



### [MTN South Africa, China Telecom, Huawei in digital infrastructure pact](#)

MTN South Africa has reportedly signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with China Telecom Global and Huawei to develop digital infrastructure across MTN's African footprint. According to Reuters, the partnership aims to leverage China Telecom's expertise in network solutions, MTN's expansive regional reach and Huawei's technology solutions. Kai Chen, executive vice president of China Telecom Global, said the three companies would create "a powerful alliance to drive digital infrastructure development on the continent", the report said. MTN Group currently has telco operations in 17 markets on the African continent, as well as two others in the Middle East. Developing Telecoms.

### [Africa's foreign policy must focus on continental needs](#)

Rather than seeking common African positions, prioritising Africa's development and peace can provide a foundation for meaningful global influence. The international order is being challenged by tensions between the global north or West and the emerging global south powers, particularly the BRICS+ group. In a divided world, major and middle powers from both sides are courting Africa, as seen in the many summit meetings and billion-dollar investment pledges. But do these partnerships strengthen Africa's position on the world stage as the African Union (AU) claims? Institute for Security Studies.

### [Volume Of Trade Between Nigeria, China Highest In Africa- VP Shettima](#)

Vice President Kashim Shettima has expressed satisfaction with the continuous increase in the volume of trade between Nigeria and China, noting it is one of the highest in Africa. Shettima calls for constant improvement of relations between the two nations, maintaining that the two countries are friends and have sustained mutual respect and honour for each other. Shettima made the declaration on Tuesday in Abuja when he received a delegation from China led by Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Zhang Qingwei at the Presidential Villa, Abuja. Voice of Nigeria.

### [Nigeria-China trade relations hit \\$22.6bn in 2023 – Shettima](#)

Vice President Kashim Shettima has revealed that Nigeria-China trade relations reached \$22.6bn in 2023, making it one of the highest trade volumes between China and any African country. Shettima's spokesman, Stanley Nkwocha, disclosed this on his official X (formerly Twitter) page on Wednesday. Nkwocha quoted Shettima to have said so while addressing a Chinese delegation, led by the Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Zhang Qingwei, at a meeting in Aso Rock Villa on Tuesday. Punch Nigeria Limited.

### [Ethiopia: Envoy appreciates efforts in improving children's life](#)

The Embassy of Ethiopia in China participated in the commemorative event organized by the China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) on November 20 in Beijing, marking the 5th anniversary of the "Panda Pack Project," according to the Ethiopian embassy. In response to the lack of learning and daily supplies for primary school students in developing countries under the Belt and Road Initiative, CFRD

and Alibaba Foundation jointly launched the project in 2019. In the project, care packages were donated to schools and students to improve the learning and living conditions of the beneficiaries while supporting the development of physical education programs at the schools. Global Times.

### **[Kenyan students shine at Huawei-sponsored digital talent camp in south China](#)**

Ten students from Kenyan tertiary institutions were recently named finalists in the Huawei-sponsored Leadership, Employability, Advancement, and Possibilities (LEAP) Digital Talent Study Camp, held in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province. According to a statement from Huawei Kenya, the 10 students were divided into two teams, showcasing their expertise in cutting-edge digital technologies. One team developed an innovative solution named Mafreeco, inspired by the Swahili word Mafuriko, meaning floods. The Standard.

### **[Uganda taps China for \\$150m loan to roll out more fibre](#)**

Chris Baryomunsi, Uganda's minister for Information, Communication, Technology and National Guidance, has given an update on the \$150 million loan from China's Export Import Bank to support the expansion of fibre-based internet connectivity. Speaking at a sitting of the House, yesterday, Baryomunsi said the funding enables Phase V of the National Broadband Infrastructure (NBI) project. This phase is expected to extend connectivity beyond government's ministries, departments, agencies, district headquarters and hospitals, and to connect all the country's sub-counties. ITWeb Limited.

### **[Uganda Seeks Chinese Investment to Fuel Economic Growth](#)**

Uganda has extended a warm invitation to Chinese investors to explore the country's burgeoning economy and abundant investment opportunities. The call was made during the recent Uganda-China Investment Conference held in Shenzhen. The conference, attended by over 300 participants, aimed to foster bilateral investment and strengthen economic ties between the two nations. Ugandan officials highlighted the country's strategic location, rich natural resources, and skilled workforce as key factors attracting foreign investment. Nile Post News.

### **[Morocco and China: Unlocking Strategic Opportunities to Enhance Their Partnership](#)**

The importance of Sino-Moroccan rapprochement has grown due to the active engagement of Chinese diplomacy and its alignment with Morocco's stable economic, strategic, and security framework. This development is particularly relevant in light of the escalating political and geostrategic crises that the Maghreb region has faced recently, stemming from the challenges in managing the economic, social, and foreign policies of certain North African states. The Belt and Road Initiative is a crucial driver for Morocco, enabling the Kingdom to enhance its economic standing and industrial position in Africa and globally. Modern Diplomacy.

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