



[China calls itself 'trustworthy, reliable friend' to South Africa amid US tensions](#)

China has reassured South Africa that Beijing will remain a "trustworthy and reliable" friend and partner, offering assistance within its capacity, as tensions between Washington and Pretoria persist. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi conveyed this message to South African President Cyril Ramaphosa during their meeting on the sidelines of the G20 foreign ministers' summit in Johannesburg on Thursday, where they discussed bilateral issues, according to the Chinese state-run CGTN. Anadolu Ajansi.

[Africa eyes investments in energy sector](#)

Africa is looking to attract more Chinese investors to the continent's energy sector during an investor forum on Africa's energy sector, scheduled to take place in Shanghai on March 13. Hosted by the African Energy Chamber, an energy advocacy group based in South Africa, the forum will highlight emerging investment opportunities in Africa, in addition to the role Chinese firms can play in driving projects forward. It aims to build stronger China-Africa relations, while opening new avenues for Chinese producers, investors and equipment suppliers to expand their footprint across the continent. China Daily.

[China, South Korea Sent \\$4 Million to Africa CDC as US Exits](#)

China and Korea have sent \$4 million to Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to help plug some of the immediate health funding gaps left by President Donald Trump's freeze on various aid, the continent's chief health advisory body said. Africa receives about 84% of its health-care funding from outside the continent, including \$500 million the US had pledged to contribute to Africa CDC. Bloomberg.

[South African president meets Chinese FM to deepen bilateral cooperation](#)

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa met with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Thursday, pledging to deepen bilateral cooperation in various areas. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Johannesburg. Wang is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee. During the meeting, Ramaphosa asked Wang to convey his sincere greetings to Chinese President Xi Jinping and expressed his heartfelt thanks to China for its firm support for South Africa's struggle for national independence and its valuable help in accelerating national development. China Org.

[China, Malawi to strengthen relations](#)

Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, Malawi's president, said on Tuesday that his country is ready to take its cooperation with China to the next level. Speaking after officially receiving Letters of Credence from Lu Xu, the new Chinese ambassador to Malawi, in the capital Lilongwe, Chakwera said that Malawi is ready to work with China to continuously expand practical cooperation for further enhancement of their bilateral relations. While conveying his sincere greetings to President Xi Jinping, Chakwera spoke highly of the valuable support that China has rendered to the development of Malawi and reiterated Malawi's

adherence to the one-China principle, according to a statement released after the meeting. Ecns.cn.

Zambia seeks new chapter of cooperation with China

The embassy of Zambia in China hosted a business and cultural exchange event in Beijing on Wednesday for Chinese business representatives. The event was a platform for in-depth cooperation in investment, trade and culture, and included Zambian music and dance performances, as well as presentations of Chinese martial arts and traditional medicine. At the opening, Zambian Ambassador Ivan Zyuulu delivered a warm speech, saying that the leaders of both countries have worked to promote the China-Zambia comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership, a demonstration of their strong and continuous cooperation. China Daily.

Chinese, Somali FM's meet on bilateral ties

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi discussed China-Somalia relations with Somali Foreign Minister Ahmed Moallim Fiqi here on Tuesday. China stands ready to work with Somalia to implement the outcomes of the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and help Somalia achieve stability and development, said Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee. He welcomed the Somali side's active participation in the 10 partnership action plans for China and Africa, which aim to jointly advance modernization and effectively use China's zero-tariff policy for the least-developed African countries. Xinhua.

Digging Deep Into China's Zimbabwean Tobacco Business

Two decades ago, Zimbabwe's tobacco industry was in disarray. Once a global leader in tobacco production, yields collapsed following the adoption of a sweeping land reform policy in 2000, which broke up the country's large tobacco plantations into farms run communally or by smallholders. In 2008, the harvest produced less than 50 million kilograms, down from around 240 million kilograms a decade prior. Nearly 20 years on, that seems almost unimaginable. Production of Zimbabwe's flagship "golden leaf" tobacco hit a record 296 million kilograms in 2023, and the country's tobacco authority set a goal of producing 300 million kilograms during the upcoming 2024–2025 growing season. Sixth Tone.

Chinese doctors to provide free surgeries for 600 cataract patients in Zimbabwe

A total of 600 cataract patients in Zimbabwe will receive free surgeries from Chinese doctors under the China-aided "Bright Journey" program. A team of 12 doctors from China's Hunan Provincial People's Hospital will perform the surgeries from Feb. 23 to March 1 in Harare, Zimbabwe's capital, Hong Xiuqin, the team leader, told Xinhua on Wednesday. Screening for eligible patients began on Feb. 12 and is currently underway, Hong said, adding that the Chinese medical team will cooperate with local doctors, provide on-site training, and engage in academic exchanges with Zimbabwean healthcare personnel. Xinhua.

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