

# China's experience, tech advancements crucial to promoting Africa's modernization, says UN official

China's successful experience and technological advancements serve as an instructive model for driving Africa's agricultural modernization ambitions through robust industrialization, energy development, and human capital enhancement, a United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) official has said. Dejene Tezera, director of the Agribusiness and Infrastructure Development Division at UNIDO, told Xinhua recently that China possesses the knowledge, technology, and relevant resources to support Africa's sustainable development through cooperation in agriculture, industry, energy, capacity building, and digitalization. Capital News.

#### China-Africa Development Fund Keen to Participate in Ethiopia's New Airport Project

Ethiopia's ambassador to China, Tefera Derbew engaged in a productive discussion with Yu Zhuorui, Vice President of the China-Africa Development Fund (CAD). They addressed various mutual cooperation opportunities and concerns shared by both countries. The Ambassador emphasized the necessity of strengthening existing partnerships and diversifying investments, particularly focusing on projects such as the new international airport and highlighted recent developments from Ethio-telecom and Ethiopian Investment Holding Groups. Ethiopian News Agency.

# China expected to invest \$1.4bn in Tanzania-Zambia rail line

Dodoma and Lusaka expect Beijing to agree to a \$1.4bn, 30-year concession for Chinese state-owned firm CCECC to rehabilitate the Tazara rail line and procure new locomotives. The long-expected deal is seen as another move in a geostrategic game between China and the West to build and operate Copperbelt infrastructure. African Energy.

# Nigeria's exceptionalism series: Sidi's Dilemma (2): Learning from China's growth infrastructures

In Wole Soyinka's The Lion and the Jewel, Sidi's choice between Lakunle's hollow modernity and Baroka's cunning traditionalism mirrors Nigeria's developmental crossroads. The nation, much like Soyinka's heroine, has long vacillated between imported shortcuts and self-serving nostalgia, each path deepening poverty and inequality. Yet China's metamorphosis — from an agrarian society to global powerhouse — offers a blueprint for transcending this false binary. Business Day.

# Kenya should deepen health partnership with China for sustainable growth

The recent Sh1.9 billion grant from China for hospital upgrades in Kenya is a timely boost, especially as the country grapples with the effects of the U.S. withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the suspension of USAID programs. Kenya remains one of the nations significantly affected by the suspension of USAID, which has disrupted key health and education programs. This situation underscores the need for collaboration with other development partners to bridge the funding gap. KBC

# China says 3 Chinese crew members suspected of being kidnapped from a boat off Ghana are safe

Three Chinese nationals suspected of being kidnapped off Ghana's coast are safe, China's foreign ministry said Monday, without giving details. Ghanaian authorities said Saturday they were investigating "a suspected pirate attack" on a Ghanaian-registered fishing vessel that left three Chinese crew members missing. Ghana's armed forces in a statement said that on Thursday evening, "reports indicated that seven armed individuals boarded the vessel and fired warning shots, prompting several crew members to seek cover in a safe area." Abc News.

## World Insights: How Chinese agricultural technology becomes "code for good harvest" in Africa

The 20,000-ariary banknote of Madagascar features a golden ear of hybrid rice, a symbol of agricultural partnership between China and Africa. Since 2007, China has been sending agricultural experts to the Indian Ocean island country, successfully boosting rice yields on trial plots to two to three times those of traditional African varieties. By 2022, this technology had been applied to 75,000 hectares of land, doubling the incomes of tens of thousands of farmers and significantly strengthening Madagascar's food self-sufficiency. Xinhua.

### Kung fu master from Cameroon wants Chinese culture to 'light up' lives

Mba's life changed with the arrival of a group of Chinese engineers in the 1980s. They built the Yaounde Conference Center, a China-aid project that remains one of the landmarks in Cameroon to this day. He and his sister lived not far from the center. One of the Chinese engineers at the construction site was skilled in martial arts and trained regularly, to the amazement of Mba and his friends. "I often went with my friends, and we stood and watched (him training) from afar," he says. China Daily.

#### China, Zambia ink macadamia nut export deal

China and Zambia on Monday signed an agreement on the export of macadamia nuts to the Asian country, APA reports citing Xinhua. The signing ceremony was attended by Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy Wang Sheng and Zambian Agriculture Minister Mtolo Phiri. In his remarks, Wang said the signing of the agreement signifies a major step in opening up the Chinese market to Zambian nuts, which will greatly benefit local farmers in the foreseeable future. Apa.az.

#### Zimbabwean students showcase language skills at Chinese character contest

Chinese language learners in Zimbabwe demonstrated their skills on Friday at the second edition of the Chinese Character Hero Contest, held in Harare, the country's capital. Students from primary schools, high schools and colleges showcased their reading and comprehension abilities in the competition, organized by the Confucius Institute at the University of Zimbabwe. The event aimed to inspire enthusiasm for learning Chinese among participants. Xinhua.

#### Votorantim Cimentos closes Tunisia divestment

Votorantim Cimentos have closed the full sale of its assets located in Tunisia to Sinoma Cement Co., Ltd, a cement-based building materials enterprise headquartered in China. The transaction was closed after fulfilling customary precedent conditions, including approvals by regulatory authorities in China,

Tunisia, and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). The effective delivery of the assets and financial settlement has also been completed. World Cement.

## Chinese medical team helps South Sudanese students fight heatstroke, cholera

In a classroom-turned hygiene lab at Supiri Secondary School in Juba, the South Sudanese capital, Ruan Shuqin, a nurse from the 12th Chinese medical team, guided students through the World Health Organization's seven-step handwashing technique. As political turmoil escalates in South Sudan, the Chinese medical team delivered a life-saving health education session at the school on Friday to help students combat heatstroke and cholera, twin crises that are severely disrupting education and health in the country. Xinhua.

# China-Republic of the Congo Ties: Chinese Foreign Minister calls to promote high-quality development of China-Africa cooperation

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi calls on promoting high-quality development of China-Africa cooperation and sends more positive development signals to the world. Wang made the remarks during a meeting with visiting Foreign Minister of the Republic of the Congo Jean-Claude Gakosso in Beijing. Wang said China and the Republic of the Congo have always understood, trusted, and supported each other, and the bilateral relationship has become a model of China-Africa solidarity and cooperation. CGTN.

## Liberia, China Sign Technical Bilateral Cooperation Agreement

The Government of Liberia and the People's Republic of China have officially signed a bilateral agreement for technical cooperation. The agreement, signed on Friday, March 28, 2025, aims to enhance mutual collaboration in various sectors through the implementation of projects agreed upon by both governments, with a focus on promoting peace, stability, prosperity, and development in Liberia. Msn.

#### China set sight on influencing global educational

China plans to achieve this feat by building important global education centers with significant international influence that will enhance its role in global education governance. Giving an overview of China's education sector during a PowerPoint presentation over the weekend, Prof. Dr.Minsu Wu linked China rapid economic advancement and global developmental modernization to human resource capacity development, and technological innovation. The New Dawn.