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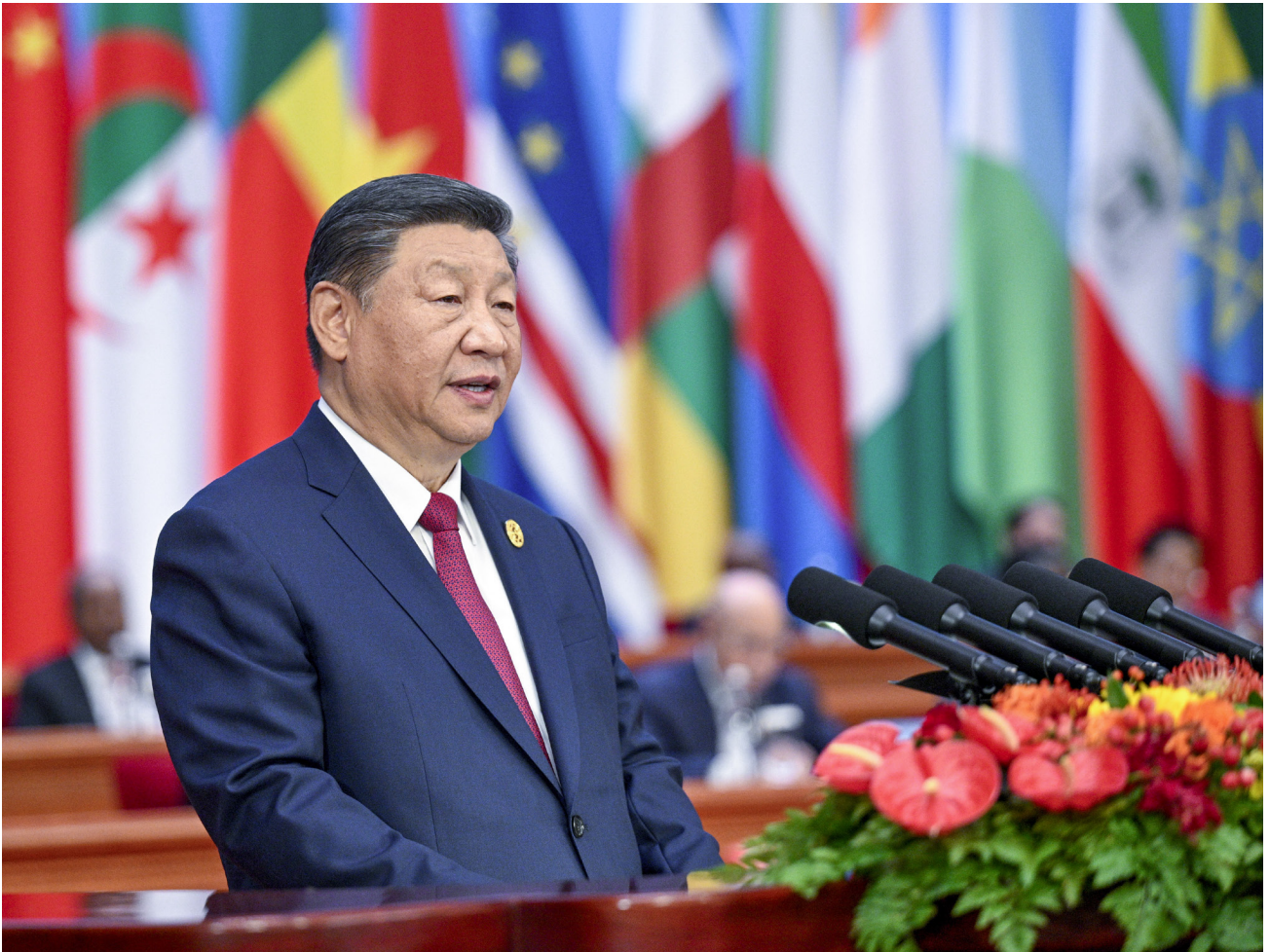
Editor's Note

The 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) was successfully held in Beijing from September 4 to 6, 2024, bringing the China-Africa family of friendship together once again. Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the opening ceremony of the summit and delivered a keynote speech, in which he proposed the six key propositions and the ten partnership actions for jointly advancing modernization between China and Africa. He also announced that bilateral relations with all African countries that have diplomatic ties with China would be elevated to a strategic level, and that the overall positioning of China-Africa relations would be raised to that of an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era.

Over the 24 years since its establishment, especially in the new era, FOCAC has become a “golden brand” for China-Africa cooperation and a leading model for international cooperation with Africa, as well as for deepening cooperation among the Global South.

With shared dreams, China and Africa are advancing side by side on the path of modernization, creating a new chapter in human development. Together, they will drive the world toward a brighter future of peace, security, prosperity, and progress.

Xi Jinping Proposes Partnership Actions to Jointly Advance Modernization with Africa



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech titled "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a Community with a Shared Future" while attending the opening ceremony of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China on September 5, 2024 (XINHUA)

China and Africa have been more closely bonded in their pursuit of modernization as Chinese President Xi Jinping announced here on September 5 an upgrade of China-Africa relations and unveiled 10 partnership actions.

In his keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), Xi proposed that bilateral relations between China and all African countries having diplomatic ties with China be elevated to the level of strategic relations.

He also proposed that the overall characterization of China-Africa relations be elevated to an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era.

Modernization Vision for Global South

Xi underlined modernization as "an inalienable right of all countries" in his speech, saying there will be no global modernization without the modernization of China and Africa.

Xi said that the joint pursuit of

modernization by China and Africa will set off a wave of modernization in the Global South and open a new chapter for building a community with a shared future for humanity.

He stressed jointly advancing modernization that is just and equitable, is open and win-win, puts the people first, features diversity and inclusiveness, is eco-friendly, and is underpinned by peace and security.

Xi's remarks were well received by the audience. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa emphasized the need for China and Africa to work in a spirit

of cooperation and collaboration.

"China has a long history of friendship and solidarity with the people of Africa over many centuries. And we thank China for continuing to expand and develop this spirit of cooperation and collaboration with our continent," he said.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said China's partnerships with the African continent are a main pillar of South-South cooperation.

"China's remarkable rapid development, including eradicating poverty, provides a wealth of experience and expertise. Africa can maximize the potential of China's support in areas from trade to finance and technology," said Guterres.

Concrete Partnership Actions

To materialize the modernization vision, Xi proposed 10 partnership actions to be implemented in the next three years, which cover areas of mutual learning among civilizations, trade prosperity, industrial chain cooperation, connectivity, development cooperation, health, agriculture and livelihoods, people-to-people and cultural exchanges, green development and common security.

For mutual learning among civilizations, Xi said China stands ready to work with Africa to build a platform

for governance experience sharing, a China-Africa knowledge network for development, and 25 centers on China and Africa studies. China will invite 1,000 members of African political parties to China to deepen exchanges of experience in party and state governance.

For trade prosperity, Xi said China will voluntarily and unilaterally open its market wider and has decided to give all the least developed countries having diplomatic relations with China, including 33 countries in Africa, zero-tariff treatment for 100 percent tariff lines. This has made China the first major developing country and the first major economy to take such a step, which will help turn China's big market into Africa's big opportunity.

To strengthen industrial chain cooperation, China is willing to push forward the Pilot Zone for In-depth China-Africa Economic and Trade Cooperation, and launch an empowerment program for African small and medium-sized enterprises. A China-Africa digital technology cooperation center will be jointly built, and 20 digital demonstration projects will be initiated to embrace together the latest round of technological revolution and industrial transformation, Xi said.

In terms of partnership action for connectivity, China is prepared to carry out 30 infrastructure connectivity projects in Africa and promote together high-quality Belt and Road coopera-

tion, he said.

As for development cooperation, China is ready to release a joint statement on deepening cooperation within the framework of the Global Development Initiative with Africa, and implement 1,000 "small and beautiful" livelihood projects, said Xi.

Regarding the partnership action for health, Xi said China is ready to establish with Africa a hospital alliance and joint medical centers, send 2,000 medical personnel to Africa, and launch 20 programs of health facilities and malaria treatment.

To improve agriculture and livelihoods, China will provide Africa with 1 billion yuan (about 140 million U.S. dollars) in emergency food assistance, send 500 agricultural experts, and establish a China-Africa agricultural science and technology innovation alliance. Efforts will be made to encourage two-way investment for new business operations by Chinese and African companies, enable Africa to retain added value, and create at least 1 million jobs for Africa.

In terms of people-to-people exchanges, China will establish an engineering technology academy and build 10 Luban Workshops with Africa. About 60,000 training opportunities will be provided to the African people, mainly for women and young people, Xi said.

As for green development, China is ready to launch 30 clean energy



Chinese President Xi Jinping and foreign leaders gather for group photos prior to the opening ceremony of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on September 5, 2024. Xi attended the opening ceremony of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and delivered a keynote speech (XINHUA)

projects in Africa, create a China-Africa forum on peaceful use of nuclear technology, establish together 30 joint laboratories, and collaborate on satellite remote sensing and lunar and deep-space exploration.

To ensure common security, China is willing to build with Africa a partnership for implementing the Global Security Initiative (GSI) and make it a fine example

of the GSI cooperation. The country will also give Africa 1 billion yuan of grants in military assistance, Xi said.

To implement the 10 partnership actions, the Chinese government will provide 360 billion yuan of financial support through the next three years, he said.

A declaration on jointly building an all-weather China-Africa community

with a shared future for the new era and an action plan of the FOCAC for the next three years were adopted on September 5 at the summit.

The new practical measures announced by President Xi are further proof of his constant determination to raise China-Africa cooperation to a higher level, said Senegalese President Bassirou Diomaye Faye.

The overall characterization of China-Africa relations is elevated to an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era.

China and Africa's joint pursuit of modernization will set off a wave of modernization in the Global South, and open a new chapter in our drive for a community with a shared future for mankind.

- We should jointly advance modernization that is just and equitable.
- We should jointly advance modernization that is open and win-win.
- We should jointly advance modernization that puts the people first.
- We should jointly advance modernization featuring diversity and inclusiveness.
- We should jointly advance modernization that is eco-friendly.
- We should jointly advance modernization underpinned by peace and security.

In the next three years, China will work with Africa to take the following ten partnership actions for

modernization to deepen China-Africa cooperation and spearhead the Global South modernization.

First, the Partnership Action for Mutual Learning among Civilizations.

Second, the Partnership Action for Trade Prosperity.

Third, the Partnership Action for Industrial Chain Cooperation.

Fourth, the Partnership Action for Connectivity.

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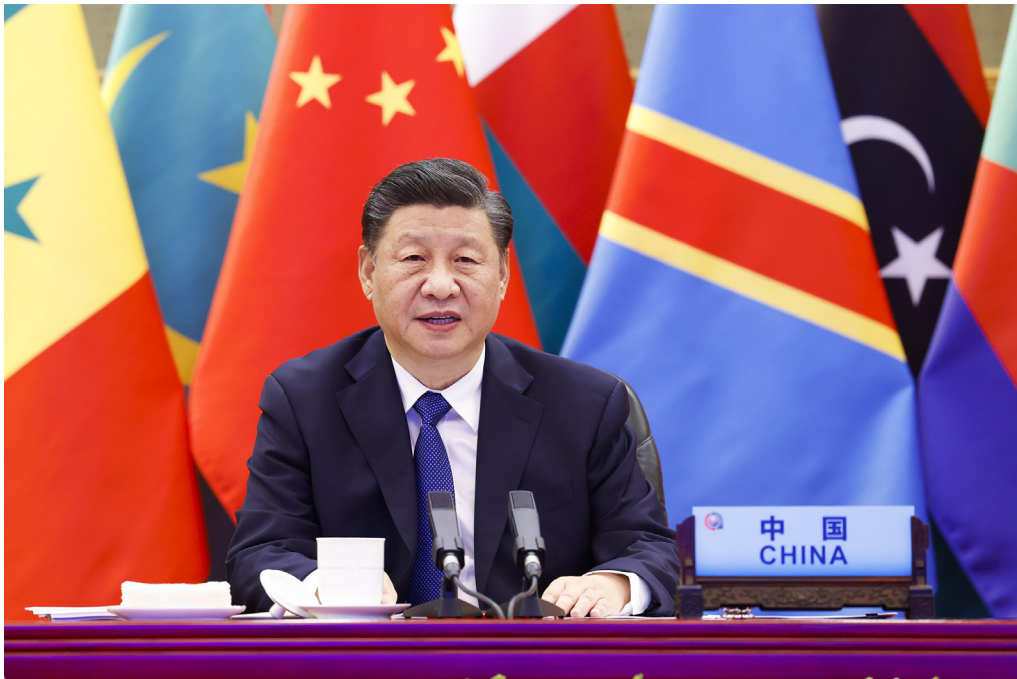
Ninth, the Partnership Action for Green Development.

Tenth, the Partnership Action for Common Security.

Full text: Keynote address by Chinese President Xi Jinping at opening ceremony of 2024 FOCAC summit



Xi Jinping's Important Discourses on China-Africa Cooperation



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation via video link in Beijing, capital of China, on November 29, 2021 (XINHUA)

The world today is undergoing profound changes unseen in a century, and the Global South represented by China and Africa is booming, which has a profound impact on the course of world history.

The new session of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation is going to be held in 2024. I stand ready to work with leaders of African countries to elaborately draw up a new blueprint for China-Africa cooperation and promote the joint building of a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future to the benefit of the people of both sides.

—Xi Jinping's congratulatory message to the 37th African Union (AU) Summit on February 17, 2024

In 2013 after I became Chinese President, I was here in Africa for my first foreign visit and announced the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith for China's Africa policy. Over the past 10 years, China has stayed committed to this principle. Together with our African friends and drawing strength from the spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation, we have pressed ahead on the path of solidarity and cooperation, stood for justice amid shifting global dynamics, and looked out for each other in face of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have taken China-Africa relations to new heights and entered the new stage of jointly building a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future.

China is marching toward the Second Centenary Goal of building itself into a great modern socialist country in all respects that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious and beautiful when the People's Republic marks its centenary. We are pursuing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization. Africa is moving at an accelerated speed toward the bright prospects envisioned in Agenda 2063, and making all-out efforts to build a new Africa that enjoys peace, unity, prosperity and strength. China and Africa must work together to create a sound environment for realizing our respective development visions.

There are various paths leading to modernization. The African people have the most say on which path suits Africa best. Advancing modernization through integration is the independent choice made by African countries and people. On this path to modernization, China has all along been a firm supporter, and walking side by side with Africa.

—Xi Jinping's keynote speech at China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue in Johannesburg on August 24, 2023

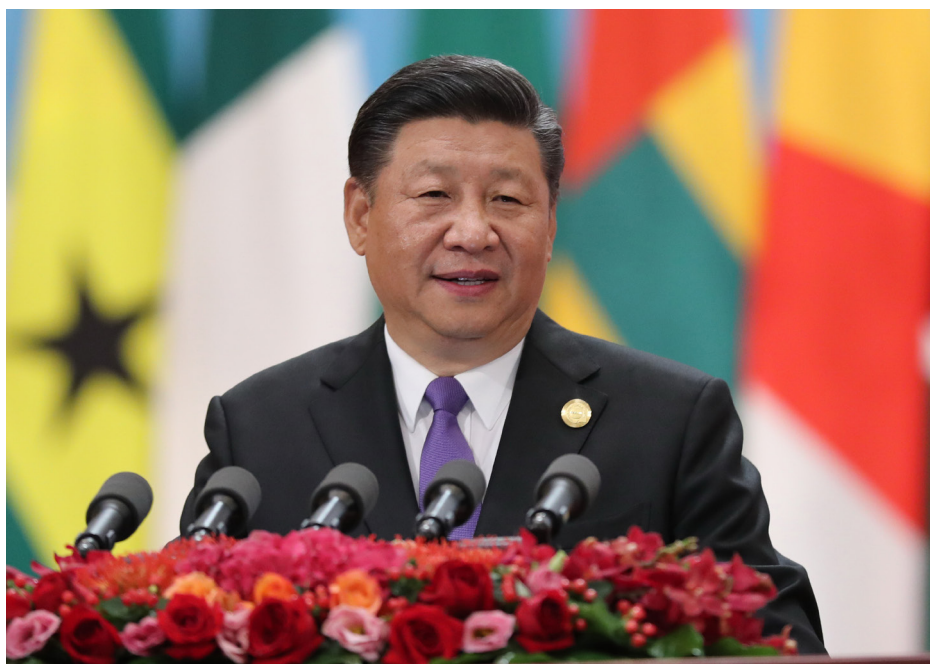
Development embodies our people's aspiration for a better life. It is the top priority for developing countries and a timeless theme for humanity.

China has invariably stood in solidarity with fellow developing countries through thick and thin. China has been and will always remain a member of developing countries. I proposed the Global Development Initiative (GDI), precisely for the purpose of calling on the world to stay focused on development and lending impetus to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

Going forward, China will carry out more cooperation with African countries to support Africa in enhancing its own capacity for development.

A Chinese adage reads, "Victory is ensured when people pool their strength; success is secured when people put their heads together." Let us stay committed and united to build a community of shared development, and make sure that in the process of global modernization, no country is left behind.

—Xi Jinping's remarks at the BRICS-Africa Outreach and BRICS Plus Dialogue at Johannesburg on August 24, 2023



Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech titled "Work Together for Common Development and a Shared Future" while attending the opening ceremony of the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on September 3, 2018 (XINHUA)

China and Africa belong to a community with a shared future that shares weal and woe, and the hope of long-term friendship between the Chinese and African people rests with the younger generation. I hope that the participants voluntarily shoulder the responsibility and mission entrusted to them by this era, take an active part in the cause of the China-Africa friendship, carry forward and pass on the spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation, and contribute to the building of a high-quality China-Africa community with a shared future.

—Xi Jinping's reply to letter from cadre workshop participants at Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Leadership School on June 8, 2022

Why do China and Africa have such a close relationship and so deep a bond of friendship? The key lies in an everlasting spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation forged between the two sides, which features sincere friendship and equality, win-win for mutual benefit and common development, fairness and justice, and progress with the times and openness and inclusiveness. This truly captures the relations of China and Africa working together in good and hard times over the past decades, and provides a source of strength for the continuous growth of China-Africa friendly relations.

— Xi Jinping's keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation via video link in Beijing on November 29, 2021

The world is in an era of great development and great change. China and Africa, facing new opportunities and challenges, need to further uphold and carry forward peace, development, equity, justice, democracy and freedom, which are the common values of humanity. The two sides should strengthen solidarity and cooperation, promote prosperity and development, and work together to build a community with a shared future for mankind.

— Xi Jinping's congratulatory letter to the 6th China-Africa People's Forum, which opened in Beijing on November 15, 2021

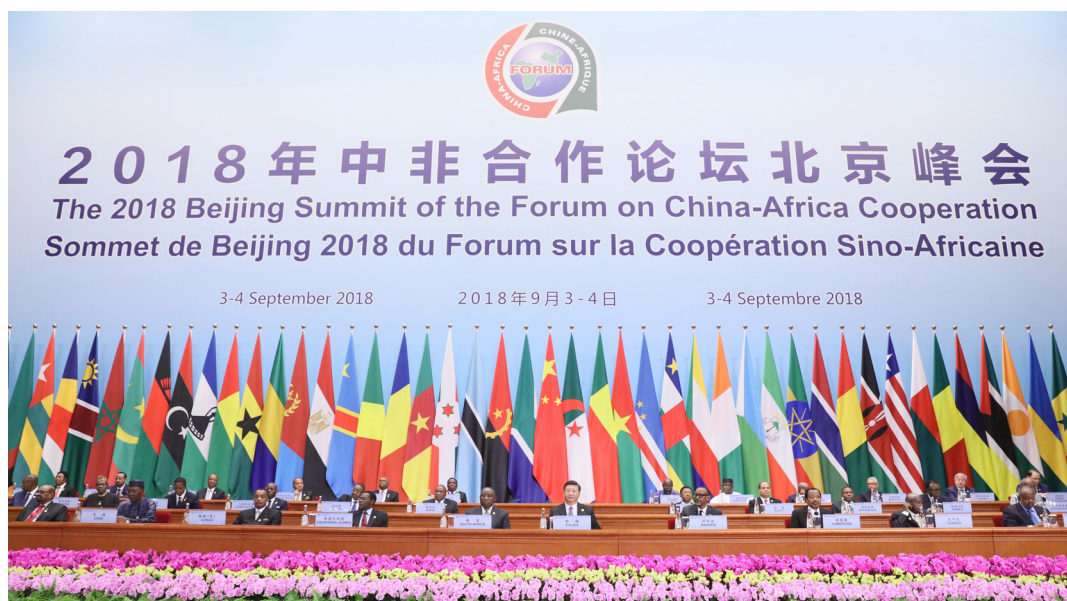
China and Africa are good friends, good partners and good brothers with shared destiny and vision. Over the years, in line with the tide of history and the development needs of each side, China and Africa have carried out practical cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, bringing remarkable results that have benefited people of both sides.

— Xi Jinping's congratulatory letter to the First China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo, which opened on June 27, 2019, in Changsha, capital city of central China's Hunan Province

The over 1.3 billion Chinese people have been with the over 1.2 billion African people in pursuing a shared future. We respect Africa, love Africa and support Africa. We follow a "five-no" approach in our relations with Africa: no interference in African countries' pursuit of development paths that fit their national conditions; no interference in African countries' internal affairs; no imposition of our will on African countries; no attachment of political strings to assistance to Africa; and no seeking of selfish political gains in investment and financing cooperation with Africa.

We are firm in our conviction that peace and development remain the underlying trend of our times. Indeed, they are the call of the times. The international community should take our historical responsibility and respond to the call of our times with solidarity, vision, courage and a sense of mission.

To quote a Chinese saying, "The ocean is vast because it rejects no rivers." China, the world's largest developing country, and Africa, the continent with the



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largest number of developing countries, have long formed a community with a shared future. Indeed, we share a common stake. China will work with Africa to achieve our shared goal of building a closer China-Africa community with a shared future and turn it into a pacesetter for building such a community for mankind.

Let us build a China-Africa community with a shared future to assume our joint responsibility. Let us build a China-Africa community with a shared future that pursues win-win cooperation. Let us build a China-Africa community with a shared future that delivers happiness for all of us. Let us build a China-Africa community with a shared future that enjoys cultural prosperity. Let us build a China-Africa community with a shared future that enjoys common security. Let us build a China-Africa community with a shared future that promotes harmony between man and nature.

"The red rising sun will light up the road ahead." I am confident that the baton of China-Africa friendship will be passed from one generation to the next and that China and Africa, working together, will build an even more vibrant community with a shared future. The day will surely come when the Chinese nation realizes its dream of national renewal and Africa realizes its dream of unity and invigoration!

— Xi Jinping's keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation on September 3, 2018

China and Africa share a common future. We Chinese and Africans have forged profound friendship through our common historical experience and in our common struggles.

What has made China-Africa friendship durable and vigorous is that our two sides have always been guided by the principle of treating each other as equals, promoting win-win progress and common development and enhancing sincere friendship and cooperation. China and Africa will forever remain good friends, good partners and good brothers.

We Chinese value both friendship and justice as well as shared interests and place more importance on the former. Friendship and justice, which defines China-Africa relations, require us to facilitate Africa's development endeavor with China's development and ultimately deliver win-win progress and common development through mutually beneficial cooperation.

— Xi Jinping's address at the Opening Ceremony of the Johannesburg Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation at Johannesburg on December 4, 2015

In treating African friends, we stress the importance of "sincerity." Unity and cooperation with African countries have always been an important foundation for China's foreign policy. This will never change, not even when China grows stronger and enjoys a higher international status. China and Africa will continue to support each other on issues involving their core interests and major concerns. We sincerely wish to see Africa taking bigger strides on the path of seeking strength from unity and making new achievements in peace and development, and we will firmly support Africa in this endeavor.

In conducting cooperation with Africa, we stress the importance of "real results." China will keep every commitment it has made to Africa, both in letter and in spirit. With growth in its own economic and overall strength, China will continue to offer, as always, necessary assistance to Africa with no political strings attached.

In strengthening China-Africa friendship, we stress the importance of "affinity." The Chinese and African people have a natural feeling of kinship toward each other. Looking ahead, we will place greater emphasis on people-to-people and cultural exchanges between China and Africa so as to improve mutual understanding and perception and expand public support for the China-Africa friendship.

In resolving problems that may crop up in cooperation, we stress the importance of "good faith." China will face squarely and sincerely the new developments and new problems confronting our relations. We should properly handle any problem that may arise in a spirit of mutual respect and win-win cooperation.

— Xi Jinping's speech at the Julius Nyerere International Convention Center on March 25, 2013

Agenda and Outcomes of the Summit

Agenda:

Theme

Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future

Attendees

The Heads of State, Government and delegation of China and 53 African countries and Chairperson of the African Union Commission and their ministers of foreign affairs and of economic cooperation attended the summit and ministerial conference respectively. The UN Secretary-General was invited as a special guest and relevant international and regional organizations also attended the Summit as observers.

Time and Place

The Summit and Ninth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) was held in Beijing from September 4 to 6, 2024.

Major Meetings

The welcoming banquet of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, September 4, 2024

The opening ceremony of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, September 5, 2024

Four high-level meetings held during the summit, September 5, 2024

News briefing, September 5, 2024

Eighth Conference of Chinese and African Entrepreneurs, September 6, 2024

"Increasing experience sharing on national governance in the exploration of paths to modernization,"

"Industrialization, agricultural modernization and green development—the path to modernization,"

"Building a shared future of lasting peace and universal security as a strong underpinning of modernization,"

"Pursuing high-quality Belt and Road cooperation as a platform for modernization featuring planning together, building together and benefiting together"

Outcomes:

Unfolding next level China-Africa cooperation

With its future growth in mind, Xi Jinping proposed that bilateral relations between China and all African countries having diplomatic ties with China be elevated to the level of strategic relations, and that the overall characterization of China-Africa relations be elevated to an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era.

Joint pursuit of modernization

China and Africa's joint pursuit of modernization will set off a wave of modernization in the Global South, and open a new chapter in our drive for a community with a shared future for mankind.

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Ten partnership actions

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Two outcome documents



Beijing Declaration on Jointly Building an All-Weather China-Africa Community with a Shared Future for the New Era



Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Beijing Action Plan (2025-2027)

Voice of African Political Parties

Meet upon Request

Liu Jianchao Meets with Hakainde Hichilema, UPND President and President of Zambia

Liu Jianchao, Minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee (IDCPC), met in Beijing on September 5, 2024 upon request with Hakainde Hichilema, President of Zambia's United Party for National Development (UPND) and President of Zambia.



Hichilema said, the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing was a complete success. At the Summit, President Xi Jinping proposed the ten partnership actions for modernization, emphasizing that the Chinese side is willing to take the initiative to open up its markets unilaterally, which has greatly encouraged African countries including Zambia. I have asked the Cabinet Ministers to go through each article and dock with the Chinese side promptly. Zambia and China have a long-standing friendship symbolized by the TAZARA Railway. During my visit to China last year, President Xi Jinping and I elevated the relationship between the two countries to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership. The day before yesterday, I met with President Xi Jinping again, reaching new consensus on the development of relations between the two countries. The Zambian side is grateful to the Chinese side for its long-term and valuable support for the economic and social development of Zambia and its active role in resolving Zambia's debt problem, and appreciates the great development achievements made by China under the leadership of the CPC. The UPND values its friendly relations with the CPC and hopes to strengthen exchanges with the CPC, learn from the CPC's experience in leading national development, party governance, and official training and selection, so as to enhance its own governing capacity and promote cooperation between the two countries in areas like infrastructure, energy and agriculture.

Liu said, since President Xi Jinping delivered an important keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the Summit, proposing that bilateral relations between China and all African countries having diplomatic ties with China be elevated to the level of strategic relations, and that the overall characterization of China-Africa relations be elevated to an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era and taking the ten partnership actions for modernization, which was warmly welcomed by the African side. The IDCPC will take immediate action to deliver the outcomes of the Summit with the African side through party channels and promote greater development of China-Africa relations.

Liu said, since China and Zambia established diplomatic relations 60 years ago, the traditional friendship between the two countries has maintained development regardless of the changing international landscape. Under the joint promotion of President Xi Jinping and President Hichilema, China-Zambia relations have been upgraded to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership, with fruitful results in bilateral cooperation of various fields. The Chinese side is willing to work with the Zambian side to implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, strengthen exchanges and mutual learning, continue the firm support to each other on issues involving respective core interests and major concerns, and expand mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields. The CPC is willing to, together with the UPND, strengthen exchanges at all levels, enhance mutual understanding, and deepen exchanges and mutual learning of experience in state governance and administration and cooperation in areas such as party building and cadre training, to jointly promote the modernization of respective countries.

Liu Jianchao Meets with Faure Gnassingbe, President of the Union for the Republic and Togolese President upon Request

Liu Jianchao, Minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee (IDCPC), met in Beijing on September 4, 2024 with Faure Gnassingbe, President of the Union for the Republic and Togolese President upon request.



Faure expressed his pleasure in attending the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing. He said, Togo has been actively involved in the process since the early stages of the FOCAC. He voiced his confidence that the Summit will advance China-Togo friendly cooperation to a new level. Togo and China share a deep and long-term friendship. He expressed heartfelt thanks to the Chinese side for its longstanding support, which helped the Togolese side develop in various fields. Political parties of Togo and China have maintained exchanges and cooperation for a long time. The CPC has provided important support for the construction of the ruling party of Togo. Currently, many political parties in African countries are facing many challenges. The UNIR is ready to, together with the CPC, strengthen experience exchanges in state governance and administration, and enhance unity and national cohesion to better achieve national development.

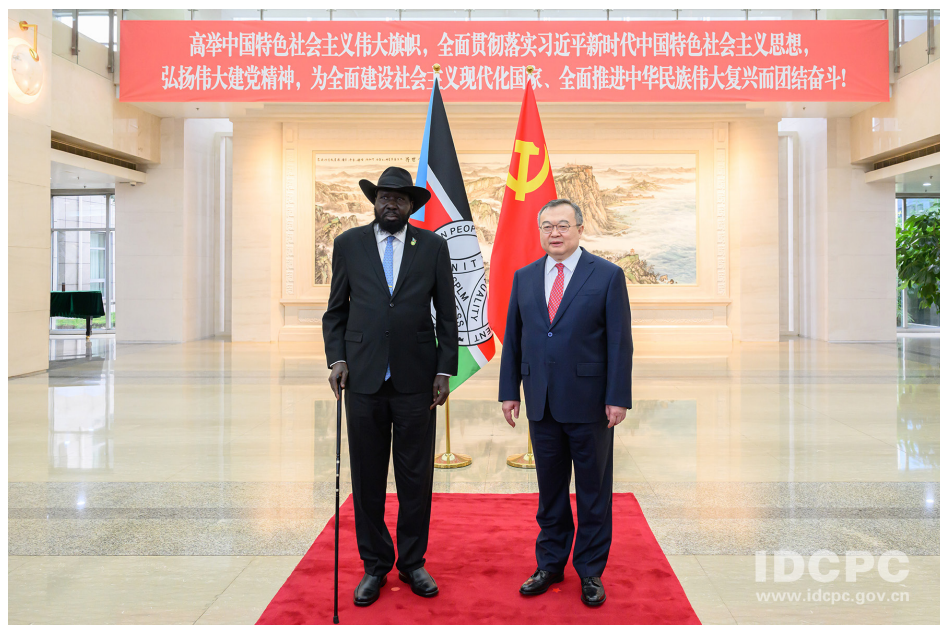
Liu said, China and Togo are true friends and good partners who trust and support each other. President Xi Jinping and Togolese President Faure Gnassingbe had a fruitful meeting two days ago, elevating bilateral relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership and charting the course for the further development of bilateral relations. The Chinese side is ready to work with the Togolese side, guided by the important consensus reached by the two heads of state, to firmly support each other on issues involving each other's core interests and major concerns, turn the advantages of the China-Togo traditional friendship into the driving force of win-win cooperation and continuously advance China-Togo friendly cooperation for new progress.

Liu said, both the CPC and the UNIR should shoulder the important mission of achieving modernization of respective countries. The CPC is willing to strengthen strategic communication with the UNIR, deepen exchanges and mutual learning of experience in state governance and administration, including experience exchanges in party-building, strengthen governance capacity and better lead the people towards national development, so as to create a bright future for modernization of China and Togo. The Summit will be another significant milestone in China-Africa relations. The Chinese side will, as always, support African countries in seeking strength through unity, developing, and playing a greater role on the international stage.

Li Mingxiang, Vice-minister of the IDCPC, Sandra Ablamba Johnson, Secretary-General of the Togolese Presidency, and Atcholi Aklesso, Executive Secretary of the UNIR, were present.

Liu Jianchao Meets with Salva Kiir Mayardit, Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement of South Sudan and President of South Sudan

Liu Jianchao, Minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, met in Beijing on September 4, 2024 upon request with Salva Kiir Mayardit, Chairman of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) of South Sudan and President of South Sudan.



President Salva Kiir Mayardit said, I am glad to visit the International Department of the CPC Central Committee during the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). I attach great importance to the relations between the two Parties and thank the CPC for its long-term support and help to the SPLM. The SPLM is willing to keep close exchanges with the CPC at all levels, enhance mutual understanding, strengthen cooperation in party building, cadre training, poverty alleviation, education and other fields, and push for further development of relations between the two Parties and two countries. South Sudan thanks China for its strong support to South Sudan at the UN Security Council. South Sudan will continue to firmly adhere to the one-China principle and firmly support China's positions on issues concerning China's core interests. The government of South Sudan welcomes more Chinese enterprises to invest and start businesses in South Sudan and boost South Sudan's development and revitalization.

Liu said, under the strategic guidance of President Xi Jinping and President Salva Kiir Mayardit, China-South Sudan relations have enjoyed healthy and stable development, with steady progress in practical cooperation in various fields and increasingly close friendly exchanges at all levels. China and South Sudan have firmly supported each other on issues concerning each other's core interests and major concerns, and firmly upheld the common interests of the Global South countries, setting a good example of relations between developing countries. It is believed that the FOCAC summit will bring new opportunities for the upgrading of China-South Sudan and China-Africa cooperation and provide new impetus for the development and revitalization of South Sudan and Africa.

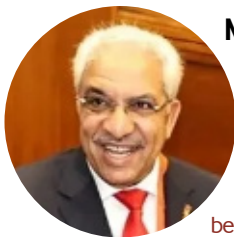
Liu said, inter-party relations play a key role in China-South Sudan relations. The CPC is willing to work with the SPLM to take the important consensus reached by the top leaders of the two Parties and the two countries as guidance, strengthen mutual exchanges, enhance strategic communication and exchange of ideas, consolidate political mutual trust, deepen mutual learning of experience in state governance and administration, strengthen exchanges between the youth, women and non-governmental organizations of the two Parties, consolidate public support for friendship between the two countries and push for continuous development of bilateral relations.

Li Mingxiang, Vice-minister of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, Kuol Manyang Juuk, Deputy Chairman of the SPLM and Senior Presidential Advisor, Lam Both, SPLM Secretary-General, and others attended the meeting.

Expressions and Expectations on China-Africa Relations, the FOCAC, and China-Africa Cooperation

Gelase Daniel Ndabirabe, President of the National Assembly of Burundi

I appreciate China's efforts to provide Africa with useful experience, which has helped enhance its people-centered awareness and promote its development.



Mohammed Sabari, Member of the National Committee of the Authenticity and Modernity Party (Parti authenticité et modernité) of Morocco, First Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives

Morocco and China's economic ties are rapidly growing, with increased Chinese investment in renewable energy boosting Morocco's sustainable development. Enhanced cooperation in technology has improved Morocco's competitiveness and product quality. I am confident in our cooperation and believe we can build a better future together.

Obert Mpofu, Secretary General of the Zimbabwe African National Union–Patriotic Front (ZANU–PF)

"China has supported us a lot in terms of infrastructure development, in mining, agriculture, and tourism. There are many Chinese companies that are involved in Zimbabwe, imparting new skills and new technologies into our economic development."



Ahmed Akalim, General Secretary of the Voice of the People of Tunisia

"China is a good partner to African countries and has helped Africa in many ways. We hope that Tunisia and China can deepen exchanges and cooperation between political parties and achieve more results."



Marvin Fanny, Vice President of the United Seychelles Political Party

"I hope to bring back China's experience in reform and opening up, as well as in driving development, to Seychelles. China has put forward numerous initiatives in areas such as improving the foundational systems of ecological civilization, strengthening the governance framework for the ecological environment, and improving mechanisms for green and low-carbon development. These are of great reference value for Seychelles in achieving sustainable economic and social development. China has significant advantages in photovoltaic technology and electric vehicles and actively shares its experience in green development with other countries, which is helpful in collectively addressing the challenges of climate change."

Ahmed Yacoub, Member of the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs

"The forum has deepened the people-to-people friendship between Africa and China. This forum allowed African countries to understand what is happening in China and provided an opportunity to learn from China's experiences. Going forward, I hope that African countries and China will continue to enhance exchanges and cooperation, gain deeper understanding of each other's cultures and histories, and strengthen economic and trade ties."



Khalid Boudali, Presiding Officer of African Union Economic, Social and Cultural Council

"The cooperation potential between African countries and China is enormous, and strengthening grassroots exchanges is an important aspect of practical collaboration. I hope to facilitate the alignment of education systems and talent development between Africa and China. Additionally, African and Chinese media can establish more cooperative mechanisms to jointly tell the stories of grassroots diplomatic cooperation between the two sides."

Michel Sidibé, then UN Deputy-Secretary-General

"In recent years, exchanges and cooperation between Africa and China in areas such as culture, tourism, and sports have become increasingly frequent and in-depth. There are success stories of Africa-China cooperation everywhere."

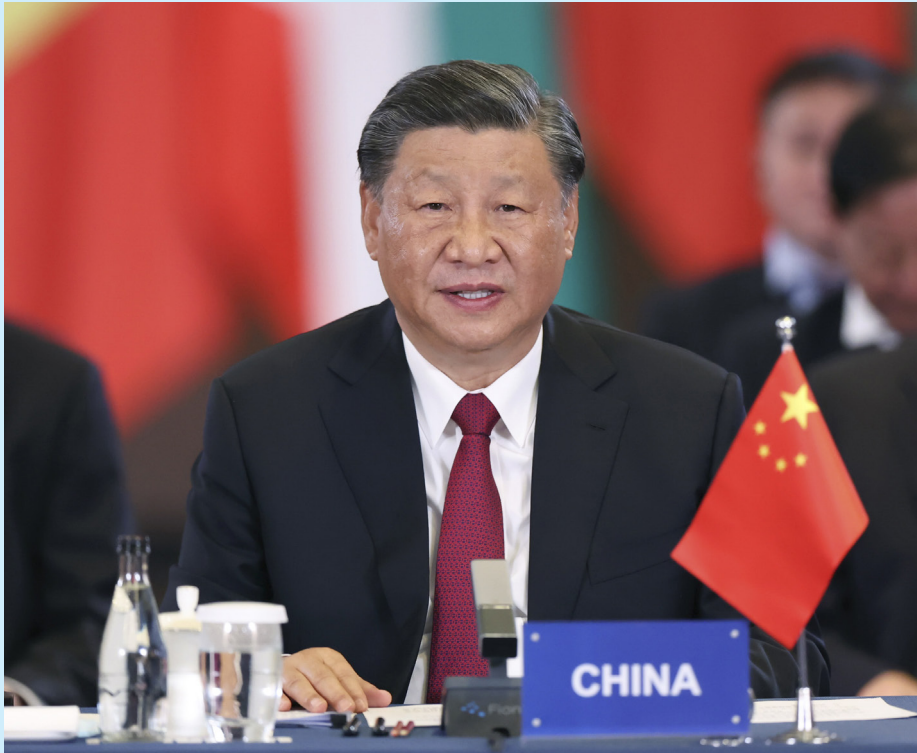


Eric Biegon, a news reporter with the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation

"Currently, Africa needs advanced technology and experience to drive modernization, and China is a reliable partner for Africa. As a developing country, China clearly understands the challenges faced by Africa and can provide feasible solutions to address these challenges. China has proposed three initiatives: the Support for Africa's Industrialization Initiative, the Plan for China Supporting Africa's Agricultural Modernization, and the Plan for China-Africa Cooperation on Talent Development to support Africa's integration and modernization efforts, share development experiences with African countries, and meet the urgent needs of African nations."

China-Africa Cooperation Achievements

Synergizing Development Strategies

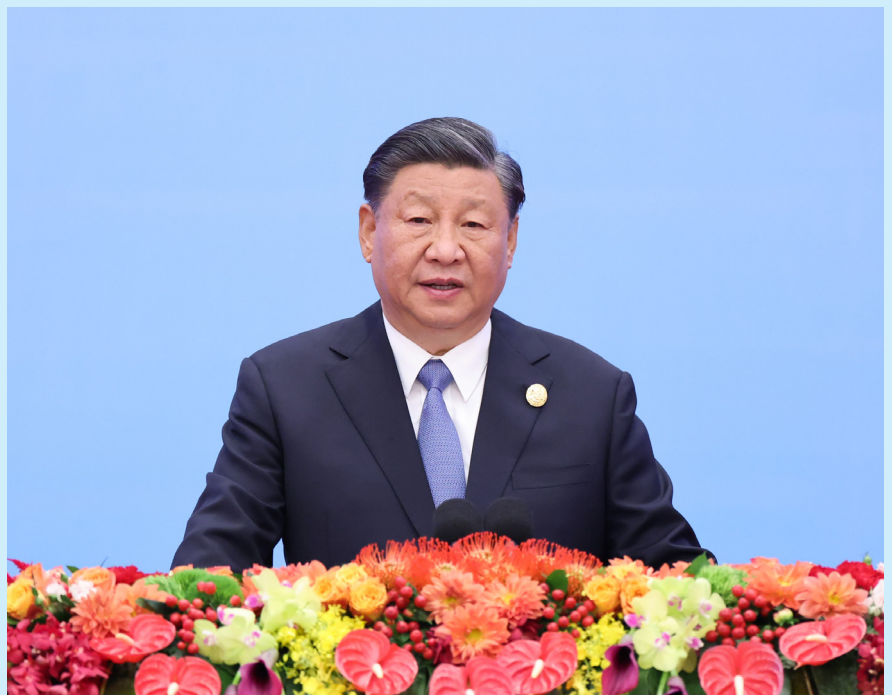


The meeting adopted and issued the Joint Statement of the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue. Both sides will continue to synergize China-Africa high quality Belt and Road cooperation with AU's Agenda 2063 and the national development strategies of African countries, to elevate China-Africa cooperation to higher levels.

Chinese President Xi Jinping delivers a keynote speech at the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue in Johannesburg, South Africa, on August 24, 2023. Xi co-chaired with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa the meeting (XINHUA)

As of August 29, 2024, 52 African countries and the African Union have signed cooperation memorandums with China under the Belt and Road Initiative framework.

Chinese President Xi Jinping attends the opening ceremony of the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation and delivers a keynote speech at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on October 18, 2023 (XINHUA)



Steadily Advancing Infrastructure Connectivity



Passengers chat in the dining cabin of a train in Ethiopia on September 9, 2023. The Chinese management contractors of Ethiopia-Djibouti standard gauge railway on September 9, 2023 officially handed over the railway's management and operation to Ethiopia and Djibouti after six years of successful operation (XINHUA)

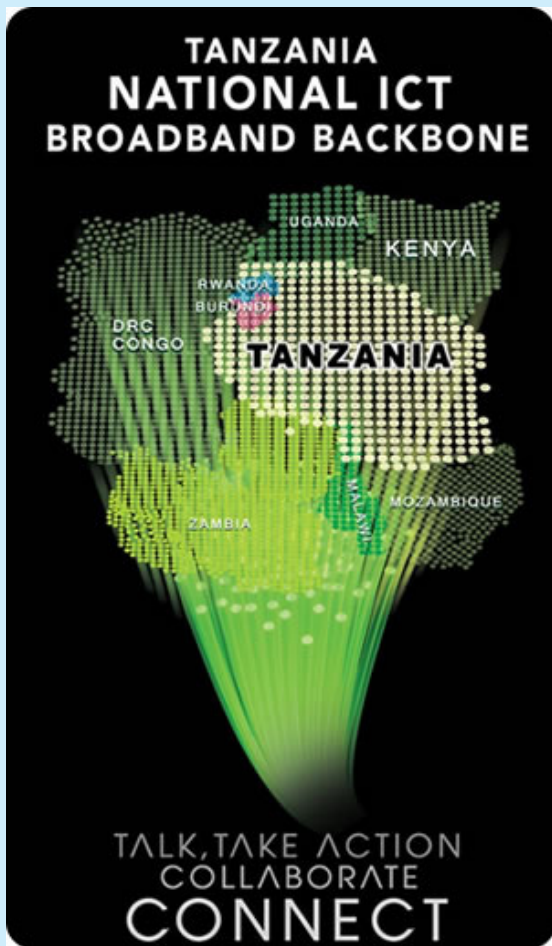
Data from the Chinese management contractor show that the railway has operated over 2,500 passenger trains with a passenger volume of 680,000 in six years. It has also operated over 7,700 freight trains, with a cargo volume of 9.5 million tons in the same period.

The electrified railway has significantly reduced transportation time for freight goods between Ethiopia and Djibouti from more than three days to less than 20 hours, while also cutting costs by at least one-third. Simultaneously, the railway has generated numerous local employment opportunities and has fully localized its workforce, with more than 3,000 local staff employed.

The Lekki port is a commercial cooperation project between China, France and Nigeria. Constructed by the China Harbor Engineering Company Ltd (CHEC), it stands as Nigeria's first deep seaport and one of the largest in West Africa. The construction, initiated in June 2020, was completed in October 2022. The port began commercial operations in April 2023, with a design capacity to handle 1.2 million standard containers annually.

A drone photo taken on March 11, 2024 shows a cargo ship at the Lekki port in Lagos, Nigeria (CHEC)





Poster shows the government of Tanzania is constructing the national fiber optic cable network named as National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB) with a view to achieve its ICT vision (Courtesy of NICTBB)

Tanzania's state-run telecom company on April 17, 2023 signed a contract with Chinese tech giant Huawei for the extension of the National ICT Broadband Backbone (NICTBB) to 23 districts in the East African nation.

Peter Ulanga, Tanzania Telecommunications Corporation Executive Director, said the extension of the project will involve 23 districts, covering 1,520 km with a view to intensifying internet access in the country. He stressed that the extension of the project was another step toward government efforts to promote the use of ICT (information and communications technology) in the country.



Photo taken on February 24, 2022 shows a section of the 84-Km Project of the Algerian East-West Highway in El Tarf Province, Algeria (XINHUA)

A landmark Algerian highway built to connect 17 provinces has been completed with China's CITIC Construction delivering its final 84-km segment on August 12, 2023.

As the final leg of the ambitious East-West Highway project, the 84-km project stretches from Drea in the easternmost province of El Tarf to the town of Raml Souk bordering Tunisia.

In the past 20 years, Chinese companies have built over 800 kilometers of high-grade highways in Algeria, connecting cities and rural areas from east to west and north to south. They have also trained over 16,000 road construction workers, helping to strengthen ties between the two countries.



Souapiti Hydropower Complex in Guinea, built by China Three Gorges Corporation (CTG), connects its No. 2 generator to grid on November 30, 2020 local time after completing a 72-hour trial operation (CTG)

Dubbed "the Three Gorges Project in West Africa", the Souapiti Hydropower Complex is the largest hydropower project under construction in Guinea or even West Africa. Jointly developed by China International Water & Electric Corp. (CWE) under China Three Gorges Corporation (CTG) and the Guinean Government as a public-private partnership (PPP) project, the Souapiti hydropower plant has a total installed capacity of 450 MW with an annual average output of 1.899 billion kWh. The project began construction in April 2016 and entered the stage of impoundment and operation in 2020.

Trade and Investment Cooperation Continues to Deepen



After eight years' construction, FAW's KD factory officially started operation in 2020. It is able to perform assembly, coating, testing and remodeling tasks. Marking as a huge milestone in Tanzania's history, the factory is set to greatly promoting the industrial development in the country.

On April 14, 2021, the 100th unit FAW Jiefang truck is fully assembly in FAW's KD factory in Kibaha Industrial Zone, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. According to FAW, over 80 units trucks assembled in the factory have already been put into operation and have been running smoothly (Courtesy of FAW Trucks)

Kenya made a great leap in the renewable energy sector in 2019 when it inaugurated a 50 MW solar power plant located in the northern part of the country. The plant made the east African nation one of the biggest investors in renewable and clean energy as it hosted the largest grid-connected solar power plant in East and Central Africa.

Over a year since its launch, the power plant built by China Jiangxi Corporation for International Economic and Technical Co-operation (CJIC) in conjunction with Kenya's Rural Energy Authority (REA), is connected to the national grid and is changing lives in the northern part of the country. Businesses are flourishing in Garissa and other counties in the dry north as residents savor uninterrupted power supply in an area that was synonymous with power blackouts, which would last for days leading to protests.



Aerial photo, taken on December 13, 2019, shows a 50-MW solar power farm in Garissa, Kenya (XINHUA)

Themed “Common Development for a Shared Future,” the Third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo was attended by representatives from 53 African countries and multiple international organizations.

The number of exhibitors reached 1,500, up 70 percent from the previous expo. A myriad of African products were on display, from Kenyan roses to Egyptian essence, as their traders use the expo to explore the vast Chinese market.



The Third China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo kicked off on June 27, 2023, in Changsha, the capital of central China's Hunan Province (XINHUA)



An Ethiopian exhibitor makes coffee at the pavilion dedicated to the coffee industry during the Eighth China-South Asia Expo in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on July 24, 2024 (XINHUA)

The Eighth China-South Asia Expo opened on July 23, 2024 in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province. The six-day event featured 15 exhibition halls and attracted over 2,000 exhibitors.

First held in 2013, the expo was once primarily a trade fair between China and South Asian countries. After more than a decade of development, it has expanded to an event with 82 countries, regions and international organizations participating, including countries from South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia and even Africa. This year, a pavilion dedicated to the coffee industry had been established at the expo for the first time, with over 160 companies showcasing their products in this pavilion.

Founded by Chinese entrepreneur Yang Tao, Kilimall is one of the major e-commerce platforms operating in East Africa.

Lu Xiaoyong, marketing manager at Kilimall said consumers in Africa have moved from offline to online, providing an opportunity for e-commerce expansion in Africa. With more African households embracing online shopping, the e-commerce market will continue to boom following the rising smartphone penetration rate, increasingly mature mobile payment systems and falling mobile data costs, said Lu.



An employee packages goods at a warehouse of e-commerce platform Kilimall in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on November 1, 2019 (XINHUA)

Poverty Reduction and Public Welfare Cooperation are Expanding



Hu Yuefang (2nd L), a Chinese hybrid rice expert, works with local farmers in a field in Mahitsy, a town 35 km northwest of Antananarivo, Madagascar, on May 12, 2023 (XINHUA)

Rice growing is the main agricultural activity in Madagascar. According to official statistics, more than half of all farmland is devoted to rice, and more than two-thirds of Malagasy households grow rice. However, due to a number of factors, such as seed quality, farming techniques and infrastructure, rice production in Madagascar is unable to fully meet the food needs of its population, forcing it to resort to imports.

The introduction of hybrid rice with a higher yield per cultivated area has given Madagascar hope of achieving food self-sufficiency. Since 2007, the country has been cooperating with China in the development of hybrid rice. Thanks to the joint efforts Chinese experts, the cumulative area of Chinese hybrid rice cultivation in Madagascar has exceeded 50,000 hectares, with an average yield of around 7.5 tons per hectare. In this respect, Madagascar has taken a major step toward food self-sufficiency.

Juncao is a hybrid grass and an important multifunctional agricultural resource developed and used for mushroom farming in China. Invented by Lin Zhanxi from China's Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University in the 1980s, Juncao has benefited more than 100 countries, including Rwanda, allowing smallholder farmers to grow mushrooms from dried, chopped grass without cutting down trees and damaging the environment.

In 2006, Chinese experts in Juncao technology came to Rwanda to launch a cooperative project. By 2011, the China-Rwanda Agriculture Technology Demonstration Center was operational. Through technical training and demonstrations, the project has benefited over 30,000 industry practitioners. Residents from across Rwanda eagerly learned about Juncao technology, and with gained experience and funding, many established individual workshops, creating job opportunities for local communities.



Chen Xiaobin (2nd R) prepares mushroom tubes with local farmers at the China-Rwanda Agriculture Technology Demonstration Center in Huye District, Rwanda, on August 13, 2024 (XINHUA)



Mamadou Dieng (3rd R) helps villagers collect water in Tenefoul Toucouleur Village, Diourbel, Senegal, on March 20, 2023 (XINHUA)

Mamadou Dieng, a 40-year-old employee of the Chinese construction company CGCOC Group Senegal Branch, has been responsible for maintaining a Chinese-aided well in Tenefoul Toucouleur Village. Checking the machine's functions and filling the engine with diesel, Dieng's work may seem simple and tedious, but means a lot to the locals.

Tenefoul Toucouleur Village was once a place afflicted with a severe lack of water. According to Dieng, residents there used to walk 1.5 kilometers every day and wait

in long queues to fetch water from a 25-meter-deep well in a neighboring village. The well, part of the Chinese-funded rural well-drilling project in Senegal, has brought significant changes to local people's lives. In Senegal, the rural well-drilling project officially began on March 5, 2017. The project covers 12 of the 14 regions of Senegal.

Each water supply system includes a well, water tower, distribution pipelines, and facilities, providing up to 80,000 cubic meters of water daily. The project has created over 3,000 local jobs.

São Tomé and Príncipe, an island country off the west coast of Africa, is on its way to eliminating malaria with the help of Chinese doctors and medicine. The island country, home to over 200,000 people, has been seriously affected by malaria. It reported 2,000 cases in 2020.

Since 2017, China has launched four malaria prevention and control projects in São Tomé and Príncipe, offering a Chinese approach to malaria elimination. With the support of Chinese experts, these projects have established a malaria geographic information system and reporting system, improved the malaria prevention and control framework, built a malaria laboratory with enhanced capabilities, and strengthened public health education and awareness efforts.



Members of China's expert team work with local volunteers at the outskirts of São Tomé, capital of São Tomé and Príncipe, on January 25, 2022 (XINHUA)



The 19th Chinese medical team dispatched to Senegal has been providing medical services at the Children's Hospital of Diamniadio since November 2021. As of March 31, 2023, the medical team had provided 7,058 outpatient services, completed 3,150 surgeries and 1,039 cases of anesthesia.

Chinese medical team member Huang Jianbin (2nd R) works at the Children's Hospital of Diamniadio in Dakar, Senegal on March 21, 2023 (XINHUA)

Africa's first Luban Workshop was launched in Djibouti in March 2019 with an aim to provide quality vocational training to local people, the country's youth in particular. In 2022, the first batch of 24 students graduated from the Luban Workshop.

The first graduates of the Djibouti Luban Workshop are currently completing internships on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway. One student expressed, "I really hope to stay and work on the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway. It's a dream shared by all of us at the Luban Workshop." Youth unemployment is a major challenge in Djibouti, but the Luban Workshop has trained a skilled group of railway professionals, greatly enhancing the job prospects of local young people.



Students learn at the Djibouti Luban Workshop at Djibouti Industrial and Commercial School in Djibouti City, capital of Djibouti, on September 19, 2022 (XINHUA)

Collaboration between Science and Humanities has Achieved Notable Success



The Sudan Remote Sensing Satellite (SRSS)-1 was developed for the Sudanese government by Shenzhen Aerospace Dongfanghong HIT Satellite. The project aims to create a comprehensive, cost-effective, and reliable database for topographic mapping, natural resource management, developmental planning, resource exploration, environmental monitoring, and agricultural assessment, including yield estimation. The Sudanese Government seeks to establish a space industry in Sudan through the acquisition of its first satellite and the development of ground facilities in Khartoum North.

Sudan's first satellite, the Sudan Remote Sensing Satellite (SRSS)-1, is successfully launched in the morning on November 3, 2019 by a Chinese Long March-4B satellite launch vehicle from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in China's northern Shanxi Province (XINHUA)

The Mombasa-Nairobi Railway passes through nature reserves such as the Nairobi National Park and Tsavo National Park. In order to reduce the impact on the environment, a series of measures have been taken during the design and construction of the railway such as bypassing the mangroves, which helped keep the mangroves flourishing in the last five years.

Besides, a total of 14 large wildlife passages and 79 bridges have been set up along the entire railway in consideration of the living habits and migration paths of wild animals. Large animal passages with the height of over 6.5 meters were constructed beneath the track for large animals such as elephants and giraffes to get through. Fences were set up on both sides of the line to prevent animals from passing through and reduce the chance of collisions between animals and trains.



Fencing keeps a zebra out of harm's way as it grazes by the tracks of the Mombasa-Nairobi Standard Gauge Railway in Kenya on July 28, 2022 (XINHUA)

Proposed by China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE) at the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation, the Silk Road Community Building Initiative has by far promoted the establishment of nearly 600 pairs of cooperation partnerships between NGOs along the Belt and Road and the implementation of more than 300 livelihood cooperation projects covering various fields including health, education, science and technology, culture and community development.

The fruitful cooperation projects on people's livelihood under the Silk Road Community Building Initiative have been warmly welcomed by many countries, and made countries and regions along the Belt and Road Initiative routes more determined to actively build the Belt and Road.



Students of a public primary school in Ethiopia wash hands at a facility built by China in May 2021 (China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation Ethiopia Office)



People watch the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) matches with the help of China's satellite TV project in Yaou village, Cote d'Ivoire, on January 14, 2024 (XINHUA)

Thousands of people living in remote areas in Cote d'Ivoire and other African countries were able to watch the matches at home when the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) kicked off on January 13, 2024, thanks to broadcast services provided by StarTimes, a Chinese digital TV operator.

A project aiming to connect 10,000 African villages to satellite television services was proposed during the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 2015. By December 2023, the project, undertaken by StarTimes, had helped 9,512 villages in 20 African countries receive digital TV signals. More than 190,000 households benefited directly from the project.

Near the Chinese medical aid team's residence in Asmara, capital of Eritrea, a new Confucius Institute building at the Eritrean National Institute of Higher Education and Research, built by a Chinese company, is rapidly taking shape.

The project covers 2,279 square meters, with a building area of approximately 1,149 square meters. Once completed, it will provide a modern venue for the Confucius Institute, fostering cultural exchange between China and Eritrea and contributing to the improvement of Eritrea's educational infrastructure.



A rendering of the Confucius Institute teaching building project (Courtesy of Sichuan Road and Bridge Group)

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