

China rolls out new measures to strengthen cooperation with Africa

Central China's Hunan Province has unveiled an 11-measure policy package to strengthen the high-quality development of a national pilot zone for in-depth China-Africa economic and trade cooperation, with initiatives targeting supply chain integration, logistics and financial support. Jointly issued by provincial departments of commerce and finance on Feb. 14, the policy package aims to support trade facilitation system development, promote high-quality trade and investment, enhance financial services, and strengthen economic and trade exchanges between China and Africa. Xinhua.

South Africa says silence from US on bid for talks, China pledges support

South Africa's foreign minister Ronald Lamola said on Monday that the United States had not responded to attempts to discuss President Donald Trump's executive order cutting off aid but that China had pledged support. Trump cut U.S. financial assistance to the country this month, citing disapproval of its land reform policy and genocide case against Israel at the International Court of Justice. "Despite all our attempts, through our mission in Washington to formally engage and communicate... we are awaiting feedback and a response. We're hopeful that they will find a moment to ... have the discussion with us," Lamola told Reuters in an interview in the main commercial city of Johannesburg. Reuters.

South Africa's Largest Private Solar Project to Power Chinese Chrome Smelting Factory

A Chinese consortium is developing a 100-megawatt solar power project in South Africa's Limpopo Province to provide renewable energy to Samancor Chrome, one of the region's largest minerals-processing companies. The project is a partnership between Samancor, CGN Africa Energy—a Chinese company specializing in non-nuclear power generation—and the China-Africa Development Fund, a state-backed venture that supports Chinese investments in Africa. The solar plant will be built in two phases, with the first 60 megawatts scheduled for completion ahead of the full 100-megawatt capacity. At full capacity, this power is enough to power 80,000 average homes in South Africa. China Global South Project.

Chinese Ambassador to Kenya Guo Haiyan Pays a Courtesy Call on H.E. Ms. Inger Andersen

On February 13, H.E. Ms. Guo Haiyan, Ambassador of China to Kenya and Permanent Representative of China to UNEP, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ms. Inger Andersen, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme(UNEP). Amb. Guo said that the Chinese government attaches great importance to ecological civilization and adheres to green and low-carbon developmentwhile actively carryingout cooperation with UNEPin many fields, havingachieved fruitful outcomes. Shelookedforward toworking closely with the Executive Director to deepen and solidify the cooperation between China and UNEP. Ms. Andersen welcomed Amb. Guo to her new post and thanked China for its long-term support to UNEP. She hoped to continue to enhance cooperation with China in the fields of biodiversity protection, pollution prevention and control, and jointly tackle global environmental challenges. Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.

Kenya, China committed to deepening trade ties through strategic initiatives

China and Kenya are committed to strengthening their trade relationship through strategic initiatives that promote mutual benefits and economic growth. This commitment was reaffirmed on Monday during a meeting between Chinese Ambassador to Kenya Guo Haiyan and Kenya's Trade and Investments Cabinet Secretary Lee Kinyanjui. During the meeting, Kinyanjui reiterated that China remains a key trade partner and revealed that both sides are exploring additional market opportunities for Kenyan traders and products in China. "Our discussions focused on strengthening trade ties, including increasing cargo flights to China to facilitate the export of fresh produce," said Kinyanjui. KBC Digital.

China calls for expert panel's mandate to align with timeline of sanctions against Sudan

China at the United Nations on Monday called for the mandate of the Panel of Experts assisting the 1591 Sudan Sanctions Committee to align with the sanctions timeline. The UN Security Council on the same day extended the mandate until March 12, 2026. Resolution 2772 (2025) was adopted by a vote of 13 in favor to none against, with China and Russia abstaining. Speaking after the vote, China's permanent representative to the United Nations Fu Cong said that the misalignment between the renewal cycles for the Panel's mandate and the relevant sanctions regime is against the common practice of the Council. Bastillepost.

China's Lingyun to Build Two Car Parts Plants in Morocco

Lingyun Industrial said it plans to construct two auto parts factories in Morrocco to expand on the European and North African markets and better meet the needs of overseas customers. Lingyun will build vehicle pipes and body structural parts factories, the Hebei province-based firm announced late yesterday. The latter will be a joint venture production base with Chinese aluminum products maker Haomei New Materials, it added. The auto pipes project will target carmakers and parts suppliers, including Tesla, Volvo, Plastic Omnium Auto Inergy, Stellantis, and Magna International, Lingyun noted, adding that it will have a registered capital of EUR7.6 million (USD8 million). Yicai Global.

Morocco's ONMT Eyes Asian Market, Targets China as Key Tourism Giant

Morocco's National Tourism Office (ONMT) is strengthening ties with China's gigantic tourism market through a roadshow, with a wide range of events in Beijing and Shanghai from February 17 to 22. In a statement today, ONMT announced that this initiative follows the reopening of Royal Air Maroc's (RAM) Casablanca-Beijing route and the launch of China Eastern's Shanghai-Casablanca connection in January. The delegation includes Moroccan travel agencies, luxury hotels, and tourism professionals, working alongside the National Tourism Council (CNT). Morocco World News.

China anger as US amends wording on Taiwan independence

The US State Department has dropped a statement from its website which stated that Washington does not support Taiwan's independence – a move which has sparked anger in China. China said the revision "sends a wrong... signal to separatist forces advocating for Taiwan independence", and asked the US to "correct its mistakes". The department's fact sheet on Taiwan-US relations earlier included the phrase "we do not support Taiwan independence" – this was removed last week as part of what it said was a "routine" update. A US spokesperson was quoted as saying that it remains committed to the "One China" policy, it said, where US recognises and has formal ties with China rather than Taiwan. Club of Mozambique.

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