



[\(Hello Africa\) How China-aided project is breathing new life into Tanzania's Ngorongoro Lengai Geopark](#)

At the rim of Tanzania's Ngorongoro Crater, mist still clings to the plains as herds of wildebeest and zebra roam below. From a newly built lookout platform, visitors from around the world now take in the sweeping view alongside signage in Swahili, English, and Chinese, a subtle but powerful sign of transformation. The Ngorongoro Lengai UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Global Geopark, once on the verge of losing its UNESCO status, is experiencing a revival through China's first foreign-aid geological park project. Xinhua.

[Ignore AI-generated photo of Kenyan president's 'warm welcome' to China](#)

On 22 April 2025, Kenyan president William Ruto arrived in China for a four-day state visit. According to the Kenyan government, the visit was aimed at unlocking “new opportunities in trade, investment and infrastructure” for both countries. While his visit has been lauded by government officials as a major win, it has also drawn attention to Kenya's rising debt levels. In this context, several users have posted a photo of what they claim to be Ruto's “warm welcome” to China. Africa Check.

[As Global Trade Tensions Rise, Ruto's Visit to China Shows How Africa Can Stay Ahead](#)

President William Ruto's state visit to China from April 22 to 26 marked a significant step in Kenya's pursuit of deepened commercial and strategic ties with Beijing, as global trade patterns shift under U.S. protectionist policies. His visit – the first by an African head of state to China since the ninth Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC 9) in September 2024, where China and Africa declared the first “all-weather community with a shared future” for an entire continent – reflects Nairobi's bid to assert agency in a multipolar world. The Diplomat.

[Capesize demand working West Africa to China routes poised for take-off](#)

Demand for capesizes working the Africa Atlantic Coast (AAC) to China routes is poised for take-off. China is boosting bauxite and iron ore imports from the region, and ports along the West Africa coast, especially in Guinea, are the greatest beneficiaries of this demand surge, says Signal Ocean. Trade Winds.

[Nigeria may buy Chinese air defense systems](#)

A delegation led by Air Marshal Hasan Bala Abubakar, Chief of the Air Staff, recently concluded a high-level visit to China aimed at expanding bilateral defense cooperation and improving Nigeria's radar and missile defense infrastructure. The visit, which took place between April 20 and 25, included stops in Beijing, Hefei, Nanjing, and Xi'an. According to the NAF, the delegation held meetings with senior executives from China Electronics Technology Group Corporation (CETC) and China North Industries Corporation (NORINCO), two of the country's primary defense contractors. Defence Blog.

[Egypt's Strategic Shift: Why Turning to China is a Necessity, Not a Choice](#)

For decades, Egypt has been told what weapons it may possess, how it may defend itself, and what threats it should prioritize—all dictated by Washington's rigid commitment to maintaining Israel's military supremacy. Last week's historic drills with China were not just military exercises; they were a declaration of sovereignty: Egypt will no longer accept being a second-tier ally in its own region. Daily News Egypt.

China, Egypt wrap up first joint air force training

China and Egypt wrapped up their first joint air force training, featuring exercises on air superiority combat and suppressive air defense, and low-altitude flyovers of the Pyramids. Codenamed "Eagles of Civilization 2025," the joint training marked the first time the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Air Force deployed a systematic force to Africa for such exercises. CGTN.

China and Egypt wrap first joint military exercise as Beijing looks to cozy up to American allies

Egypt and China wrapped up their first-ever joint military exercises on Sunday, in a show of force involving the U.S.' top rival and one of its top recipients of military aid. Running from mid-April until Sunday, the drills consisted of joint aerial exercises, simulated air combat and modern warfare lectures. China deployed its J-10C fighter jets, KJ-500 airborne early warning aircraft and Y-20 transport tankers in a display of its military prowess beyond Asia, according to footage posted by Chinese state media outlet CCTV. FOX News Network.

China-Egypt "Eagles of Civilization 2025" joint air force training wraps up

The China-Egypt "Eagles of Civilization 2025" joint air force training concluded at an Egyptian air force base on the morning of May 4, 2025. This joint training is the first time that the Chinese PLA Air Force has dispatched its various types of troops to Africa to systematical conduct the joint training, demonstrating the long-range force projection, agile force deployment and systematic combat capabilities of the Chinese PLA Air Force. China Military.

Chinese fighter jets soar over Egypt in first joint exercises

The sound of Chinese fighter jets roared over the Egyptian pyramids and could echo across the Middle East, as Beijing wrapped up military drills with Cairo aimed at chipping away at U.S. strategic influence in the volatile region. China's military on Monday released videos of its fast jets, helicopters and transport planes flying high above the Sahara and hailing inaugural joint air force exercises with Egypt as "a signal of deepening military ties and shifting alliances". Reuters.

Egypt, China complete joint air force drill Eagles of Civilization 2025

Egypt and China have completed their joint air force drill, Eagles of Civilization 2025, after several days of training at an Egyptian airbase, according to a statement by the Egyptian military spokesperson on Tuesday. The statement indicated that the drill is part of the Egyptian Armed Forces' joint training plans with allied and friendly nations. It aims to strengthen military ties and combat readiness of the Egyptian and Chinese air forces. Ahram Online.

Chinese doctors provide smiles to children born with cleft lip in Tanzania

The 34th Chinese medical team in Tanzania recently completed five cleft lip surgeries and 19 cleft palate surgeries on children within just five days — each procedure carried out without complications — restoring health and granting the children the gift of smiles. The surgeries were part of a five-day "Cleft

Lip and Palate Surgery Week", themed "Smile Journey", organized by the Chinese medical team to improve health outcomes, share medical expertise and strengthen cooperation with Tanzanian counterparts. China Daily.

China on African charm offensive to rally opposition to ‘bullying’ US

As tariffs, foreign aid cuts and the closure of foreign missions dent the US’ image in Africa, China is positioning itself as a more reliable development ally on the continent, particularly as a counter to what it calls American “bullying”. In mainstream media, online and in meetings with senior officials, Chinese diplomats are campaigning to rally opposition against US trade policies under US President Donald Trump. South China Morning Post.

Kenya, China Reaffirm Commitment to Infrastructure and Transport Cooperation

“I was honored to meet with Hon. Davis Chirchir, Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport of Kenya. I’m grateful for Kenya’s recognition of China’s longstanding support in infrastructure,” Ambassador Guo said in a statement after the meeting. China has played a pivotal role in Kenya’s infrastructure development over the years, financing and constructing major projects such as roads, railways, and bridges. During the talks, the two officials explored ways to advance the consensus reached by President Xi Jinping and President William Ruto during recent bilateral engagements in Beijing. Capital News.

Kenya seeks China’s support to strengthen security systems

The Kenyan government has announced plans to collaborate with China to enhance its security systems, with a particular focus on strengthening the e-Citizen platform and improving border security management. This commitment was disclosed during a meeting between Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration Kipchumba Murkomen and a delegation from Guangdong Province, China. KBC Digital.

From Senegal to China: a businessman capturing dreams and opportunities

Since arriving in China in 2013, Senegalese businessman Ababacar Niang has built a career by exploring China’s industrial heartlands and learning from its development. Now, he’s on a mission to bring that experience back to Senegal -- connecting continents and inspiring change. #GLOBALink Xinhua.