

China, Africa experts discuss advancing modernization cooperation

More than 60 experts from China and Africa convened in Shanghai on Friday for a round-table meeting aimed at fostering cooperation to advance modernization and cultivate a China-Africa community with a shared future. The event, jointly organized by the China Economic and Social Council and the Union of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions of Africa, sought to bolster the implementation of resolutions from the 2024 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation. This summit marked a significant milestone by elevating the bilateral relationship to a strategic, all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future, with 10 partnership actions for modernization unveiled to deepen China-Africa cooperation and spearhead modernization efforts across the Global South. China Daily.

How Will Trump's Return to Power Impact China-Africa Ties?

The re-election of former U.S. President Donald Trump is expected to significantly alter U.S. foreign policy, including its approach to Africa. As seen during Trump's first term, U.S. engagement with the continent is likely to decrease, with a stronger emphasis on countering China's expanding influence in the region. The future of the U.S.-Africa free trade agreement, known as AGOA, is now uncertain, as the incoming administration has signaled plans to introduce protectionist policies. China Global South Project.

How the CIIE is a catalyst for China-Africa synergy and shared prosperity

This year marks a milestone in China-Africa relations. At the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in September, China announced it would unilaterally expand its market and pledged support for African products through platforms like the China International Import Expo (CIIE). Two months later, the 7th CIIE opened in Shanghai. Various African products were showcased, and investment talks took place, aiming to turn China's big market into an ample opportunity. China's sincerity in continuing to open up has been showcased to the world through the CIIE, as well as its principles of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith toward Africa. Since its first edition in 2018, the CIIE has leveraged China's vast market advantages and served as a vital platform for international procurement, investment promotion, and openness and cooperation. The Star.

Material world: How Europe can compete with China in the race for Africa's critical minerals

Despite heightened focus in the West about dependence on China – and high-level efforts to recalibrate these relations at the strategic level – Europeans' economic reliance on China has continued to grow in recent years. EU imports from China reached €515.9 billion in 2023, across a wide array of products, many of which are vital to advanced economies. At the heart of these entangled relations is European states' and economies' dependence on China for the critical raw materials (CRMs) needed to produce green energy technologies, including solar modules, electric vehicle (EV) batteries, and permanent magnets for wind turbines. The central importance of these technologies today risks leaving Europe

heavily reliant on other countries for their supply – an acute challenge when production is highly concentrated in China as strategic competition intensifies between China and the West. European Council on Foreign Relations.

African Exporters Gain Ground In China's Vast Economy At 2024 CIIE, The World's Largest Import Trade Fair

African businesses across various sectors face significant hurdles when attempting to engage in international trade, particularly with markets as complex and dynamic as China. From navigating intricate regulatory requirements and managing language barriers, to dealing with currency conversion challenges, the obstacles can seem overwhelming. Through the Standard Bank Africa-China Trade Solution (ACTS), the bank leverages events such as the China International Import Expo (CIIE) that is currently taking place from 5-10 November 2024 in Shanghai to address these challenges and enable long-term growth for African enterprises. Since its inception in 2018, Standard Bank has proudly represented a selection of export-ready clients at CIIE, the world's largest import trade expo. Africa.com LLC.

China, Nigeria Reaffirm Commitment To Enhancing Cultural Ties.

The Republic of China and Nigeria have reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cultural ties by showcasing the rich traditions of both nations through music, arts, and dance. The Cultural Counselor of the Chinese Embassy and Director of the China Cultural Centre in Nigeria (CCCN), Mr Yang Jianxing, said the collaboration not only highlights the unique cultural heritage of each country but also fosters deeper understanding and appreciation among their people. Mr Yang remarked on Thursday at the opening of the 12th China-Nigeria Cultural Fiesta 2024 –Dancing Competition hosted by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China through the Chinese Cultural Centre In Nigeria and organized in partnership with the FCT Secondary Education Board in Abuja. Voice of Nigeria.

Nigeria govt to leverage partnership with China as a catalyst for industrialization

Joseph Tegbe, the Director-General of the Nigeria-China Strategic Partnership, has hinted at the willingness of the Nigerian government to leverage the comprehensive strategic partnership with China as a catalyst for industrialization in Nigeria. Tegbe stated this during a courtesy visit to the Embassy of the People's Republic of China located in Abuja. According to him, the Nigerian government seek to collaborate with China in the areas of Infrastructure, Energy, Mining, Mechanized Agriculture, Manufacturing, Education and Technology, noting the need for knowledge transfer for mutual benefits. Businessday Nigeria.

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