as a dominant influence in digital infrastructure, AI models, and the energy needed to power them. This brings the risk of undue Chinese political influence, which should concern Africa and its international partners. With its burgeoning tech hubs and young, tech-savvy population, Africa has the potential to develop a thriving AI sector. That requires extensive digital infrastructure and large quantities of energy, both of which are in short supply but are being unlocked by the Chinese investment. Chinese tech giants such as Alibaba and Huawei are expanding their presence, offering cloud services and investing in data centres across the continent. For instance, Huawei has announced plans to invest \$430m in data centres in Africa, and Alibaba is already providing cloud services in South Africa. The Africa Report.

What happened in Beijing in September? An Analysis of FOCAC and the Geopolitics of Africa's Partnerships

As the dust settles after the ninth Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Beijing Summit, the Afro-Sino relationship is under intense scrutiny. Speculation was rife that there was 'fatigue' around the Africa+1 summits that, despite their number, have had limited impact. China-Africa relations have followed a downward trajectory in recent years, and little was expected from this year's FOCAC in terms of the economic incentives that have shaped the relationship for the last 24 years. According to research by Boston University's Global Development Policy Center, lending has fallen consistently since 2016 and only rose marginally last year to levels that are far less than commitments to the continent pre-pandemic. Investments and loan commitments have declined since 2017; FOCAC commitments fell from USD 60 billion in 2015 and 2018 to USD 40 billion in 2021. Africa Policy Research Private Institute.

India and China vie for leadership of the global south

The rivalry between China and India, both BRICS members, extends to their bid to lead the global south.

As Western dominance wanes, both Beijing and New Delhi are advancing distinct yet globally influential agendas, each leveraging unique strengths that shape global alliances and institutions. For African nations, where development and decision-making sovereignty are key, the choice between China and India as global south leaders is significant. Each offers advantages and challenges with implications for Africa's future. Although neither has officially declared a bid for this leadership, their actions and statements signal intent. India's role in pushing for south-south cooperation at forums like the G20, and advocating for more equitable representation in global governance, align with its leadership vision. Institute for Security Studies.

[China's increasing security collaboration with Africa welcomed](#)

Kenya's President William Ruto has thanked China for its security support, notably through the work of the Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, together with China's direct financial commitments in support of peace initiatives. He was speaking on Monday when he hosted a delegation led by Li Xi, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee. While updating the CPC delegation on regional peace and security situation, particularly the dynamics with respect to the Somalia-Ethiopia contention, as well as the current status in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ruto asked China to sustain support for peace initiatives led by the African Union to restore stability in the region and prevent the emergence of vacuums that could fuel terrorism, piracy and conflict. China Daily.

[Award ceremony of "My Chinese Story" China-Africa Photo and Video Competition held in Beijing](#)

The ceremony was attended by nearly 200 people, including diplomatic envoys from nearly 30 countries to China, such as Egypt, Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Chad and Central African Republic, award-winning creators and representatives of winning enterprises, and Chinese and foreign journalists. Since its inauguration in February this year, the competition has been joined by a wide array of people who witnessed, joined, recorded and promoted the comprehensive and high-quality development of China-Africa relations at various levels. It received over 2,600 entries from more than 800 video creators in 58 countries. A total of 100 videos were awarded at the ceremony. An exhibition was held on the sidelines of the award ceremony to display award-winning videos. PR Newswire.