



### [Joining hands on the path of modernization and jointly building an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era](#)

On February 15, Chinese President Xi Jinping sent a message of congratulation to the 38th African Union (AU) Assembly. China's top leader has sent congratulatory messages to the AU Assembly for consecutive years, showing China's strong commitment to China-Africa cooperation and its firm support to Africa's development and revitalization. I believe the Africa-China relationship will continue to serve as a fine example of South-South cooperation and international cooperation with Africa. I look forward to both sides joining hands on the path of modernization to build an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era, so as to create more benefits for the Chinese and African people. In the congratulatory message, Xi pointed out that as the world is experiencing great changes and disorder, the Global South, represented by China and Africa, keeps growing in strength. Capital News.

### [China's technology inspires Gambian entrepreneur to explore agricultural mechanization](#)

For Wally Saine, a 29-year-old Gambian entrepreneur, modernizing agriculture is more than just a business -- it is a mission to transform the lives of smallholder farmers in the West African country. "Many farmers here still rely on manual labor, which is time-consuming and inefficient," he said. "Mechanization can ease their workload, improve productivity, and reduce post-harvest losses." With a background in engineering and a passion for local industry, Saine founded a company in Banjul, the capital of the Gambia, in 2018 to design and manufacture threshers for crops such as rice, groundnuts, and maize. Xinhua.

### [The U.S. or China: South Africa May Soon Have to Choose](#)

There is mounting evidence that indicates the United States government may force South Africa to make a once-unthinkable choice: it's either the U.S. or China, but it can't be both. The president addressed the issue this week and said, "the South Africa situation is very dangerous and very bad for a lot of people." The president and his supporters are angry over South Africa's opposition to Israel in the Gaza War, Pretoria's close ties with Washington's rivals in Tehran and Moscow, and the country's multifaceted relationship with China — including its longstanding memberships in the BRICS and the Belt and Road Initiative. China Global South Project.

### [The Trialogue: Philani Mthembu on South African Attitudes Toward Russia, China, and BRICS](#)

What is the South African attitude toward the war in Ukraine and to what extent is it shaped by the legacy of the liberation movement? How does South Africa define non-alignment? What is life like for African students in China? And what is the logic of BRICS expansion? In this episode, we addressed these questions and others with Philani Mthembu, Executive Director at the Institute for Global Dialogue in Pretoria. Stimson Center.

### [South Africa eyes stronger relations with China in 2025](#)

South Africa aims to strengthen cooperation with China this year across various sectors to achieve mutual benefits, say South African officials and scholars. Stella Ndabeni-Abrahams, South Africa's minister of small business development, highlighted the country's desire for increased Chinese investment to help address key challenges. South Africa expects deeper collaboration in industries such as textiles, agro-processing and mineral beneficiation, she added. As South Africa prepares to host the G20 Summit this year following its assumption of the presidency in December, Ndabeni-Abrahams said China's experience in organizing major international events could provide valuable insights. Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.

### [After U.S. & China, Russia To Get Its First Naval Base In The Red Sea; Long-Pending Deal Gets Sudan's Nod](#)

Sudan is situated at a critical junction, bordering Egypt and Libya in North Africa, Ethiopia and Eritrea in the Horn of Africa, South Sudan in East Africa, and Chad and the Central African Republic in Central Africa. The Red Sea is strategically important as 12 percent of global trade passes through it, and the presence of the Suez Canal at its northern end. The base in Sudan will help Russia compensate for losing its naval base in Tartus, Syria. With the instability in Syria, having a stable base in Sudan ensures that Russia maintains a strategic foothold in the region. Sudan's foreign minister confirmed the plan to proceed after years of delay. The announcement came during the minister's visit to Moscow, where he met his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov. EurAsian Times.

### [China, Morocco launch joint green energy lab](#)

The Joint Laboratory of China-Morocco Green Energy and Advanced Materials was established in El Jadida, Morocco on Friday, aiming to promote the application of related technological achievements in Morocco and across Africa. The lab was jointly established by State Grid Xinjiang Electric Power Company, Xi'an University of Technology, Shandong University and Chouaib Doukkali University in Morocco. Although Morocco boasts abundant resources in solar and wind energy, renewable energy still represents a limited proportion of the overall energy structure and the pace of energy transition remains relatively slow, particularly facing challenges in infrastructure development and technology integration, according to a statement from the company. China Daily.