

# China, Africa unite for shared global future

China says it is ready to work with Africa to oppose hegemonism, unilateralism, and protectionism while advancing the collective rights of the Global South. Xue Bing, China's Special Envoy for Horn of Africa Affairs, made this known during a seminar hosted by China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) in Beijing. The seminar, under the theme 'Building China-Africa Community with a Shared Future,' included African diplomats in China and a delegation of heads of African diplomatic academies. Xue stressed the role of young diplomats in shaping a shared future, describing China-Africa friendship as a towering tree supporting generations of dreamers in diplomacy. Business Day.

## Kenya backs closer China-Africa ties amid global trade friction, urges diplomat retraining

A senior Kenyan diplomat has called for the retraining of African diplomats to effectively navigate the evolving international landscape. The call came as China pledged to deepen its partnership with African nations like Kenya. Speaking at the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing, where diplomats and scholars explored synergies between China and Africa in an era of global uncertainties, Paul Kamweru Ndungu, Director General of the Foreign Service Academy of Kenya, emphasised the need for African diplomats to adapt to new global realities. Standard.

### Investor welcomes dialogue on collaboration with China-Nigeria vocational institute

The dialogue that may lead to collaboration for a China-Nigeria vocational institute has been welcomed by the organized private sector (OPS) in Port Harcourt. Godwin Etim, an engineer who is second deputy president of Port Harcourt Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture (PHCCIMA), commended the brains behind the initiative. Etim, the managing director and chief executive officer Goddie Chemicals International Limited, described the many benefits such an initiative was bound to draw down to the Niger Delta as a region and Nigeria as a whole. Business Day.

### China, Egypt to hold first air force joint drill, eye cooperation boost

The Chinese and Egyptian militaries will soon hold their first joint drill in a move to boost cooperation, the Chinese Defense Ministry announced on Wednesday. With the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force sending forces to Egypt, a Chinese expert said the exercise could pave the way for potential aviation equipment cooperation. According to an agreement reached between the Chinese and Egyptian militaries, the PLA Air Force will send forces to Egypt to participate in a joint air force training exercise codenamed "Eagles of Civilization 2025" from mid-April to early May, China's Ministry of National Defense announced in a statement on Wednesday. Global Times.

Egypt has Chinese air defence system similar to Russia's S-400, say Israeli reports

Egypt's armed forces possess the advanced Chinese air defence system HQ-9B, Israeli media has reported, which is similar to the Russian S-400 missiles. According to the Israeli news website nziv, retired Major General Samir Farag, a military expert and former head of the Egyptian Armed Forces' Morale Affairs Department, confirmed during a televised interview on Sada El-Balad TV channel that Egypt owns various modern defence systems, including the long-range Chinese HQ-9B. The Israeli report noted that this is the first time Egypt has officially revealed its deployment of the HQ-9B system, reflecting both the diversification of its arms sources and the enhancement of its air defence capabilities. Middle East Monitor.

#### China, Egypt to engage in joint military training

The militaries of China and Egypt will jointly conduct training for the first time from April to May, China's Ministry of National Defense announced on Wednesday. According to a consensus between the Chinese and Egyptian militaries, the People's Liberation Army Air Force will send a unit to Egypt for joint air force training from mid-April to early May, the ministry said in a statement. It noted that this is the first time the Chinese and Egyptian militaries are organizing joint training, which holds significant importance for promoting practical cooperation and enhancing mutual friendship and trust between the two militaries. China Daily.

#### Tanzania's transport network to add strategic link

Tanzania is set to launch the much-awaited Kigongo-Busisi Bridge, which is set to mark a transformative investment in the country's infrastructure. Abdallah Ulega, Tanzania's minister of works, said on Tuesday the project, which aims to enhance connectivity across Lake Victoria, will be launched by President Samia Suluhu Hassan next month. While speaking in parliament, Ulega said that the bridge built by Chinese firms China Civil Engineering Construction Group and China Railway is a major milestone in the implementation of one of Africa's largest infrastructure projects. China Daily.

# <u>Chinese technologies set to boost agricultural production, household incomes in Uganda, official</u> <u>says</u>

The technologies being shared by Chinese experts in the crop, livestock, and fisheries sectors in rural Uganda are set to enhance production and ultimately improve household incomes, according to a Ugandan official. "These technologies are all being introduced here, tried, produced, and adopted. A number of varieties have been officially released, including rice and foxtail millet," Julius Twinamasiko, head of the Ugandan side of the South-South Cooperation (SSC) project between China and Uganda, supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, told Xinhua in a recent interview. Xinhua.

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