



Kenya, China elevate ties as Ruto and Xi pledge stronger China-Africa partnership

China and Kenya announced they had upgraded ties to a "new level" on Thursday during a meeting between President Xi Jinping and Kenyan President William Ruto in Beijing, as they both pledged to create an "all-weather" China-Africa community. Xi said they had agreed to "lead the development of China-Africa relations and unity and cooperation of the Global South," according to a media pool report. The decision was made "in the face of a turbulent international situation," the Chinese president was quoted as saying. The Eastleigh Voice.

Kenyan president visits China as country pivots away from the US

Ruto is expected to seek funding for key infrastructure projects, including the extension of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) to Malaba and a major highway project. Deals worth €750 million have already been secured from seven Chinese companies, aimed at boosting Kenya's manufacturing, agriculture and tourism sectors, according to Kenyan newspaper The Standard. Trade between China and Kenya is on the rise, with a reported 11.9 percent increase in the first quarter of 2025. China is Kenya's largest trading partner and top import source, while Kenya is China's biggest trade partner in East Africa. RFI.

Joint statement between China and Kenya on creating an inspiring example in the all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era

The People's Republic of China and the Republic of Kenya on Thursday issued a joint statement on creating an inspiring example in the all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era. Xinhua.

Chinese premier meets Kenyan president

Chinese Premier Li Qiang met with Kenyan President William Ruto, who is on a state visit to China, in Beijing on Wednesday. Li noted that in recent years, under the strategic guidance of the two heads of state, China-Kenya relations have continued to improve, with fruitful cooperation outcomes across various fields significantly enhancing the well-being of the two peoples. He added that the two heads of state will hold talks to further plan the deepening of China-Kenya relations and cooperation.

Atomic Alliances: China's Strategic Push into Africa's Nuclear Energy Sector

China is rapidly scaling up its energy diplomacy in Africa, with nuclear cooperation emerging as a cornerstone of its broader strategic agenda. On April 8, South Africa's Nuclear Energy Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) during an official visit to China led by South Africa's Electricity Minister, Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa. The agreement aims to revive South Africa's nuclear fuel cycle, accelerate the deployment of small modular reactors and promote collaboration on advanced fuels such as high-assay low-enriched uranium. Zawya.

Ruto Warns Multilateral Systems Are Outdated and Failing During China Trip

Speaking to students and faculty at Peking University during his State Visit to China, President Ruto urged China and Africa to reimagine global cooperation to build a more inclusive, equitable future. Ruto hailed Peking University as a beacon of academic excellence and a historic partner in China-Africa relations, citing the education of over 4,000 African students there since 1956. He lauded the university's collaboration with Kenya's Kenyatta University and invited deeper partnerships in science, technology, and innovation -- particularly in artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and the creative economy. All Africa.

Trump to Gut U.S. Agency Funding Africa Infrastructure Projects: Memo

President Donald Trump's administration plans to gut a U.S. agency that has invested billions in infrastructure in Africa, ceding ground in a key area of competition with China, according to a memo. A memo, which was sent to staff and whose contents were shared Wednesday with AFP, said that billionaire Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency will impose a "significant reduction" in programs and staff at the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). China Global South Project.

China, Egypt Host Joint Air Force Drills for First Time

In a first, China and Egypt kicked off the "Eagles of Civilization 2025" joint air forces drill at an Egyptian Air Base this week. Running from mid-April to early May, the exercise will implement "theoretical and practical lectures" to align combat concepts. It will also "involve joint aerial vessels, planning exercises, and simulated air combat management operations to exchange expertise and enhance the skills of the participating forces," according to a Cairo military spokesperson. The Defense Post.

PS Sing'oei Clarifies Ruto's Remarks On Tanzania, Uganda After Uproar

Foreign Affairs Principal Secretary Korir Sing'oei has defended President William Ruto after he termed Tanzania and Uganda among the least developed countries in the world. In a statement on Thursday, April 24, Sing'Oei explained that President Ruto was addressing the challenges Kenyan products exported to China are facing because Kenya is not classified as a least developed country (LDC). The Foreign Affairs PS noted that Tanzania and Uganda do not face similar challenges as they are classified as LDCs. Nairobi Leo.

China, Kenya upgrade ties amid 'turbulent international situation'

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