



### [U.S.-China Competition for Africa's Critical Resources](#)

China maintains a massive lead over the U.S. and other G7 countries in both mining and refining capacity in Africa, a key vulnerability that policymakers in the U.S., Europe, and elsewhere say they're determined to rectify. A new report from the United States Institute of Peace lays out a roadmap for how the U.S. can close that gap with China to achieve mineral security while protecting local labor and environmental standards. (China Global South)

### [Shared future for mankind in China-Africa cooperation](#)

The international system has been indeed anarchic, geopolitical in orientation and divisive in structuration. The Great War (First World War) was engendered due to European bellicosity and divisions in what informed the so-called mutual defence alliances, assassinations and absolute nationalism. The state system has become more individualistic as against the comity of nations with total commitment to collective interest and self-determination. This engendered the loss of lives between 1914 and 1918 due to such Balkanisation of states' borders, interest and lack of human unity. (Punch)

### [China and America woo African space agencies in the new space race](#)

The US is concerned about the speed of China's progress in outer space. Scott Firsing delves into Beijing's closer space diplomacy with its African BRICS colleagues and Washington's ambitions to keep up. It's no secret Washington is nervous about China's growing list of outer space achievements and their even bigger ambitions. "For the first time in decades, US leadership in space and space technology is being challenged," said Troy Meink, America's principal deputy director of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) at the 39th Annual Space Symposium in Colorado Springs. The NRO builds and operates America's fleet of spy satellites. (LSE)

### [Shunned by the West, this African country has found a new friend - and it's not China](#)

In its bid to dodge the American economic bullet, Uganda is seeking new strategic and trade partnerships beyond Beijing. In India, it may see one such opportunity. Last week, senior Indian diplomat Dammu Ravi, Secretary (Economic Relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs, paid a visit to Uganda as part of his three-nation African tour. Ravi addressed the Uganda-India Business

Conclave, which saw a 35-member multi-sectoral business delegation from India travel to the African country in an effort to expand ties in areas from manufacturing and agriculture to renewable energy, healthcare, and tourism. Developing relations with Uganda is part of India's broader strategy in Africa – and it comes at a critical time. (ORF)

### [Cameroonian entrepreneurs eye opportunities in Canton Fair in China](#)

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### [S. African parks to use lie detectors to tackle poaching](#)

South Africa will soon start implementing lie detector tests in addition to other technologies to tackle poaching, said an official from one of the largest game reserves in Africa. A lie detector, or polygraph, is a junk science device or procedure that measures and records several physiological indicators such as blood pressure, pulse, respiration and skin conductivity while a person answers a series of questions.

### [China writes off interest- free loans given to Zimbabwe](#)

China has written off an unspecified amount of Zimbabwe's interest-free loans and pledged to help the Southern African country find a way out of its debt crisis, even as activists warned of a permanent debt trap. As of September 2023, Zimbabwe's publicly guaranteed debt stood at \$17.7 billion, of which \$12.7 billion was external and \$5 billion domestic. Most of the foreign debt was purchased from China, as the country is ineligible for loans from multilateral creditors such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) after defaulting on repayments since the turn of the millennium.

### [Ivorian kung fu learner boosts China and Africa cultural exchanges](#)

Meet the trailblazer from Côte d'Ivoire who is strengthening China-Africa ties through Kung Fu! After spending 6 years at China's famed Shaolin Temple, he now imparts this ancient martial art at Zambia's first Shaolin Cultural Center.

### [Joint lab helps Kenya reap rich harvest](#)

Collaboration aims to improve Africa's food security with superior crop varieties A China-Kenya joint agricultural lab in Kenya has bred more than two dozens of superior crop varieties over the past five years, effectively improving food security for farmers across the country. Established in 2019, the Kenya-China Joint Laboratory for Crop Molecular Biology at Egerton University in Nakuru County has developed 25 crop varieties through molecular breeding, of which 18 have been commercialized. The crops are suitable in different ecological conditions, disease resistant and high yielding compared with traditional ones.