

#### China remains leading source of foreign direct investment in Ethiopia: official

China has remained a leading source of foreign direct investment (FDI) in Ethiopia, with over 4,500 Chinese-run projects currently operating in the East African country, a senior official at the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC) has said. There are 4,510 Chinese-run projects in Ethiopia, representing the largest foreign investment in terms of both capital and number of projects, EIC Commissioner Zeleke Temesgen told a briefing Thursday on a business forum on investment in Ethiopia. Xinhua.

### SCO dialogue partners eye deeper cooperation with China at investment event

At a recent investment promotion event in north China's Tianjin Municipality, Turkish businessman Mehmet Sahin was seen exchanging business cards with entrepreneurs from Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member countries. "I really appreciate attending this event," said Sahin, vice president of global purchasing and logistics at Hattat Holding A.S., a Turkish company engaged in energy, automotive, agricultural and real estate development. Xinhua.

### Kenya cancels Ksh 190B highway contract with France, turns to China

Kenya has terminated a Ksh190 billion ( $\in$ 1.3 billion) road construction agreement with a French consortium and is in the process of onboarding a Chinese contractor to take over the project. The decision comes amid renewed scrutiny of Public-Private Partnership (PPP) models and the state's appetite for infrastructure deals that shift excessive financial risk to the taxpayer. People Daily.

#### South Sudan's healthcare workers join Chinese language course

The fifth Chinese language course for medical staff in South Sudan commenced on Thursday, attracting over 70 students eager to learn and seize opportunities that come with proficiency in Mandarin. In his opening remarks, Yousif Deng Riak Deng, director of programs in the Ministry of Health, encouraged students to seize the opportunity to learn the Chinese language to help strengthen the bond between the two countries. Xinhua.

# U.S. tariff policies could reshape Africa's global trade strategy, Mozambican economist says

As U.S. protectionist trade policies intensify under the Trump administration, African nations may be forced to reassess their economic strategies and pivot toward more welcoming markets, a leading Mozambican economist has said. In a recent interview with Xinhua, Gift Essinalo, a researcher at Mozambique's Center for Public Integrity and former consultant economist to the World Bank, said the long-term effects of Washington's tariff-driven approach could fundamentally alter global trade patterns. Xinhua.

# China and EU strengthen economic ties amid global trade uncertainties

Chinese President Xi Jinping has reaffirmed China's commitment to strengthening economic ties with the European Union (EU) amid global trade uncertainties. "Both China and the EU are major economies

in the world and staunch supporters of economic globalisation and free trade," he stated, stressing the importance of collaboration to protect the international trade environment and oppose unilateral, coercive actions. Ghana Business News.

#### Chinese culture fair hosted in Cameroon for upcoming Chinese Language Day

The Confucius Institute at the University of Yaounde II hosted a vibrant Chinese culture fair on Saturday to mark the upcoming United Nations Chinese Language Day, observed annually on April 20. The event drew local students and language enthusiasts with immersive activities, including Chinese tea tasting, calligraphy rubbing, shadow play performances, oracle bone script games, and Chinese character puzzles. China.org.cn.

# Niger Ends Ties with China in Dramatic Shift from Longstanding Alliance

In a stunning flex of nationalist muscle, Niger's military junta has expelled top Chinese oil executives and shuttered a landmark Chinese hotel—tearing through the facade of Beijing's long-touted "win-win cooperation" with Africa. The abrupt move saw executives from three major Chinese oil firms—China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC), Société de Raffinage de Zinder (SORAZ), and the West African Oil Pipeline Company (WAPCO)—given just 48 hours to leave the country. Capital News.

### Feature: Chinese medical teams' 50-year commitment to Niger

On a March morning, five-year-old Hama Moctar stepped into the General Referral Hospital of Niamey in Niger for a follow-up appointment. Just 100 days after surgery, his legs, once shortened and fractured, now carried him steadily. Three years earlier, Moctar suffered a severe fracture in his left femur. Persistent infections followed, and his leg was left 10 centimeters shorter. Xinhua.

# China hands over renovated stadiums to Senegal

The handover ceremony for the Chinese-assisted renovation of four stadiums in Senegal was held Friday at the Leopold Sedar Senghor Stadium in Dakar, the capital of Senegal. This project, one of the largest Chinese-aid initiatives in Senegal, began in 2022 and included the renovation and upgrading of the Senghor Stadium in Dakar, as well as local stadiums in Kaolack, Diourbel and Ziguinchor. Xinhua.

# Feature: Beats without borders -- Chinese, Senegalese drummers converse in harmonic rhythm

With synchronized movements and dazzling technique, percussionists from China and Senegal breathed life into diverse drum pieces during a cross-cultural performance titled "Drums and Music in Harmony" in Dakar, the capital of Senegal. The show, held at the Grand National Theater Doudou Ndiaye Coumba Rose on Thursday evening, attracted nearly 1,000 spectators, eager to witness the captivating collaboration between Chinese and Senegalese artists. Xinhua.

# Zimbabwe-China tobacco expo to be held in Q3

Zimbabwe will hold the first Zimbabwe-China tobacco expo in the third quarter of this year to promote the country's tobacco, the country's industry regulatory body, the Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board (TIMB), announced Friday. The expo will be held in the capital, Harare, by the TIMB in partnership with the Asia-Europe and Africa Joint Trade and Investment Promotion Association, an international non-governmental organization. Xinhua.

### Uganda Exploring Power Export to South Sudan with China's Sinohydro

Uganda is exploring the possibility of exporting power to South Sudan, which suffers from a chronic lack of power. To this end, the East African country is discussing the development of a power transmission line with the Chinese state-owned engineering and construction company Sinohydro Corporation Limited. Billed at \$180 million, the transmission line will span 138km. The project will also see the expansion of two of Uganda's existing substations as well as the building of a new one. Africa.com.

#### Libyan Chinese Joint Economic Chamber meets Benghazi Businessmen

The Libyan Chinese Joint Economic Chamber reported last Thursday (10 April) that it held a meeting on the same day with several local businessmen and investors in Benghazi to discuss ways to enhance economic and trade cooperation between Libya and China. During the meeting, prospects for developing partnership in the fields of trade and investment, with a focus on enabling Libyan businessmen to enter the Chinese market and attracting Chinese investments to Libya, were discussed. Libya Herald.

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