



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. Eco-Business.

China's Strategic Pursuit of Nuclear Energy Dominance in Africa

China is strategically positioning itself to exert significant influence over Africa's nuclear energy sector in the coming decades. Presently, Russia and France dominate this emerging industry, with the United States playing a lesser role; however, China's calculated initiatives suggest an ambition to ultimately take the lead. The IAEA forecasts a 58% increase in nuclear energy adoption across Africa by 2030, with a tenfold expansion by 2050. This surge addresses a pressing need: 600 million Africans—two-thirds of the world's population without grid access—require reliable power. China Global South Project.

China speaks with Saudi Arabia, South Africa about response to US tariffs

China's Commerce Minister Wang Wentao had discussions with his Saudi Arabian and South African counterparts to exchange views on responding to the United States' "reciprocal tariffs", the Chinese ministry said on Friday. The conversations took place over separate video calls on Thursday in which China discussed strengthening bilateral economic and trade cooperation with Saudi Arabia and South Africa. Wang also spoke to Saudi Arabia's Commerce Minister Majid bin Abdullah al-Qasabi about enhancing cooperation with countries within the Gulf Cooperation Council, while G20 and BRICS' roles were brought up in his conversation with South Africa's Parks Tau. Reuters.

Akpabio seeks stronger Nigeria-China partnership

President of the Senate, Senator Godswill Akpabio, on Thursday called for a stronger partnership between Nigeria and China, lauding China's extraordinary transformation as a model of visionary leadership and strategic development. Akpabio made the appeal in Abuja during a courtesy visit by a delegation of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference led by its Vice Chairman, Hu Chunhua. Punch Nigeria.

Tanzania Boosts Tourism With Chinese Language Programs

Efforts to attract Chinese tourists lead to language courses at Tanzanian college In a bid to enhance its tourism sector, Tanzania is increasingly focusing on attracting Chinese visitors, with language education at the forefront of this initiative. On April 10, 2025, Tanzanian tourism student Noel Ivon Isack was found diligently tracing Chinese characters in a classroom at the National College of Tourism (NCT) in Dar es Salaam. Evrim Ağacı.

Chinese racer goes full throttle at Kenya Safari Rally

Lu Jin has been waiting for this moment for 32 years. As his gray racecar, numbered KDK571E, roared through the finish line late March at the Kenya Safari Rally, the third stop of the 2025 FIA World Rally Championship, Lu's childhood dream of competing in an international rally finally came true. For his maiden appearance on a WRC route, Lu, the sole Chinese entrant at the rally inside the Hell's Gate National Park, shed 9kg to meet the event's 72kg weight limit, subsisting on three small bowls of noodle soup a day and fighting off hunger with water and occasional chocolate bites. Xinhua.

Kenya pays China firm Sh215m for 'idle time'

Kenya paid a Chinese contractor Sh214.8 million as 'idle time' in the financial year to June 30, 2024, following late disbursement of funds for an irrigation project in lower Nzoia area which straddles Siaya and Busia counties. 'Idle time' is an amount of money paid for the period a contractor's employees or machines remain unproductive due to factors that can either be controlled or uncontrolled by the contracting party. Nation.

Stanbic Bank Launches Platform to Power Kenya-China Trade and Yuan Transactions

Stanbic Bank Kenya has reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing trade between Kenya and China through a robust strategic partnership with the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) and the broader Standard Bank Group. Speaking during the Chinese Economic Forum held in Nairobi, the bank outlined new measures to simplify cross-border transactions, minimize currency risks, and support business expansion between the two nations. Techish Kenya.

Chinese companies spearhead Algeria's solar drive

Algeria has broken ground on two new solar power projects over the past week as part of a drive to build 15 plants with the help of Chinese companies. The drive aims to largely expand the use of renewable energy and release oil and gas for export by the Opec producer. AGBI.