



[US is 'best' choice for Africa over Russia or China, US Commerce Secretary says](#)

The United States is the best partner for African nations “without strings attached” but it will not force African nations to choose its partnership over Russia or China, US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo told CNN. “We think we’re the best, we think we offer opportunities consistent with your [Africa’s] values of freedom and democracy, and so we want to be the partner that you choose to work with,” Secretary Raimondo told CNN’s Larry Madowo in an exclusive interview in Nairobi. She spoke on the sidelines of the AmCham Business Summit after meeting Kenyan President William Ruto during her first official trip to Africa. CNN.

[Tensions grow as China ramps up global mining for green tech](#)

Earlier this year, Ai Qing was woken up in the middle of the night by angry chants outside her dormitory in northern Argentina. She peered out of the window to see Argentine workers surrounding the compound and blockading the entrance with flaming tyres. "It was getting scary because I could see the sky being lit up by the fire. It had become a riot," says Ms Ai, who works for a Chinese company extracting lithium from salt flats in the Andes mountains, for use in batteries. The protest, sparked by the firing of a number of Argentine staff, is just one of a growing number of cases of friction between Chinese businesses and host communities, as China - which already dominates the processing of minerals vital to the green economy - expands its involvement in mining them. BBC.

[Chinese Firm Launches Construction of State-of-the-Art Soccer Stadium in Tanzania for 2027](#)

[AFCON](#)

In a significant move for Tanzania and soccer fans across Africa, the China Railway Construction Engineering Group (CRCEG) kicked off the construction of a cutting-edge soccer stadium in Arusha on Saturday. This ambitious project marks a milestone for the northern city, setting the stage for the prestigious 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) finals. The event, celebrated with great enthusiasm, signifies not just a leap forward in sports infrastructure but also a strengthening of Tanzania’s position as a key player in African soccer. Varsity.

[China inches ahead of US in African approval ratings](#)

Ten African countries saw popular opinion toward Washington swing by 10 points or more in 2023, according to Gallup polling. China is now more popular than the US, with 58% of respondents in Africa approving of Beijing versus 56% for Washington. President Joe Biden likes to say the United States is “all in” on Africa. The continent doesn’t seem to feel the same way. New polling on global leadership from Gallup shows that the US approval rating slipped by three percentage points in Africa last year, while China gained ground. The Africa Report.

[Seafood could be focal point of upcoming Forum on China-Africa Cooperation](#)

Later this year, Chinese officials in Beijing are set to welcome ambassadors from several African nations for the ninth edition of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), previous editions of which have led to the inking of many Chinese-backed infrastructure projects in Africa. China has the largest diplomatic presence in Africa of any nation, operating 60 diplomatic posts across the continent. Economic ties between China and Africa have deepened in recent years, with China surpassing the United States to become Africa's largest trading partner in 2009. Several African nations are increasingly looking to China to help them grow their seafood industries, and numerous African seafood industry development projects are expected to get backing at the 9th annual FOCAC this fall in Beijing. Sea Food Source.

[China birthrate, robots to move factories to Africa](#)

The emergence of green technology has once again put African manufacturing in the spotlight. In February, African leaders submitted a proposal to the UN, calling for the sustainable use of minerals crucial for manufacturing “green” products, such as solar panels and batteries. The leaders argued that because these minerals are found overwhelmingly in Africa, Africa should benefit more from their exploitation, by integrating them into the continent's industrialization. This renewed emphasis on leveraging natural resources to industrialize only serves to highlight the failure of African manufacturing to develop on the back of mining in past decades. Africa contains half of the world’s manganese and cobalt, as well as 20% of its copper and platinum. But the vast majority of these minerals are exported unprocessed, with 85% of their processing taking place in China alone. Asia Times.

[Commerce Secretary Claims US is a Better Choice for Africa than China and Russia](#)

US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo has said that the USA is the better partner for African nations over China and Russia. According to her, the USA’s partnership comes with no strings attached and offers opportunities in line with African values of freedom and democracy. Secretary Raimondo claimed that, while the US wants to be the partner of choice for African countries over Russia or China, it won’t force itself on them. She aired her views to CNN’s Larry Madowo in Nairobi, Kenya, while attending the AmChan Business Summit in the East African country in what was her first official trip to Africa. Ia.

[Tracing China: Twins from Chad enjoy convenient living in Chengdu](#)

What is life like for international students in China? Let's follow two twin brothers from Chad and experience the convenience of life for them in Chengdu. Xinhua.

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