

<u>China-Africa Media Research and Communication Center inaugurated at Zhejiang Normal</u> <u>University</u>

On May 30, the China-Africa Media Dialogue and the inauguration ceremony of the China-Africa Media Research and Communication Center were successfully held at the Institute of African Studies, Zhejiang Normal University (IASZNU). The event brought together media professionals and scholars from both China and Africa, with participants attending in person and online, which fostered meaningful discussions on new directions and opportunities for media cooperation between the two regions. China Daily.

A SHARED FUTURE OF MODERNIZATION DRIVES CHINA AFRICA COOPERATION

The friendship and partnerships between China and African countries provide a conceptual framework for modernization in the Global South community. Representatives from African countries convened in Kunming, China, from 20 to 24 May 2025, for the 14th Meeting of the China-Africa Think Tank Forum to deepen collaboration and reinforce the sharing and mutual learning of academic, disciplinary, and discursive networks. Namibia was one of those who participated. Namibia Economist.

Japan seeks to expand investment interests in Africa to wean off China

Takehiko Matsuo, vice-minister for International Affairs at Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, said the country's emergence from three decades of deflation has renewed the private sector's appetite for risk. Matsuo told Bloomberg that this shift is fueling growing interest in African markets. "Now the mindset of Japanese business leaders has changed dramatically and they are now much more proactive about expanding their business globally," Matsuo said. "Africa is one of the destinations where we expect Japanese companies" to grow their presence. Business Insider.

<u> Opinion – Modernization in Motion: China-Africa Think Tank Forum</u>

From the towering skyline of Beijing, where policies are drafted to redefine global development, to bustling city of Kunming, Yunnan China where ancient routes once shaped global commerce a new conversation unfolds. China's modernization has transformed economies and governance structures worldwide. This transformation is now reaching deeper into China-Africa cooperation where shared aspirations for growth, resilience, and interconnected prosperity take centre stage. New Era Namibia.

South Africa launches pome campaign in China

The South African pear and apple season is underway in China, and the country's agriculture industry just launched a 2025 consumer awareness campaign to boost visibility and sales. Launching in popular retail chains Shengguo and Xianfeng, the campaign's new slogan is "Beautiful South Africa, Beautiful Fruits." The purpose is to highlight the quality and taste of the fruit and its country of origin. Fresh Fruit Portal.

Arab Contractors, China's CSCEC form alliance to implement projects in Egypt, Africa

The Arab Contractors Company and China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC) have signed a cooperation protocol to form a joint alliance to implement infrastructure and construction projects in Egypt and across Africa, as per a statement. Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly highlighted the significance of this protocol as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen the strategic relationship between Egypt and China, aimed at expanding mutual cooperation and achieving shared objectives. Zawya.

China holds promotional event in Johannesburg for upcoming China-Africa Trade Expo

China held a promotional event on Friday in Johannesburg, South Africa, for the upcoming Fourth China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo. Themed "China and Africa: Together Toward Modernization," the expo is scheduled to take place in Changsha, the capital of central China's Hunan Province, from June 12 to 15. At Friday's event, a promotional video highlighting the economic and cultural ties between China and Africa, particularly the connections Changsha has forged with African countries, drew significant attention from the audience. Bastillepost.

China tops Ethiopia's admiration rankings, surpassing Ethiopia itself

China has emerged as the most admired country in Ethiopia, surpassing even Ethiopia itself, according to the newly released 2025 Brand Africa 100 | Africa's Best Brands report. The findings, announced at the historic Africa Hall in Addis Ababa, paint a complex picture of optimism, foreign influence, and the ongoing challenges facing African brands and institutions. Capital Ethiopia.

China, Egypt ink deal on operation of CBD in New Administrative Capital

Egypt's New Urban Communities Authority and a Chinese-Egyptian joint venture have signed a comprehensive operation and maintenance agreement for the Central Business District (CBD) in Egypt's New Administrative Capital. According to the agreement, Horizon Operations Management (Egypt) Co., Ltd. will be responsible for the operation of the CBD project, initially focusing on property and municipal management. Xinhua.

Chinese well-drilling technology turns Egypt's deserts into farmland

As summer begins, patches of lush farmland stretch across Egypt's Western Desert, an area that, until recently, was dominated by sand and rocks. Thanks to the deep wells drilled by the Egypt branch of China's Zhongman Petroleum and Natural Gas Group (ZPEC), wheat, alfalfa and potatoes now thrive in tidy rows under the desert sun. Global Times.

Egypt, China Collaborate On Construction Projects To Expand Infrastructure Across Africa

Egypt and China have solidified their strategic partnership with a new agreement aimed at boosting large-scale infrastructure development in Egypt and across the African continent. The Egyptian government announced on Sunday that a cooperation protocol was signed between the Arab Contractors Company and China State Construction Engineering Corporation (CSCEC) to form a joint alliance for mega construction projects. Heritage Times.

Egypt's startup funding surges 130% to \$228M in Jan.-May

Egypt's startup sector attracted \$228 million in funding from January to May, marking a 130% increase compared to the same period last year, the Egyptian government said on Sunday. A total of 16 deals were executed during the five-month period, including 11 with disclosed investment volumes totaling 156 million U.S. dollars. Additionally, real estate startup "Nawy" and fintech company "MNT-Halan" secured debt financing worth 23 million and 49 million dollars, respectively, the Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation said in a statement. China. Org. cn.

China-Africa Critical Minerals Update: Clean Up in Zambia, Disputes in the DR Congo

In Zambia, efforts to clean up a massive acid spill from a Chinese-owned mine have been met with skepticism, despite government assurances. Officials claim restitution is underway and rehabilitation plans are in place, but activists question the fairness of compensation and the lack of independent assessments. Meanwhile, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, tensions are growing between major players in the cobalt and copper sectors. China Global South Project.

Legal action over huge DR Congo lithium project on hold as US battles China's dominance

Australia's AVZ Minerals has suspended its arbitration case against the Democratic Republic of Congo until later this month, following US encouragement to resolve the dispute over the massive Manono lithium project. The suspension, announced last week, comes as Washington backs American start-up KoBold Metals – funded by tech billionaires including Bill Gates and Jeff Bezos – to acquire AVZ's stake in Manono. South China Morning Post.

Annual "Chinese Bridge" language competition held in Uganda

Learners of the Chinese language in Uganda showcased their skills during the 2025 "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition, held in the central Ugandan district of Luwero on Saturday. Secondary and college students demonstrated their command of the Chinese language and knowledge of Chinese culture through speeches, quizzes, and cultural performances. At the end of the five-hour event, held under the theme "One World, One Family," Derick Agaba was declared the winner in the secondary school category, while Moses Luwero took the top spot in the college category. People's Daily Online.

Chinese rice farm helps Mozambican farmers harvest better life

Wanbao, a Chinese-invested modern rice farm in southern Mozambique, is helping Mozambican farmers lead a better life. #GLOBALink Xinhua.

Chinese medical workers perform first cerebral angiography procedure in Burkina Faso

Two members of the seventh batch of Chinese medical team in Burkina Faso — Tie Bi, deputy director of the Department of Interventional Medicine of the First Hospital of Lanzhou University, and Yang Xiangxiang, the team's attending physician — assisted medical workers from CHU de Tengendogo in Burkina Faso in successfully performing cerebral angiography through the femoral artery for a patient with cerebral arteriovenous malformation. China Daily.

Zambia hosts national final of Chinese language proficiency competition

The Confucius Institute at the University of Zambia on Friday hosted the final round of the Chinese language proficiency competition. The event featured 10 students competing in the final of the 24th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students in Zambia, and nine students in the 18th "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Secondary School Students in Zambia. People's Daily Online.

Chinese medical team offers Traditional Chinese Medicine training in Senegal

The 20th batch of the Chinese medical team to Senegal has lately launched a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) training program, which enrolled over 30 local health workers and medical students. The training, held at the Fann National University Hospital Center in Dakar, consisted of 12 sessions covering fundamental TCM theories, clinical practice and demonstrations based on real cases. People's Daily Online.

Papua New Guinea Deepens AI Partnership with China Following Tsinghua Workshop

Papua New Guinea is strengthening its collaboration with China in artificial intelligence (AI), following the recent AI Capacity Building Workshop hosted at Tsinghua University in Beijing from May 12 to 17, 2025. The initiative signals a significant step forward in PNG's digital transformation strategy. The workshop, which brought together delegates from nearly 40 countries, was attended by PNG's Deputy Secretary for the Department of ICT, Mr. Russell Woruba. Papua New Guinea.

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