



### [South Africa, Namibia, Turkey back India in opposing China-led WTO pact: Official](#)

The China-led Investment Facilitation for Development (IFD) agreement has gained the support of 128 countries at the World Trade Organization (WTO) but India, along with South Africa, Namibia, and Turkey, will continue to oppose the initiative due to its potential to undermine the policy space of weaker nations, a central government official said on Tuesday ahead of the WTO General Council meeting in Geneva on December 16-17. This comes at a time when investment flows are increasingly shifting away from China due to a possible US-China trade war and a weakening consumer demand in China. These investments are increasingly moving to ASEAN countries as Chinese firms have increased their overseas assets to record levels. The Indian Express.

### [China Targets Morocco to Control the Mediterranean—And Global Trade | Opinion](#)

On November 21, Xi Jinping made a "technical stopover" in Casablanca on his way back to China from his triumphant tour of South America. China's leader got the red carpet treatment on arrival, greeted by 21-year-old Crown Prince Moulay El Hassan and Prime Minister Aziz Akhannouch. Why did Xi choose Morocco for his short, unscheduled layover? Beijing, it appears, had two primary reasons. Morocco's special trade relations tie together three continents: Europe, North America, and Africa. The kingdom offers a trade-dependent China a backdoor to major markets. NEWSWEEK DIGITAL.

### [China's Huawei supports Tunisia's smart education](#)

China's tech giant Huawei and Tunisia's El-Khawarizmi Computing Center (CCK) held the CCK-Huawei Technology Summit 2024 on Tuesday in Tunisia's capital city, Tunis, with the aim of enhancing Tunisia's smart education. "Tunisia has made education one of the priority pillars of its national strategy; we have been gradually taking advantage of technological advances to promote innovation," Tunisian Minister of Communication Technologies Sofiene Hemissi said at the summit. Xinhua.

### [Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong Meets with Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Congo Bruno Jean-Richard Itoua](#)

On December 9, 2024, Vice Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong met with visiting Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Congo Bruno Jean-Richard Itoua. Chen Xiaodong said that the friendship between China and the Republic of the Congo has a long history. Over the past 60 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations, China and the Republic of the Congo have always trusted and supported each other, and achieved fruitful results in cooperation. During the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in September this year, the two heads of state held fruitful talks, jointly charting the course for the building of a high-level community with a shared future between China and the Republic of the Congo. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The People's Republic of China.

### [Chinese gold mining threatens a protected UN heritage site in Congo](#)

Scattered along the banks of the Ituri River, buildings cram together, cranes transport dirt and debris scatters the soil. The patches of trees are a scant reminder that a forest once grew there. Nestled in eastern Congo's Ituri province, the Chinese-run gold mine is rapidly encroaching on an area that many say it shouldn't be operating in at all - the Okapi Wildlife Reserve, an endangered World Heritage site. The original boundaries of the reserve were established three decades ago by Congo's government and encompassed the area where the Chinese company now mines. But over the years under opaque circumstances, the boundaries shrunk, allowing the company to operate inside the lush forest. The Associated Press.

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