

#### Trump trade-war risk eclipses African impact of China's economic reboot

Africa will escape a direct hit from President-elect Donald Trump's tariffs, but is exposed to heavy collateral damage from a new US-China trade war. Hopes that China's stimulus package would help kickstart economic growth among its African partners have given way to fears that a renewed US-China trade war will cause collateral damage to the continent. The africa Report.

## Analysts skeptical about African impact of China's zero-tariff offer

Analysts interviewed by VOA expressed skepticism over China's recent decision to eliminate tariffs for goods from least developed countries with diplomatic relations with Bejing, including 33 in Africa, next month. The move was announced by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in Beijing in early September. The analysts see it as an effort to expand China's influence in Africa without bringing much benefit to the LDCs. "This move has not generated the excitement it should, due to well-known structural difficulties in Africa," Emmanuel Owusu-Sekyere, director of research, policy and programs at the African Center for Economic Transformation in Accra, Ghana, told VOA. Voice of America.

## Chinese Lending to Africa is Way More Complicated Than You Think

It's widely believed that Chinese lending to African countries is predominantly done by a few state policy banks, such as the China Exim Bank and the China Development Bank. While that was true in the past, today the situation is far more complicated. New research found that a diverse array of Chinese creditors are now active in Africa, including commercial banks, state banks, and corporate actors, among many others. And contrary to the popular perception that Chinese lenders are monolithic, the reality is that each of these creditors has very different agendas. China Global South Project.

## Chinese telecom companies eye African market at Africa Tech Festival 2024

Chinese telecom companies, showcasing innovative technologies and products at the Africa Tech Festival 2024 in South Africa, have set ambitious goals to expand their footprint in the rapidly growing African market. Held from Nov. 12 to 14 at Cape Town International Convention Center in the country's legislative capital, the festival -- Africa's largest and most influential telecom and technology event -- attracted 15,000 attendees, over 300 exhibitors, and 450 speakers from across the continent and beyond. According to its organizers, the event offered a "360-degree view" of how technological innovation and strategic shifts are reshaping key sectors, while also serving as a platform to explore the transformative impact of technology across Africa's diverse industries. China.org.cn.

# Conference held in eastern Chinese city Jinhua to promote China-Africa culture and tourism exchanges, cooperation

The 2024 Conference on China-Africa Cultural and Tourism Cooperation & Exchange was held in Jinhua City in east China's Zhejiang Province on November 8. The conference, which sought to promote

people-to-people exchanges via cultural Silk Road to promote mutual progress for China and Africa, was jointly organized by the international exchange and cooperation department of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the China Tourism Academy, and the Zhejiang Provincial Department of Culture, Radio, Television and Tourism. The Manila Times.

#### Conference on Enhancing China-Africa (Ethiopia) Economic, Trade Cooperation Underway

The conference that aimed at enhancing the economic and trade cooperation between Jiangsu province of China and Africa (Ethiopia) underway in Addis Ababa today. The conference was attended by Finance Minister, Ahmed Shide, Foreign Affairs State Minister, Mesganu Arga, Chinese Ambassador to Ethiopia, Chen Hai, China's Jiangsu Provice Governor, Xu Kunlin, AUC Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development Senior Technical Advisor, Laila B. Lokosang, among other invited guests. Ethiopian News Agency.

## Kenya Spent US\$ 3.481bn Importing from China in 2023

Kenya spent US\$ 3.481bn importing goods and services from China, more than from any other country in the world, but still lower than the peak in 2021. An overview of Kenya's trade landscape, 2023 report commissioned by the UK government lists United Arab Emirates (UAE), India, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, USA, Japan, Russian Federation, South Africa and Egypt as top ten sources of Kenya's imports. Last year, the total trade (which include import and export) between Kenya and China stood at USD3.481bn with the value of imports from China standing at USD3.275bn. Tea and horticulture primarily dominate Kenya exports but other commodities exported also include apparel articles, iron and steel, coffee, edible oils, cement, plastics and rubbers and pharmaceuticals. Wallstreet Africa Technologies.

## Angola: Chinese-funded \$3.8 billion airport comes alive after almost two decades

The airport, named after Angola's first president, is located 40km southeast of Luanda and can handle 15 million passengers and 130,000 tons of cargo annually. On November 10, 2024, TAAG Angola Airlines operated its first commercial passenger flight from the new airport, marking a significant milestone. The AIAAN was built by China National Aero-technology International Engineering Corporation and according to China Daily, is the largest airport ever constructed by any Chinese enterprise outside of China. According to a CNN report, the airport project was initially launched in 2005, with construction beginning in 2013. After a contract termination in 2017, a new agreement was secured in 2020. Business Insider Africa.

## CNNC in race for Ghana's first nuclear power plant

China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) is said to be competing for Ghana's first nuclear power plant, according to media outlet Caijing. Herbert Krapa, Ghana's minister of state at the Ministry of Energy, was quoted by Caijing as saying that the country is in the process of selecting a supplier for its first large-scale nuclear power plant, with CNNC actively competing for the contract, having made progress on both technical and financing fronts. The company has already signed several framework agreements, he said. China Daily.

## China is leading source of investment destinations in Ghana in half-year 2024

According to the first-half 2024 Investment Report by Ghana Investment and Promotion Center, the Far East country had the highest number of registered projects of 26. However, Spain recorded the highest

foreign direct Investment (FDI) value of US\$76.41 million in the first half of 2024. Sixty-nine projects were registered during the period. Of the 69 projects registered, 53 were wholly foreign-owned, representing 76.8% of the number of projects with a total estimated investment cost amount of US\$177.79 million. My Joy Online.

#### Rwandan, Chinese students win gold medal at world skills competition

A team of Rwandan students from Rwanda Polytechnic (RP) Musanze college and Chinese students from Jinhua University of Vocational Technology decently secured a gold medal at the 2024 World Skills Competition (International Group) that was held in China. Competing against over 300 teams from vocational colleges worldwide, the team's innovative project, 'Smarter Cooking, Better Living, Smart Kitchenware Enters the African Market' concept stood out in the final round, showcasing the possibilities of tech-enabled kitchen solutions tailored for the African market. The New Times Rwanda.

#### Sierra Leone, China deepen fisheries ties

Chinese officials recently met in Beijing with representatives from the West African country of Sierra Leone to discuss opportunities for collaboration between the two nations. Among other meetings, Han Jun, secretary of the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, met with Sierra Leone's Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Princess Dugba. The meeting marked a continuation of close cooperation between China and Sierra Leone, with China already having pledged to build a fishing port for the West African country. Dugba met China's Ambassador to Sierra Leone Wang Qing in June to sign an agreement on commencement of work at the port. Diversified Communications.

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