



[Chinese infrastructure lending and Africa's global value chain participation](#)

Over the years, China has become one of the world's largest lenders, particularly to African countries (Reinhart et al. 2020, Mihalyi and Trebesch 2023). Following a slowdown that began in 2017, Chinese loans to Africa increased again in 2023 (Engel et al. 2024). Driven largely by the Belt and Road Initiative, China's official overseas loans primarily target large infrastructure projects in areas such as transportation and energy (McBride et al. 2023). Between 2007 and 2020, Chinese development banks provided 2.5 times more funding for public-private infrastructure projects in sub-Saharan Africa than the combined total from the development banks of the US, Germany, France, and Japan, significantly outpacing multilateral development banks in this sector (Lee and Gonzales 2022). CEPR.

["Made in Africa, Used for Africa" leads China-Africa medicine cooperation](#)

At Lancet General Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, a nurse is expertly administering a saline drip to a patient, who is visibly relieved as the treatment takes effect. Such scenes are quite common at the hospital, where dedicated healthcare workers strive to provide quality care under challenging conditions. Like many other East African countries, Ethiopia has long faced significant shortages of essential medications, including large-volume infusions, primarily due to the lack of domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing. For Africa at large, the lack of medical supplies left it particularly vulnerable to epidemics like malaria, cholera and smallpox. Capital Digital Media.

[Vice Foreign Minister Deng Li Attends the Reception Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between China and the Republic of the Congo](#)

On December 18, 2024, Vice Foreign Minister Deng Li attended a reception celebrating the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the Republic of the Congo, and had a friendly exchange with Ambassador of the Republic of the Congo to China Jacques Jean Luc Nyanga on the relations between China and the Republic of the Congo, as well as China-Africa relations. Deng Li extended congratulations on the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the Republic of the Congo and said that the friendship between China and the Republic of the Congo has a long history and is deeply rooted in the hearts of the people. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The People's Republic of China.

[Can US' strategy to sideline China in Africa succeed?](#)

My trip to Africa this past August gave me a deeper understanding of the continent. Behind every rickety minibus speeding through muddy roads, every flickering light bulb, and every village surrounded by dusty dirt roads lies a story of resilience and strength that is nothing short of awe-inspiring. At the same time, every African nation, especially those rich in resources yet trapped in poverty, seems to silently convey a stark truth to the outside world: the lack of infrastructure is choking the future of Africa's development. The Americans arrived just as I reflected on the glaring infrastructure gaps across the continent. Global Times.

Morocco is Now a Major Hub for Chinese Investment in Africa

Chinese President Xi Jinping surprised a lot of people last month when he made an unannounced stopover in Morocco on his way home from the G20 summit in Brazil. The North African country doesn't often come to mind when considering China's key geopolitical partners in the MENA region... which is a mistake. Morocco is now a major manufacturing hub for Chinese automakers whose vehicles and parts flow directly into the European market thanks, in part, to a free trade agreement. The Kingdom is also one of the few countries in the world to have a free trade pact with both the EU and the U.S., making it especially attractive for Chinese firms who may be looking to shift production out of China to avoid the anticipated tariffs that will be imposed by the incoming Trump administration. China Global South Project.

Chinese enterprises in Kenya lead green growth, modernization: Report

Kenya's quest for green development, modernization and skills upgrade has borne fruits, driven by the proactive involvement of Chinese firms operating in the country, according to a report launched Tuesday in the country's capital of Nairobi. In its fourth edition, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) report compiled by the Kenya China Economic and Trade Association (KCETA) covering 2022-2023, said that these companies have rallied behind Kenya's long-term growth and transformation agenda. Capital Digital Media.

Ethiopia: Ambassador meets CPIFA president

Tefera Derbew, Ethiopian Ambassador to China, met with Wang Chao, president of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA), on December 13. The two sides exchanged views on issues of mutual concern, including China-Ethiopia relations, China-Africa relations, and strengthening people-to-people exchanges and cooperation between the two countries, according to a report published by CPIFA on Tuesday. Ambassador Tefera said that it was an honor to witness the elevation of China-Ethiopia relations to an all-weather strategic partnership during his tenure. Global Times.

First China-aided agricultural training session kicks off in DR Congo

The first training session on agricultural technical cooperation, jointly organized by the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and China, was launched Thursday in Kinshasa. Speaking at the opening ceremony, DRC Minister of Agriculture Gregoire Mutshail Mutomb said agriculture is one of the pillars of cooperation between the DRC and China, as the two countries decided to elevate their bilateral relationship to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership in May last year. According to the agriculture minister, this first training session will enable the DRC to leverage its agricultural resources, achieve self-sufficiency in food production, and reduce poverty. People's Daily Online.

Chinese businesses committed to development in Kenya

In line with the outcomes of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation summit held in Beijing in September, the Chinese business community in Kenya has expressed its commitment to participate in the economic development of the east African country through infrastructure development, job creation, cultural exchanges, environmental protection and corporate social responsibility activities. (Watch the video) They lauded the 2024 FOCAC summit, noting that it injected new vitality into China-Kenya relations, creating new opportunities for practical cooperation in areas such as trade and investment, peace and security, and cultural exchanges. China Daily.

[China-backed Ugandan oil project linked to human rights violations](#)

A US\$10-billion oil project in Uganda being developed by France's TotalEnergies and CNOOC of China has been linked to human rights violations, with rights groups accusing the local authorities of repression and forced evictions, and citing sexual violence and environmental damage in connection with the project. The project forms a key part of Chinese President Xi Jinping's signature Belt and Road global supply chain and infrastructure program, which China says has helped more than 150 countries develop seaports, railways and bridges, and critics say has led to growing geopolitical influence for Beijing and debt traps for its partner countries. Radio Free Asia.

[Ambassador of Morocco to China highlights cultural ties through tea](#)

Abdelkader El Ansari, Ambassador of Morocco to China, emphasized his country's deep ties to Chinese green tea for the "UniTea: Macao Tea Melody" program, hosted by CGTN and CRI Online. He noted that Chinese green tea, introduced to Morocco in the 18th century, has since become one of his country's most iconic drinks. As the world's largest importer, Morocco brings in over 70,000 tons annually. Marking the 25th anniversary of Macao's return to China, the ambassador also extended warm wishes for the program's success. CGTN.