



### **Chinese FM's Africa tour is more than symbolic**

The United States' outgoing President Joe Biden made his first visit to Africa in December, during the twilight of his term in office. In contrast, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has upheld a three decade-long tradition of making African nations the first entries on Beijing's diplomatic calendar. By the end of this week, Wang will have visited Namibia, the Republic of Congo, Chad and Nigeria. While it's never clear in advance where the Chinese delegation will stop — or indeed why — the visits "resonate in Africa as a reminder of China's consistent commitment to the continent, in contrast to the approaches of the US, United Kingdom and European Union," Eric Olander, co-founder of the China-Global South Project, a multimedia project that covers China's engagement in the Global South, told the Reuters news agency. Deutsche Welle.

### **What to Expect from Africa-China Relations in 2025**

Africa-China relations in 2025 kicked off with a trip to the continent by China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi from January 5-11. Since 1991, China's foreign minister has made Africa his inaugural international trip for the year. The trip marks Wang's 57th visit to Africa since 2013. Wang will be visiting Chad, the Republic of the Congo, Namibia, and Nigeria. Chad plays a key role in China's effort to secure global supply chains of critical minerals in the high-tech and clean energy sectors. Congo-Brazzaville is the incoming African co-chair of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). Africa Center for Strategic Studies.

### **Critical minerals, waning Western influence a focus of Chinese FM's African tour, analysts say**

Critical minerals and oil, a renewed focus on the Atlantic coast, and the West's loss of influence in the Sahel are some of the reasons analysts believe Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has chosen the Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Chad and Namibia as the stops on his visit to Africa this week. For decades it has been tradition that Beijing's top diplomat makes his first foreign foray of the year to the African continent, and each time experts try to analyse the reasons behind the specific itinerary. Voice of America.

### **China, Congo vow to deepen cooperation, strengthen China-Africa ties**

China and the Republic of Congo reaffirmed the commitment of both countries to advancing China-Africa cooperation and promoting shared development. The two sides reached the consensus in Brazzaville on Tuesday during talks between Denis Sassou Nguesso, president of the Republic of Congo and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee. Sassou welcomed Wang's visit, asking him to convey his New Year greetings and best wishes to Chinese President Xi Jinping. CGTN.

### **Presidents Xi, Boko exchange congratulations on 50th anniversary of China-Botswana ties**

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Botswanan President Duma Boko on Monday exchanged congratulations over the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two

countries. Xi pointed out that over the past 50 years since the establishment of diplomatic ties, no matter how the international situation changes, China-Botswana relations have always maintained a good momentum of development, and the two countries have become good friends who treat each other equally and good partners who develop hand in hand. Capital News.

### **Chinese FM's new year visit to Africa deep-rooted and time-honored**

It is hard to keep a commitment because most of the time, we base it on our feelings which can change easily. But when a commitment can be kept for 35 years and beyond, the reason is telling. As his first overseas trip in the new year, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, has kick-started his trip to the four African countries of Namibia, the Republic of the Congo, Chad and Nigeria, which he described as a longstanding tradition and a distinctive hallmark of China's diplomacy, consistently upheld for 35 years. Global Times.

### **Africa-China 2025: Tracking Priorities on Both Sides**

2025 marks a quarter-century since the first Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit. Since then, Africa-China engagement has been nothing short of transformational – both changing skylines across the continent and reshaping the role of the Global South in world politics more broadly. 2025 is also an important implementation window for initiatives decided at the latest FOCAC summit in September. The anniversary happens as the world faces rapid geopolitical and economic changes. China Global South Project.

### **Wang Yi: Boost the Well-Established Credentials of FOCAC and Guide International Cooperation with Africa**

On January 7, 2025 local time, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Foreign Minister Wang Yi gave an interview to the press after meeting with President of the Republic of the Congo Denis Sassou Nguesso in Brazzaville. When asked about the plans and design for China and the Republic of the Congo, as co-chairs of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), to implement the outcomes of the Beijing Summit, Wang Yi said that FOCAC has played an important role in promoting Africa's development and improving the well-being of African people. It has become a symbol of China-Africa solidarity and cooperation, a banner of South-South cooperation, and a model for guiding international cooperation with Africa. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The People's Republic of China.

### **Chinese FM's visit to Africa illustrates strong China-Africa bond: Zimbabwean expert**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's current visit to Africa is a demonstration of the strong and deep-rooted bond between China and Africa, a Zimbabwean expert said Wednesday. Munetsi Madakufamba, executive director of the Southern African Research and Documentation Center, a regional research group based in the Zimbabwean capital of Harare, told Xinhua that for 35 consecutive years, China's foreign ministers have chosen Africa as their first overseas destination each year, which showcases China's policy consistency and acknowledgment of Africa as an important partner. " Xinhua.

### **China's long game in Africa**

In 2022, when China established its first political training school in Tanzania, the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School, its motivation was unambiguous. With an estimated cost of \$40 million, the

school was a tool for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to shape the future political leaders of Africa following the Chinese principles of governance. Therefore, it is no surprise that the 120 official members of the school's first cohort were from countries with long-standing historical ties to China. These countries continue to be ruled by the liberation parties that came into power through their pre-independence struggles. Observer Research Foundation.

### **Wang Yi: Set a Benchmark for China-Africa Community with a Shared Future for the New Era**

On January 7, 2025 local time, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Foreign Minister Wang Yi gave an interview to the press in Brazzaville and introduced the details of his visit to the Republic of the Congo. Wang Yi said that China and the Republic of the Congo reached broad common understandings on strengthening their comprehensive strategic partnership and deepening China-Africa cooperation. Both sides agreed to continue solidifying the ironclad friendship between China and the Republic of the Congo, and stand firmly together on issues related to each other's core interests, including sovereignty, security, and development. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The People's Republic of China.

### **Visits highlight Sino-African solidarity and cooperation**

Although some Western media have tried to portray Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's ongoing back-to-back visit to four African countries-Namibia, the Republic of Congo, Chad and Nigeria — as China's latest attempt to reach out to African countries to diversify its supplies of key mineral resources and oil, something other major economies are doing too, as long as China's cooperation with them is carried out on the basis of equity and according to fair market law there is no cause for criticism. China Daily.

### **Africa reaps dividends of modernization via FOCAC**

Once dotted with dilapidated roads, limited railway lines, inadequate port facilities, isolated and underdeveloped regions due to poor connectivity, and unending power outages coupled with extreme poverty, today Africa boasts smoother roads, standard gauge railway lines, expanded modern ports and airports, as well as a growing economy, largely attributed to intensified Sino-African cooperation over the past two decades through the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation platform. Established 24 years ago, FOCAC has given life and shape to Africa with the impact trickling down to even the most remote areas of the continent. China Daily.