



Who exactly is benefiting from China's oil pipeline projects in Niger and Benin?

Following the discovery of significant oil reserves at the Agadem site in northeastern Niger, Niger and Benin agreed to build a pipeline to facilitate the transport of crude oil from the Agadem oil site to the port of Seme Kpodji in southern Benin in early 2020. By the end of 2023, the 1,980-kilometer pipeline, with nine reservoir stations along the route, was completed. The work was financed and carried out by China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), one of the top national oil companies in China, at an estimated cost of USD 4.5 billion. Global Voices.

Zambia withdraw four US-based players for China trip

Zambia's women's team have withdrawn four United States-based players from their squad for an upcoming tournament in China because of "travel measures" introduced by US President Donald Trump. The Football Association of Zambia (Faz) announced four players - captain Barbra Banda, Racheal Kundananji, Prisca Chilufya and Grace Chanda - would miss the Yongchuan International Tournament this month. All four players play in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), with Chanda, Banda and Kundananji at Orlando Pride and Chilufya with Bay FC. BBC.

Power Plays: China's Changing Energy Financing in Africa

Over the past two decades, Chinese financing in Africa has boomed and waned and undergone cycles of change. Initially dominated by lending from state-owned policy banks for large infrastructure and energy projects, notably in coal and hydropower, the landscape began to significantly transform in the early 2010s. This transformation accelerated around 2015, when Chinese policy narratives signalled a wider strategic steering towards more diversified – and sustainable – investment approaches. China Global South Project.

Beneath Tanzanian sky, legacy of Chinese contributors still echoes

Buried in Tanzania, their names never fade. On a rainy April morning in Dar es Salaam, two men stood silently on the cemetery's edge. Neither flinched as the drizzle soaked their shirts nor shifted as the national anthems of China and Tanzania rose into the sky. It was the start of a solemn ceremony to honor 70 Chinese engineers, technicians, and workers who sacrificed their lives during the construction of the Tanzania-Zambia Railway and now rest far from home, beneath Tanzanian soil. Xinhua.

More African youth seek higher studies in China

The number of African students opting to travel to China for further studies has witnessed incredible growth over the past decade, with experts attributing the increase to growing economic and cultural exchanges between the regions. Henry Rotich, chairman of the Kenya-China Alumni Association, said this growth is driven by several factors, including expanded scholarship opportunities, China's affordability as a study destination and the rising demand for African professionals with Chinese language proficiency. China Daily.

US' loss, China's gain: Aid cuts may open doors for Beijing in Africa

Last week, the Chinese government pledged a Ksh1.8 billion (\$14 million) grant to Kenya, one of the biggest development assistance packages from Beijing in the recent years. The deal signed by Treasury Cabinet Secretary John Mbadi and Chinese ambassador to Kenya Guo Haiyan is meant to upgrade five key hospitals across the country. But the announcement was pivotal, coming at a time the US, Kenya's main foreign aid donor, is cutting back on most of the money it used to give. Zawya.

African designers look to China for growth, diversification

A group of renowned African fashion designers were hosted by Development Reimagined in a groundbreaking initiative to showcase their work at this year's Shanghai Fashion Week. The initiative featured an Africa Reimagined Showroom and a multi-brand fashion show aimed at highlighting the best of African fashion. Designers from Nigeria, South Africa, Ethiopia, Senegal, Rwanda and various other African countries took part. CGTN.

In China's Wake, India Tries a Cleaner, Fairer Mineral Path in Africa

In January, the Indian government published a new critical minerals strategy that details how the country aims to bolster supply chains necessary for its green energy transition. While the report underscores the importance of developing domestic supplies of lithium and other transition resources, it also calls for closer international partnerships, particularly with mineral-rich African nations. India has deep ties in Africa, particularly in eastern and southern countries, but it is a newcomer to the critical resources sector, which is largely dominated by Chinese and European companies. China Global South Project.

Shandong advancing China-Africa cooperation

A meeting on Shandong's efforts to support the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) was held on Thursday in Beijing, highlighting the province's initiative to promote modernization in both China and Africa. The event brought together representatives of Chinese officials, African ambassadors and the permanent representative of the African Union to China, experts and representatives from Shandong enterprises. China Daily.

East African countries witness growth in investor confidence

East African countries are witnessing significant growth in Chinese investments, primarily focused on infrastructure projects, manufacturing and consumer services which are boosting economic activity in the region. Maina Kigundu, Stanbic Bank's head of corporate and investment banking in Kenya and South Sudan, said that backed by cordial bilateral ties, a rapidly diversifying economy, relative political stability and a fairly educated people, East African countries are attracting more Chinese investors in various sectors of the economy. China Daily.