

## China-Kenya ties: Strengthening BRI cooperation for shared prosperity

The recent state visit of Kenyan President William Ruto to China, from April 22 to 26, marked a milestone in the enduring relationship between China and Kenya. During the five-day visit, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Ruto elevated bilateral ties to a new level – a "China-Kenya community with a shared future for the new era." In light of an increasingly turbulent global environment, both sides pledged to further deepen cooperation and position China-Kenya relations as a model for broader China-Africa engagement. CGTN.

### U.S. Secretary of State Rubio Cancels Kenya Visit Amid Concerns Over China Ties

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has abruptly canceled his scheduled visit to Kenya next week, in what sources say is a direct response to Nairobi's warming relations with Beijing, growing corruption among top government officials, and Kenya's controversial ties with rebel groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan. Rubio was expected to arrive in Nairobi on April 28 as part of his first diplomatic tour of Africa since his appointment by President Donald Trump in January, State Department announced. The visit was also set to include a stop in Ethiopia. Horn Observer.

### Hosts China thrash Algeria at Sudirman Cup

Hosts China started their title defense by thrashing Algeria 5-0 in the first round of the group stage at the 2025 Sudirman Cup here Sunday. World No 1 mixed doubles pair Jiang Zhengbang and Wei Yaxin were unchallenged as they defeated Koceila Mammeri and Tanina Violettle Mammeri 21-11, 21-13 in China's opening tie. "It's exciting to make our Sudirman Cup debut in China's first match," Wei said. "Team competitions feel very different from tour events-every point matters for the squad." China Daily.

#### Morocco Guest of Honor at China-Arab Business Conference

Organizers have designated Morocco as the guest of honor at the high-profile gathering of the 11th China-Arab Business Conference, which kicked off today in Haikou, China. The two-day event is set to bring together over 1,000 participants, including Chinese economic operators and Moroccan entrepreneurs established in China. Organizers structured the conference around four key areas: energy transition, scientific innovation, cultural and tourism synergies, and financial cooperation. Morocco World News.

### Chad receives Chinese-made air defense systems as UAE expands African role

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has significantly expanded its influence in Africa with the recent transfer of Chinese-made FK-2000 air defense systems to Chad's junta-led government. The supply comes just days after UAE President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan held talks with His Excellency Marshal Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, President of the Republic of Chad, during his official visit to the UAE. This move is part of a broader strategy to enhance Chad's defense capabilities in the face of growing security challenges. Business Insider Africa.

# China-Africa Cooperation: Experts from China and West Africa strengthen ties at inaugural forum in Senegal

Turning to Senegal the Chinese Institute of African Studies and the National School of Administration of Senegal, co-hosted the First West Africa Forum in Dakar. The theme of the event was "China and West Africa: Promoting Modernization Together." It brought together leading researchers, think tanks, and experts from both China and Africa, and highlighted the growing partnership between the two regions. Here is Sharon Barang'a with more. The first West Africa forum aims to implement outcomes from the 2024 Forum on China–Africa Cooperation meeting in Beijing. CGTN.

## Guinea-Bissau will benefit from media cooperation with China: minister

Guinea-Bissau will benefit from media cooperation with China, says the national Minister of Social Communication Florentino Fernando Dias. #GLOBALink Xinhua.

## Xinhua News Agency opens branch in Guinea-Bissau

China's Xinhua News Agency inaugurated its Bissau branch on Friday, with the approval of the government of Guinea-Bissau. At the unveiling ceremony, Chinese Ambassador to Guinea-Bissau Yang Renhuo said that during the state visit of President Umaro Sissoco Embalo to China last July, Chinese President Xi Jinping and President Embalo reached an important consensus on deepening cultural and people-to-people exchanges and media cooperation between the two countries, providing strategic guidance for bilateral cooperation in the field of journalism. Xinhua.

## Chinese publisher donates calligraphy teaching books, equipment to Tunisian university

A Chinese university press and the Confucius Institute at Carthage University signed a cooperation agreement on Chinese calligraphy education in the Tunisian capital on Thursday. The signing ceremony included a donation of specialized calligraphy textbooks and instructional equipment from Beijing Normal University Publishing Group, a leading academic publisher affiliated with the prestigious Beijing Normal University, to the Confucius Institute. Xinhua.

# <u>Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa Affairs of the Foreign Ministry Xue Bing Attends the Reception Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Namibia's Independence</u>

On April 24, 2025, Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa Affairs of the Foreign Ministry Xue Bing attended and addressed the reception celebrating the 35th anniversary of Namibia's independence hosted by the Embassy of Namibia in China. Xue Bing extended congratulations on the 35th anniversary of Namibia's independence and said that China and Namibia have a profound traditional friendship.

## Chinese Ambassador to Botswana Fan Yong Attends the "2025 International Chinese Language Day" Event

On April 25, the Confucius Institute at Botswana International University of Science and Technology (BIUST) held an event to celebrate the "International Chinese Language Day". Ambassador Fan Yong attended the event and delivered a keynote speech. Professor Otlogetswe Totolo, Vice Chancellor of BIUST, Dr. Tsaona Mokgwathi, acting local Director of the Confucius Institute of BIUST, and Prof. Gao Yingze, Director of the Confucius Institute of BIUST participated in the event.