



[**African countries applaud China's zero-tariff treatment for least developed countries**](#)

Starting on Sunday, China will give all the least developed countries with which it has diplomatic relations zero-tariff treatment for 100 percent tariff lines, becoming the first major developing country and the first major economy to take such a significant measure. As observers have noted, the move meets the development needs of countries from the Global South, highlighting China's commitment to sharing development opportunities with nations worldwide through tangible actions. CGTN.

[**China has initiated a free-trade policy with 33 African countries**](#)

This initiative has reportedly been put into effect, as China is set to unilaterally allow zero-tariff market access for all products, to developing nations. Chinese state media reported that the East Asian country's zero-tariff policy for developing countries took effect on Sunday, as seen on Sputnik, "Africa is the continent with the largest number of least developed countries, and China's zero-tariff measure aims to drive industrial cooperation upgrading through large-scale trade, enhance China-Africa cooperation, and encourage more countries from the Global South to jointly pursue modernization," Yang Baorong, a researcher at the China-Africa Institute, told the Xinhua news agency. Business Insider.

[**Biden's trip to Angola aimed at countering China's fast-growing influence in the continent**](#)

In a world marked by intense geopolitical competition, China stands out as a country that has shown Africa a path to industrialisation and modernisation without imposing stringent conditions, unlike many Western countries and their multilateral institutions. As a result, China's growing influence in Africa has prompted Western powers, who see themselves as geopolitical leaders, to reconsider their strategies. Some have shifted from focusing solely on capacity-building programmes... The Stabdard.

[**The Growing Militarization of China's Africa Policy**](#)

China's 2-week military exercises with Tanzania and Mozambique in July and August 2024 marked a significant expansion of People's Liberation Army (PLA) engagement in Africa. The battalion-sized Chinese deployment (approximately 1,000 troops) conducted land- and sea-based training involving maritime patrols, search and rescue, and live-fire drills with their Tanzanian and Mozambican counterparts in exercises labelled "Peace Unity-2024." Some two dozen different types of weapons and equipment, including small arms, heavy artillery, micro unmanned aerial vehicles, and various reconnaissance and infantry vehicles were involved. Africa Center for Strategic Studies.

[**There is great potential for cooperation between China and Ethiopia in the coffee sector**](#)

In early morning, the valley was bathed in sunlight as the sun peeked through the trees, casting a warm glow over the land of hope. Braving the rising sun, my Embassy team and I reached the renowned Ethiopian coffee-growing region of Yirgacheffe. As a coffee enthusiast, I have been captivated by this place for long. After three months of working in Ethiopia, I finally made my trip here, and my excitement and anticipation was obvious. Capital Newspaper.

[How Kenya can bridge its trade deficit with Chinese company](#)

For 61 years, Sino-Kenya ties have strengthened significantly, reaching a strategic level that other African nations could emulate. However, Kenya has yet to fully unlock the economic potential of this relationship. As President William Ruto's administration emphasises an economy-focused foreign policy, Kenya should continue initiatives launched by the previous administration to address the trade imbalance with China. The deficit rose to \$3.62 billion (Sh485.08 billion under the prevailing exchange rate) in 2022 from \$3.51 billion (Sh470.34 billion) in the prior year, the Central Bank of Kenya reported. The Star.

[Chinese Media Report on Growing Ties Between China and Morocco in Electric Vehicle Industry](#)

A recent report from the South China Morning Post has shed light on the increasingly important economic relationship between China and Morocco, particularly in the strategic electric vehicle manufacturing sector. The article, published on November 29, details Chinese President Xi Jinping's brief but significant visit with Moroccan Crown Prince Moulay Hassan on his return trip from the G20 summit in Brazil last week. According to the South China Morning Post, President Xi stated that China's engagement with Morocco has become "increasingly active," with Chinese companies ramping up investments in Morocco's electric vehicle battery and manufacturing industries. Morocco World News.

[Biden's Angola visit aims to showcase his attempts to rival China](#)

Joe Biden has begun his long-anticipated maiden visit to sub-Saharan Africa as US president but it comes amidst uncertainty over future US-Africa relations as Donald Trump prepares to succeed him in January. Biden's visit to oil-rich Angola seeks to underline an attempt by America to focus more on trade and heavy investment in infrastructure, in what some analysts see as the most direct counter yet to China's influence on the continent. "It's a perfect marriage of convenience," Angolan analyst Edmilson Angelo told the BBC. Biden's choice of Angola is significant - he is the first US president to visit the country, signalling a dramatic improvement in relations between the two nations. BBC.