



Model Meets Reality: The Africa–China Export Forecast That Delivered

In an era where economic uncertainty often renders forecasts obsolete before they materialize, Africa's export performance to China between 2022 and 2026 stands out as a compelling exception. Projections that I made together with Professor Reon Matemane, an associate professor at the University of Pretoria, in 2022 did not just approximate reality; they closely mirror actual trade statistics. This rare alignment between forecasts and actual outcomes offers vital lessons for policymakers, economists, and trade strategists alike. China Global South Project.

COTU boss calls China genuine development partner for Africa

The Secretary General of the Central Organization of Trade Unions (COTU) Francis Atwoli has described China as a sincere partner committed to Africa's development. Speaking shortly after President William Ruto's recent state visit to China, Atwoli highlighted the significant benefits that Kenya and the continent could gain from a close collaboration with the world's second-largest economy. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, President William Ruto. You went to China, and we at COTU work closely with all Chinese federations of trade unions," he stated. KBC Digital.

Chinese Ambassador to Liberia Yin Chengwu Visits Chinese Companies of Bong Mining Project in Bong county

On May 4, Ambassador Yin Chengwu conducted a site visit and safety inspections to Chinese companies engaged in the Bong Mining Project in Bong County. Ambassador Yin hoped the companies to leverage their strengths to expedite commissioning, further advance pragmatic cooperation in the mining sector between China and Liberia, abide by the laws and regulations, strengthen safety production, fulfill their social responsibilities, so as to implement the outcomes of the Beijing Summit of FOCAC and the consensus of the heads of state of China and Liberia, and make positive contributions to the bilateral relations.

Zimbabwean official hails Chinese-invested firm for increasing steel production

Zimbabwe is witnessing the revival of its iron and steel industry following the ramp-up of steel production by the Chinese-invested Dinson Iron and Steel Company (DISCO), a senior official from Zimbabwe's ruling party said on Thursday. "We have a new product, which is the export of steel from Zimbabwe. This is also beginning to spur the regeneration of Zimbabwe's downstream steel fabrication sector," said Christopher Mutsvangwa, a politburo member and secretary for information and publicity for the Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front, while addressing journalists in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe. Xinhua.

Chinese doctors restore eyesight to Senegalese cataract patients

Thiekouta Diouf, an 84-year-old Senegalese cataract patient, was overjoyed to regain sight after receiving a custom-made foldable intraocular lens implanted by Chinese doctors. The free surgery was performed last

Friday inside a mobile surgical unit stationed at the Regional Hospital Center of Fatick in western Senegal by Zhang Zhaode, a veteran ophthalmologist from east China's Fujian Province. Xinhua.

2025 World Relays: Team Ghana arrive in China ahead of competition

Ghana's 4x100m relay team has arrived in China ahead of the World Relays, scheduled for this weekend. The team, led by captain, Joseph Paul Amoah, have three scheduled training sessions before their first race on Saturday. Fuseini Ibrahim, Barnabas Agerh, Sean Sarfo Antwi and Mustapha Bopkin complete the team, with Ghana's fastest Benjamin Azamati absent. MyjoyOnline.

Chinese rice farm helps Mozambican farmers harvest better life

As the morning sun glows over the banks of the Limpopo River in Gaza Province, southern Mozambique, golden rice ears sway gently in the breeze. Among the bending stalks heavy with grain, Gerson Joao, a farmer, is busy working. "Without this land, I could not afford to send my two children to college," he said. Gerson is one of 353 smallholders partnering with Wanbao, a Chinese-invested modern rice farm in the southeastern African country. Xinhua.

Trump says China tariffs will come down from 145%

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Thursday he expects there to be substantive negotiations between the United States and China on trade this weekend and predicted that punitive U.S. tariffs on Beijing of 145% would likely come down. Trump's comments, made at the White House while unveiling the details of a new trade agreement between the United States and Britain, represent the latest sign of a softening tone between the world's two biggest economies, which have been locked in a standoff over tariffs and trade. Club of Mozambique.

Morocco Aims to Attract More Chinese Tourists with New 'China Ready' Label

The Moroccan National Tourism (ONMT) has started the process to obtain the prestigious "China Ready" label, becoming the first destination in North Africa to do so. This move is part of Morocco's strategy to open up to 1P high-potential tourism markets and attract more Chinese visitors. Morocco launched the certification process in partnership with CBISN, the label's official representative in Beijing.

Morocco expects threefold increase in Chinese arrivals by 2027

Morocco has launched a charm offensive to increase threefold the number of visitors from China, Morocco's tourism promotion office ONMT said. Morocco has recently won the "China Ready" label as it invests in services tailored to the needs and expectations of Chinese tourists, ONMT said in a statement. Annually, some 150 million tourists travel abroad spending generously, with a high curiosity to discover new attractions, ONMT chief Achraf Fayda said. The North Africa Post.

UAE denies supplying Sudan paramilitaries with Chinese arms

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has denied supplying Chinese-made weapons to the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), which is locked in a brutal conflict with Sudan's military government. Salem Aljaberi, the UAE's assistant minister for security and military affairs, said on social media on Friday that the allegations, contained in an Amnesty International report released the previous day, are "baseless" and "lack substantiated evidence". Aljazeera.

Chinese language proficiency competition for college students held in Kenya

Kenya on Wednesday held the 24th Chinese Bridge-Chinese Proficiency Competition for College Students at the country's oldest university, the University of Nairobi, under the theme of "One World, One Family." Senior officials, diplomats, industry executives, students and faculty members attended the half-day event that featured speeches and cultural performances, including Beijing opera, dance and calligraphy. Xinhua.

South African rand little changed with global focus on US-China trade talks

The South African rand was little changed on Friday, with the global focus on U.S.-China trade talks this weekend after a U.S. deal with Britain raised hopes for progress in tariff talks with other countries. At 0755 GMT the rand traded at 18.18 against the dollar, not far from Thursday's close of 18.2075. The currency has been highly volatile in recent weeks, slumping to a record low last month due to U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs and domestic budget disputes before recovering on signs that South Africa's coalition government will hold. Reuters.

China says it supports Egypt amid Trump's 'bullying'

China has voiced support for Egypt's sovereignty, rights and interests including over the Suez Canal. This came after US President Donald Trump demanded on Truth Social, his social media platform, free passage for US commercial and military vessels through the Panama and Suez Canals, a request that Egypt has strongly opposed. "China firmly supports the Egyptian government and people in safeguarding their sovereignty and legitimate rights and interests, and opposes any bullying words or actions," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said at a press conference. Middle East Monitor.

China Seeks Nigeria's Continued Backing On Reunification Policy

The People's Republic of China has urged Nigeria to maintain its steadfast support for the One-China principle, thereby reaffirming its commitment to the concept of peaceful reunification. During the "Media Salon on the One-China Principle as the Bedrock of China-Nigeria Relations" held in Abuja, Zhu Songbo, the Chief of the Political Section at the Chinese Embassy, emphasised the vital role Nigeria plays as a strategic partner in upholding China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Voice of Nigeria.