



[What FOCAC 2024 Reveals About the Future of China-Africa Relations](#)

In early September 2024, China gathered fifty-three high-level African delegations—thirty-six of which were led by heads of state and prime ministers—to the ninth Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit. Few countries can pretend to have such convening power, especially when it comes to Africa. Given the regularity of FOCAC meetings, even during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the enthusiasm and high attendance it elicits among African leaders, it has become the preeminent Africa plus one summit. (“Africa plus one” refers to bilateral gatherings between Africa and some other country, the oldest being the France-Afrique summits that started in 1973). Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

[Forum fosters ties between China, Africa](#)

The China-Africa relationship is poised to grow to new heights under the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation framework, affecting not only the two parties but also the global arena, experts say. They also describe the framework as key in realizing the modernization of both China and Africa, which is expected to reshape the world. Wang Wen, dean of Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies at Renmin University of China, said FOCAC is “a great platform” that strengthens existing cooperation while fostering future growth and shared aspirations. Speaking at a recent webinar, Wang said that over the past 24 years since its establishment, FOCAC has seen spillover effects of China’s development model. China Daily.

[African governments are shaping the future of the China-Africa relations](#)

One of the largest and most important events on China’s diplomatic calendar, the 9th Forum on China-Africa Cooperation was held in Beijing from 4 to 6 September. The triennial gathering of Chinese leaders, heads of state, and delegations from over 50 African countries concluded, as has become customary, with an action plan containing long lists of areas of cooperation, new initiatives, and areas of agreement and alignment. The London School of Economics and Political Science.

[Chinese botanists protect plants in Africa](#)

While the majority of Chinese botanists have directed their research efforts toward studying the rich flora of China, a select few have ventured into the unexplored realms of African flora. Wang Shengwei stands out as one of these explorers. Since embarking on his doctoral studies at the Wuhan Botanical Garden of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2017, Wang has delved deep into the intricate tapestry of African plant diversity and distribution. His doctoral thesis focuses on the plant diversity and conservation of tropical East Africa. China Daily.

[Africa, for EU geopolitical challenge with China and Russia passes through the role of regions](#)

Brussels – Do more and do better, with a vision worthy of the name, strengthening partnerships structurally and strategically. The EU in Africa must be more present and in a better way for reasons of economic, geopolitical and prospective interest, and in this, the regions can and must play a role. A

political agenda strongly supported by the European Committee of the Regions (COR), which unanimously approved the report on the role of regions and municipalities in implementing the Africa strategy. The political sense of the text is summed up by Guido Milana (Action/Re), a member of the Olevano Romano City Council and the measure's rapporteur. "We must distinguish between aid and investment," he stresses. The EU has so far insisted on the former, a choice that does not pay and even less will in the future. Eunews.

[Egypt partners with UAE's Global South Utilities, China's JA Solar for solar energy factories](#)

Arab Finance: Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish two solar energy factories in collaboration with UAE-based Global South Utilities and China's JA Solar, as per a statement. The initiative involves the creation of two facilities: one for manufacturing solar cells with a capacity of 2 gigawatts and another for producing solar panels with an equal capacity. Madbouly emphasized Egypt's commitment to developing the industrial sector as a key driver for sustainable development. Zawya.

[Lights On or Off? Chinese Solar and Wind Companies in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

When I stepped into the bustling exhibition hall at Enlit Africa in Cape Town in May 2024, I was surprised by the riot of colorful banners featuring Chinese characters. A whopping 40% of the exhibitors at one of Africa's largest energy and power conferences in Cape Town from China—more than any other country. Perhaps it should not be surprising. China is not only Africa's largest trading partner and creditor, but also its single largest renewable energy (RE) investor since 2000. Chinese construction companies have built 60% of Sub-Saharan Africa's (SSA) hydropower plants. New Security Beat.

[South Africa secures trade success at China expo](#)

South Africa's presence at the seventh China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai concluded with notable success, leaving local businesses optimistic about the potential for turning trade leads into tangible partnerships. Supported by the department of trade, industry, and competition (DTIC), 35 South African companies recently showcased a range of products and services during the expo. According to the DTIC, a variety of products, including wines, jewellery, and agricultural and agro-processed products were on display at the South African stands. Food For Mzansi.

[Dermatologists bring relief to South Sudan patients](#)

Patients with fungal skin infections in South Sudan are increasingly flocking to the Juba Teaching Hospital, drawn by the expertise of Zheng Jianfeng, a Chinese dermatologist from the 12th batch of the Chinese medical team stationed in the country. Benson Kocho, a 32-year-old teacher in the capital Juba, is among the patients seeking treatment from Zheng. With a tumor on his upper lip, Kocho came to the hospital on Nov 8 after local doctors were at a loss regarding his medical condition. China Daily.