

### Kenya or Tanzania? Chinese Investors in Africa Face a Clear Choice

For Chinese entrepreneurs eyeing East Africa, one question looms large: Tanzania or Kenya? Longtime Africa WeChat commentator Xiao Nie (小聂说事儿), who spent 3 years in Tanzania and 11 years in Kenya, cuts through the debate with a vivid analogy: "Tanzania is East Africa's factory floor; Kenya is its CEO office." In his detailed comparison, he unpacks the stark contrasts between the two nations—from labor costs to logistics—and offers blunt advice for investors. China Global South Project.

# Chinese desert control edge boosts Mauritanian green efforts

Under the scorching sun, rows of drip irrigation lines lay neatly across a stretch of sandy fields in Bir El Barka, a village in Trarza region, western Mauritania. Tender green vegetable seedlings sprout from the yellow sand. Nearby, solar panels steadily convert sunlight into electricity, powering pumps that fetch groundwater to the fields. The partitioned desert, once barren, is now tinged with green, a vivid scene of transformation. Xinhua.

# Rising China costs, trade tensions: Why Nigeria must act now

A global reset is quietly but powerfully underway. Multinational companies, rocked by supply chain disruptions, rising labour costs and geopolitical uncertainty, are redrawing their maps. The question is: will Nigeria position itself to be on the new map—or will we once again be spectators to history? Business Day Nigeria.

# How an Ethiopian entrepreneur turns fungus into fortune?

In the highlands of Ethiopia, a local entrepreneur's fascination with mushrooms has sparked a surprising culinary movement, reshaping local diets and creating new economic opportunities. Mikias Tadesse, 29, recalled how his mushroom curiosity turned his life around, from a truck driver to a successful mushroom farmer, ultimately promoting a culinary change in Ethiopia. Xinhua.

# <u>The Unyielding Spirit of Ancient Civilizations: Why China and Egypt Will Never Bow to the</u> <u>United States</u>

Throughout history, great civilizations have risen, endured conquest, and re-emerged stronger—guided by enduring principles of justice, honor, and sovereignty. China and Egypt, two of the world's oldest continuous civilizations, carry the weight of millennia in governance, wisdom, and resistance to domination. Their histories are not just stories of survival but testaments to resilience and an unshakable commitment to self-determination. Daily News Egypt.

# China's agritech brings water to Egypt's giant beet sugar factory in Sahara Desert

Near the edge of the Sahara Desert, in Egypt's West Minya, Chinese drillers bore deep into the earth, tapping groundwater to irrigate a once 500-hectare stretch of desert – now home to the world's largest beet sugar factory. China's Zhongman Petroleum has drilled 193 wells over the past three years to irrigate

the farm, which supplies Canal Sugar – a joint venture backed by investors from the United Arab Emirates and Egypt – with an annual capacity of 900,000 tonnes, according to the state-run Xinhua News Agency. South China Morning Post.

#### Chinese Lithium Investors in Zimbabwe Raise Critical Concerns for Policymakers

Since 2021, Zimbabwe's lithium sector has attracted over \$1.2 billion in investments, generating more than 5,000 jobs and positioning the country as a key player in the global lithium value chain. Chinese lithium mining giants, including Bikita Minerals, Prospect Lithium Zimbabwe (PLZ), Sabi Star, and Kamativi Mining Company, have driven this transformation, fueling an astonishing 800% surge in lithium exports from \$7 million in 2022 to over \$600 million in 2024. China Global South Project.

#### How Papua New Guinea is rewriting Pacific education partnerships with China and more

Papua New Guinea wants to better leverage foreign partnerships for its international education strategy. At the same time this will allow national and local authorities to assert greater agency in shaping educational outcomes. China is one focus. PNG's growing emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) studies through state-sponsored scholarships and locally driven district sponsorship programs marks a new phase in the evolving relationship with Beijing. Lowy Institute.

#### Ancient Chinese martial arts find new home in Benin

In a modest yet vibrant martial arts club in Akpro-Misserete, a town some 40 kilometers northeast of Benin's economic capital Cotonou, the rhythmic thud of feet striking the ground echoes in sync with the sharp, thunderous cry of "Hay-Hah!" Bathed in the warm equatorial sun, 53-year-old Damien Agossou Degbo is leading scores of students through precise movements of kung fu and tai chi. China Daily.

#### Chinese engineer contingent in South Sudan dispatches 25 peacekeepers to Aweil

The 15th Chinese peacekeeping engineer contingent to South Sudan (Wau) sent 25 peacekeepers to the city of Aweil in the country's northwest Tuesday on engineering support assignments. The group of peacekeepers will perform such duties as building airport runways, shelters, ammunition depots, hardened sites, and drainage systems in Aweil. Bastillepost.

### Togo Looks to China for Digital Trade Growth Strategies

Togo sent a delegation of Ministry of Commerce officials and private sector leaders to Beijing last week. They attend an international seminar hosted by the Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO). The group studied 0China's cross-border e-commerce success, aiming to strengthen Togo's digital economy. Kokou Ananze Oganto, who led the delegation, said: "We must build an inclusive and competitive digital economy." He praised the strong partnership between Togo and China, which began in 1972 and was reinforced at the 2024 FOCAC summit. Togo First.

### Liberia partners with China to open Cardio Unit at JFK

The new Cardiac Intensive Care unit has been made possible through the JFK Management team and its collaborating partner, Heilongjiang Provincial Hospital (China). The Cardiology Unit is aimed at improving the accuracy of diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases, as well as the ability to rescue emergency and severe cases in Liberia. The New Dawn Liberia.

# Chinese Ambassador to Mauritius Huang Shifang's Interview with Le Défi Media Group

In her latest interview with Le Défi Media Group on May 25, Ambassador Huang Shifang made remarks on bilateral relations between China and Mauritius. Ambassador Huang stressed that China and Mauritius share a deep and longstanding friendship. Since establishment of their diplomatic relations, the two sides maintained frequent exchanges with consolidated political trust, fruitful cooperation, and increasingly closer people-to-people contacts. Secretariat of the Chinese Follow-up Committee of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.

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