



[How has a quarter century of FOCAC shaped the role of China in Africa?](#)

This year, a global superpower pledged to invest over \$50 billion of capital into Africa by 2027. It plans to finance and construct free trade zones, industrial parks, processing facilities, assembly lines, and digital infrastructure to create the industrial and trade arteries of the African single market. The same country's private sector took the lead in delivering Africa's renewable energy while committing to training African talents in the manufacturing, renewable, and tech industries. Generous scholarships were offered to attract aspiring African students to study in its universities, who would then be fast-tracked to receive job opportunities in the local markets. LSE.

[Ethiopia launches China-Africa-UNIDO Centre of Excellence to drive sustainable development](#)

A new China-Africa-UNIDO Centre of Excellence has opened in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The initiative marks a significant step in the China-UNIDO-Ethiopia partnership for advancing African development. This is reported by Fana Broadcasting Corporate (FBC), a partner of TV BRICS. A collaboration between China, Ethiopia, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), the centre is designed to promote sustainable industrialisation, boost agricultural modernisation, and advance skills development across the African continent. Hosted at the Federal Technical and Vocational Training Institute, the opening ceremony saw attendance from senior Ethiopian government officials, Chinese diplomats, and high-ranking UNIDO representatives. TV Brics.

[2024 FOCAC Beijing Summit: A new chapter?](#)

The 2024 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation is by any measure the most significant diplomatic event for China this year. Being in Beijing at the time, I was struck by the magnitude of resources, policy priority, and importance attached by the Chinese government to this signature event. High-end hotels were blocked off for the dozens of delegations from African countries. Roads were closed during the rush hour to make way for their motorcades. And security measures were enhanced across the board from airports to hotel elevators—all at the expense of the host government. The FOCAC Summit takes place every three years, with its location alternating between Beijing and an African capital city. The Brookings Institution.

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

The award ceremony of the "My Chinese Story" China-Africa Photo and Video Competition was held in Beijing on Nov. 1. The competition was sponsored by the Secretariat of the Chinese Follow-up Committee of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and the China Public Diplomacy Association, with Global Times Online (huanqiu.com) serving as the organizer. 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. Globe News Wire.

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.

LAGOS, CHINA SEEK MUTUAL PARTNERSHIP ON TRADE, INVESTMENT

Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu has stated that his administration is dedicated to fostering an environment that promotes trade, encourages investment, and supports local enterprises for the continuous development and growth of the state. Sanwo-Olu said this today at the Opening Ceremony of the 2024 China Commodities EXPO Nigeria (CCE) held at the Landmark Event Centre, Water Corporation Drive, Victoria Island, Lagos. The Governor, who was represented by his Deputy, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, noted that the state government recognises that strong bilateral relationships are vital for attracting foreign investments that will drive infrastructure development and create jobs. Lagos State Ministry of Science and Technology.

Chinese auto brand unveils 1st off-road model in Egypt

Jetour Auto, a Chinese auto brand, unveiled its first off-road SUV model, namely T2, on Monday evening. Under the theme of "Travel Together," the launching ceremony held by Jetour at the Saladin Citadel, one of the most famous landmarks in the Egyptian capital of Cairo, attracted more than 600 guests from Egypt and China, including auto dealers, auto experts, internet influencers, and media representatives. "T2 is our first off-road model launched in Egypt ... After its debut in the UAE (United Arab Emirates), Saudi Arabia, and other countries in the Middle East in the first quarter of 2024, it rapidly became the best-selling boxy SUV in the region," said Yuan Anguo, vice president of Jetour International Marketing Company. China.org.