

Significance of Mombasa Port for Chinese outreach in Africa

Africa has emerged as a pivotal partner in China's Maritime Silk Road Initiative (MSRI), the maritime dimension of Beijing's flagship Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). One of the key footholds for Chinese inroads has been the Mombasa Port, located on Kenya's south-eastern coast. Mombasa—the largest and busiest port in East Africa—serves as a gateway for landlocked countries in Africa and is central to regional trade. Thus, it is imperative to examine how the port serves as a crucial node in China's engagement with Africa and reflect on China's broader geopolitical ambitions in the Western Indian Ocean. Observer Research Foundation.

Could China-US rivalry go off the rails in Africa over a resourceful train route?

From railways and highways to ports and power dams, China has bankrolled most of Angola's post-war reconstruction over the past two decades. Chinese presence in the South African country became apparent in 2002, when former president Jose Eduardo dos Santos invited Beijing to invest following the end of the 27-year Angolan civil war that devastated the country's infrastructure and economy. Now, the United States is challenging the dominant Chinese foothold in the region, by betting on a trans-Africa railway that would run from the Atlantic coast of Angola through the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Zambia – a passage known as the Lobito Corridor – eastward to the Indian Ocean. South China Morning Post.

China-Africa photo and video competition holds award ceremony, welcomes African winners to Beijing

The award ceremony of the "My Chinese Story" China-Africa Photo and Video Competition was held in Beijing on Nov. 1. Diplomatic envoys from nearly 30 countries to China, such as Egypt, Republic of the Congo, and Central African Republic attended the ceremony and gave high credit to the competition. "The friendship between China and Africa needs no elaborate words; our bond is growing deeper and stronger," said Kenneth S. Rabale, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Lesotho to China. Twenty prize winners of the competition from South Africa, Egypt and Madagascar were invited to a five-day Beijing visit on the sidelines of the award ceremony from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3. Capital News.

When China rules Africa

The 2024 summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), held from September 4 to 6 in Beijing, has reinforced China's geopolitical clout over Africa. The FOCAC, which was established in 2000, holds triennial summits. The theme of the ninth summit was "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future". Attended by China and 53 African countries, it adopted the Beijing Declaration on "Jointly Building an All-Weather China-Africa Community with a Shared Future for the New Era". The growing stature of China in Africa, in what China calls the "new era", has markedly upset the established geopolitical configurations in the continent and also Africa's perceptions about China. Frontline Magazine.

Chinese EV makers invest in Africa to foster green growth, not avoid Western tariffs

Africa is emerging as a key investment destination for Chinese electric vehicle (EV) makers seeking to go global. Egypt, in particular, is attracting significant interest due to its plan to localize automotive production, an expanding domestic market, competitive labor costs, and its key role as a transportation hub, according to the South China Morning Post (SCMP). Chinese EV makers BAIC Group and Zeekr, Geely Auto's premium EV maker, have announced plans to enter Egypt - a key location for companies looking to tap into the Middle East and Africa, the SCMP reported on Sunday. The investment of Chinese EV makers in the African market is not a passive response to protectionist tariff barriers in Western countries as claimed by some Western media outlets; rather, it is a natural choice based on the increasingly close economic ties and cooperation trends among countries in the Global South. People's Daily Online.

Forum on China-Africa innovative cooperation held in Wuhan

The 2024 China-Africa Innovation Cooperation and Development Forum took place in central China's Wuhan, drawing nearly 800 experts and government representatives from 32 countries and regions attending the event. A China-Africa youth innovation venture contest was also held during the forum, mainly focusing on economy and agriculture. Nearly 100 young contestants from China and Africa took part in the event. The State Council. The People's Republic of China.

UNIVEN Green Technology Confucius Institute Shines at the China- Africa University Presidents Forum

The University of Venda (UNIVEN) made a notable impact at the 3rd China-Africa Technology Innovation and Transfer Cooperation Forum held from 6-8 November 2024 in Wuhan, China. Led by UNIVEN's Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof Bernard Nthambeleni, the delegation, which included senior university managers, attended the prestigious China-Africa University Presidents Forum on Innovation and Development. The event, hosted by Hubei University of Technology, the China-Africa Innovation Cooperation Center, and the Chinese Secretariat for the China-Africa Consortium of Universities Exchange Mechanism, took place at the East Lake International Conference Centre. University of Venda.

Bilateral trade between Nigeria, China hits \$15bn

China's imports from Nigeria increased by 36.1 per cent between January and September as bilateral trade between the two countries reached \$15.1bn within the period, the acting Consul-General of China, Mr Jin Mingyu, has said. Mingyu disclosed this in Lagos during a civic reception organised to welcome the arrival of the first vessel on COSCO's new route to dock at Lekki Port. He stated that as of September, Lekki Port's 2024 cargo throughput exceeded 160,000 twenty-foot equivalent units, adding that the Chinese Government looks forward to seeing more merchant ships transporting unique Nigerian products to China. Punch Nigeria Limited.

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