



### **Korea's Rice Belt vs. China's BRI: The Africa Play**

My analysis of South Korean relations with Egypt and a comparison with China, my academic and research specialty, comes as Egypt and South Korea celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations on April 14, 2025. Relations between the two countries have witnessed continuous development, encompassing various political, economic, cultural, and educational fields over the past three decades. Egyptian-Korean relations date back to 1948, when Egypt officially recognized the independence of the Republic of South Korea. Egyptian-South Korean cooperation currently extends to development cooperation for the next five years to meet development requirements, promote the transition to a green economy, and expand sustainable infrastructure projects. Modern Diplomacy.

### **Africa's pharmaceutical market is booming, and China is taking advantage of it**

Africa's pharmaceutical sector is witnessing an influx of foreign interest, with Chinese companies leading the charge. This surge comes as Africa's \$25bn pharmaceutical market continues to grow, driven by increasing demand for generics and treatments for non-communicable diseases (NCDs). China's involvement in Africa's pharmaceutical industry reflects a broader strategy to expand its global influence, utilising its manufacturing strength and surplus capacity. This mirrors China's role in other sectors like cement, where its investments have spurred growth. The Africa Report.

### **Africa veers toward east for economic partnerships**

African countries are likely to reinforce their trade partnerships with China and other emerging markets, as US President Donald Trump's renewed trade protectionism accelerates a strategic rethink across the continent, according to analysts. Dennis Munene Mwaniki, a policy expert and the executive director of the China-Africa Center at the Africa Policy Institute in Nairobi, said the US tariffs are already influencing strategic conversations in Africa. "African countries will increasingly turn to China and other emerging markets because they offer more predictable, open trade partnerships at a time when the US is closing its doors," he said. China Daily.

### **China's deceitful, disastrous projects in Latin America and Africa**

Half-baked and shoddy projects, labor exploitation, debt traps and devastating environmental damage are part of the Chinese Communist Party portfolio. And people are noticing. In 2014, the China Railway Construction Corporation won the bid for the "bullet train" in Mexico — a multi-billion-dollar project which, after 11 years, remains a dead letter. Lack of transparency was one of the main criticisms of this important railway infrastructure project that promised to revolutionize transportation in Mexico. The Hill.

### **Egypt, China sign MoU to strengthen cooperation in healthcare sector**

Ahmed El-Sobky, Chairperson of Egypt Healthcare Authority, participated in the 2025 Shenzhen-Cairo Economic and Trade Exchange Forum—one of the leading platforms advancing economic and

investment ties between the two countries. The forum placed a strong focus on priority sectors, especially smart and technological healthcare. El-Sobky announced the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Chinese diagnostics giant Snibe, marking a significant step toward establishing integrated diagnostic complexes in Egypt. Daily News Egypt.

### **China Deploys J-10 Fighters To Egypt**

In another sign of China's growing interest in the Middle East and Africa, the People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF) has sent multiple combat aircraft to Wadi Abu Rish Air Base for "Eagles of Civilization 2025," its first aerial training exercise with Egypt. The PLAAF deployed a Y-20U aerial refueling tanker, a KJ-500 AWACS aircraft, and J-10B/C fighters from the 18th Air Brigade the 177th Air Brigade, according to the China 3 Army Telegram channel. Egypt is flying its MiG-29M/M2 Fulcrum multirole fighters in the drills. All this is taking place against the backdrop of conflicting claims about Cairo purchasing J-10Cs and America's gaze turning away from Africa. The War Zone.

### **60 years of China-Kenya ties yield fruitful results**

The Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), a 472-kilometer corridor that links the capital Nairobi and the coastal city of Mombasa, has been a catalyst for transformation in Kenya since its inception in 2017. That was the message from a group of foreign envoys based in Kenya, including ambassadors from Russia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, South Africa, Egypt, Hungary and Ethiopia in October 2023, when the Chinese-built railway project marked its sixth anniversary. CGTN.

### **Kenya, China to sign deal for new Foreign Affairs HQ**

Kenya's plan to construct a modern Ministry of Foreign Affairs headquarters in Nairobi is set to move a step closer to reality this week with the signing of an agreement between Kenya and China. The deal, part of President William Ruto's ongoing state visit to Beijing, marks a significant milestone in strengthening diplomatic ties between the two countries. The new headquarters, first proposed nearly four years ago, will be partly financed by China through grants. The Star.

### **Ruto's First State Visit to China Marks a New Chapter in Kenya-China Cooperation**

President William Ruto is set to embark on his first State Visit to China since assuming office, a milestone that underscores Kenya's deepening strategic ties with Beijing and its broader ambitions on the global stage. The five-day visit, scheduled to begin on April 22 at the invitation of President Xi Jinping, comes at a pivotal time of shifting geopolitical dynamics. It presents Kenya with a prime opportunity to reinforce its economic agenda, secure vital infrastructure financing, and position itself as a leader in shaping South-South cooperation for a sustainable future. Capital News.

### **China secures multi-billion-dollar Nairobi project as Kenya strengthens diplomatic relations**

Kenya is set to officially sign an agreement with China to construct a state-of-the-art Foreign Affairs Complex in Nairobi, signaling a strengthening of bilateral relations between the two nations. •Kenya will be signing an agreement with China to construct a Foreign Affairs Complex in Nairobi •The cost of the project has not been disclosed, but a feasibility study is underway •China's commitment to the project is part of its initiative to celebrate 60 years of diplomatic relations with Kenya. MSN.

### **Chinese peacekeepers in South Sudan, Lebanon deliver humanitarian aid**

China's peacekeepers based in South Sudan and Lebanon provided humanitarian aid, including educational supplies, cultural performances, and free clinic services, benefiting local communities in both countries. China's 15th batch of peacekeepers in South Sudan delivered humanitarian aid to a primary school in Wau, providing students with educational supplies and organizing a cultural performance. The school, located about 17 kilometers from the Chinese peacekeeping camp, faces severe shortages in teaching facilities, with some students having to take turns using textbooks, due to the prolonged conflicts. Bastillepost.

### **Uganda: Ambassador Zhang Lizhong introduced China's Position on the United States (US) "Reciprocal Tariffs" at International Chinese Language Day Event**

On April 17, Ambassador Zhang Lizhong elaborated on China's position against the "Reciprocal Tariffs" by the US, at the 2025 International Chinese Language Day celebration hosted by the Confucius Institute at Makerere University. Ambassador Zhang reiterated that the US had adopted unilateralism, protectionism, bullying and hegemony through the forced tariffs upon its trade partners. The wonton practice has deeply violated the justified rights and people's welfare worldwide, destabilized global economical orders, and disturbed free trade, which China firmly opposed. China does not make trouble, but has no fear of trouble. Zawya.

### **China Warns Countries Not to Cut Trade Deals With US at Its Expense**

China has sent a strong message to countries hoping to avoid US tariffs, warning them not to strike deals that harm Chinese interests. The warning comes as many US trade partners are trying to negotiate exemptions from President Donald Trump's new tariffs. Trump has temporarily paused some of these tariffs for 90 days, but countries are rushing to make their case before the pause ends in July. "Appeasement cannot bring peace, and compromise will not earn respect," a spokesperson from China's Ministry of Commerce said on Monday. Morocco World News.

### **Chinese, Mozambican hospitals hold remote medical consultation on complex cases**

A successful international remote medical consultation was held Monday between West China Hospital of Sichuan University and Maputo Central Hospital in Mozambique, as part of ongoing medical cooperation under the 25th Chinese medical team in the country. The session brought together specialists in surgery, orthopedics, neurosurgery, and emergency medicine from both hospitals. Participants included Chinese experts from West China Hospital, members of the Chinese medical team stationed in Mozambique, and department heads from surgery, orthopedics, and neurosurgery on the Mozambican side. Xinhua.