



### [Chinese defense minister meets naval chiefs from Africa](#)

China's Defense Minister Dong Jun Thursday met naval chiefs from African nations, stressing the "concept of shared destiny." Dong met the visiting naval commanders from Nigeria, Gabon and other nations in Shanghai, according to the Chinese Defense Ministry. The visiting heads of delegations from 18 countries are attending the 2nd Seminar on the Security Situation in the Gulf of Guinea, organized by Chinese navy. "The Gulf of Guinea is the common home of regional countries and an important link for China and Africa to strengthen exchanges and cooperation and build a community with a shared future for the ocean," Dong said. Anadolu Ajansı.

### [China's military and private security inroads in Africa](#)

China closely aligns its global security expansion with its economic strategy, particularly in Africa's Maghreb and Sahel regions. This relationship has historical roots, with China beginning engagement there as early as the 1950s by supporting national movements and decolonization efforts. In the new millennium, China's economic and political investment in the area has intensified. The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, first organized in 2000, and the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum, established in 2004, laid the groundwork for China's engagement in Africa and the Arab world. Geopolitical Intelligence Services AG.

### [Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong Meets with South African Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Anna Thandi Moraka](#)

On December 5, 2024, Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong met with visiting South African Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Anna Thandi Moraka. Chen Xiaodong said that during the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in September this year, the two heads of state announced the elevation of bilateral relations to an all-round strategic cooperative partnership in the new era, writing a "golden chapter" in the "golden era" of China-South Africa relations. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The People's Republic of China.

### [China never absent in process of Africa's development: spokesperson](#)

There will always be opportunities for African countries as China pursues high-standard opening up, and China will never be absent in the process of Africa's development and prosperity, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Friday. Starting from Dec. 1, China gave all the least developed countries (LDCs) with which it has diplomatic relations zero-tariff treatment for 100 percent tariff lines, including 33 countries in Africa. Xinhua.

### [Fact-Checking International Media Coverage of Biden's Africa Tour](#)

Joe Biden wrapped up a three-day trip to Cabo Verde and Angola this week, marking the first visit by a sitting U.S. President to Africa in almost ten years. Although Biden sought to lay out an expansive vision for U.S. foreign policy towards Africa, including increased U.S. funding for climate change mitigation,

more humanitarian assistance, and new infrastructure development, very little of that message got through the media coverage. Instead, U.S., European, and Indian media outlets framed the visit as part of a larger great power struggle with China and Washington's effort to curtail Beijing's surging influence on the continent. China Global South Project.

### **Africa's choices in a world of rival powers**

In a rapidly changing world, Africa has emerged as a key stage for global competition. With its vast resources and strategic significance, the continent is drawing significant interest from powerful players such as Russia, China and the United States. As Africa faces new promises and potential threats, leaders on the continent are challenged to make choices that could shape Africa's role in an increasingly multipolar world. Recent developments underscore the complexity of this environment: Russian President Vladimir Putin has extended a promise of "total support" to Africa, presenting Moscow as a counterbalance to Western influence. Daily Sabah.

### **Should China Be Worried About the Biden Administration's Growing Africa Engagement?**

U.S. President Joe Biden finally fulfilled his promise of visiting Africa almost two years after the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit in December 2022. Biden's visit to Angola came almost a decade after former President Barack Obama visited Ethiopia and Kenya in 2015 – the last visit by a U.S. president to sub-Saharan Africa. Biden's long-promised visit aimed to showcase U.S. investments in Africa, and particularly Angola, but it is widely believed that his efforts were also intended to diminish Beijing's influence, which has been growing particularly since the launch of the Belt and Road Initiative. The Diplomat.

### **Experts question Biden's Africa promises**

In the waning days of his presidency, US President Joe Biden made a rare visit to Angola, touting support for Africa and a key railway project. With his term ending soon, experts question whether these promises will be fully delivered. Biden had promised to visit sub-Saharan Africa last year after reviving the US-Africa Leaders Summit in 2022. His trip, the first by a US president to the region since Barack Obama in 2015, was delayed until October and then postponed further because of Hurricane Milton. China Daily.