



[AI in Africa opens up new battlefield for China, US](#)

The US and China are in a new race to shape the development, use and governance of artificial intelligence in Africa, even as African countries scramble to devise their own AI policies. The two countries have in recent weeks stepped up efforts to collaborate with African countries on attracting AI investment and formulating policy. At the American Chamber of Commerce Business Summit in Nairobi last week, US Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo and the Kenyan government signed a partnership agreement meant to enable American companies to invest in artificial intelligence and data centers in Kenya, East Africa's largest economy. Raimondo said the deal would help "facilitate data flows, and empower digital upskilling." Kenya, Microsoft and UAE's G42 investment group also announced the construction of a 1 gigawatt (GW) data center powered by renewable energy near Nairobi. Semafor.

[What the Polls Tell Us About U.S.-China Influence Competition in Africa](#)

Gauging China's popularity around the world is a bit like trying to find your bearings in a hall of mirrors. One survey says one thing, another says another, and in the end, we're all left scratching our heads, wondering who's right. In Washington, folks like to cite a 2023 Pew Research Center study that calculated China's favorability rating at a dismal 23% compared to the 60% of respondents that had a positive view of the U.S. CGSP.

[US is losing its 'soft power' edge to China in Africa - poll](#)

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[Self-determination: Stop seeking balkanisation of Nigeria, learn from China's diversity – Afe Babalola](#)

The founder of the Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti (ABUAD), Afe Babalola on Monday called on those seeking the dissolution of the country to learn from China on how diversity could be used

for economic prosperity. Mr Babalola made the appeal at the 1st Inter-Continental Universities Conference, hosted by the ABUAD in collaboration with China-Africa Discourse Studies (CECADS), at the University campus in Ado Ekiti. Speaking at the conference with the theme, 'Building Bridges for Advancing the SDG: Enhancing Inter-University Scientific Collaboration between Africa and China,' the legal icon noted that most people believed that the size of China, coupled with the large number of tribes and languages, were responsible for its underdevelopment, just as many Nigerians also believed that the large number of tribes and languages was also responsible for her underdevelopment. Premium Times Nigeria.

United Nations Organization stabilization mission in the Congo's (MONUSCO) Chinese contingent donates assets valued at \$US 7 million to the Democratic Republic Of the Congo.

The People's Republic of China's Peacekeeping contingent with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) transferred ownership of assets valued at \$US 7.3 million to the Congolese government. An event marking the transfer of the assets was held today at the Chinese contingent's camp on the outskirts of Bukavu, South Kivu Province. This handover took place in the context of MONUSCO's disengagement from South Kivu, initiated in January 2024. Since 2003, the Chinese contingent's Engineer Company has supported the strengthening of the province's infrastructure. Today's transfer of 46 767 pieces of equipment including bulldozers, forklifts and dump trucks is intended to help authorities meet its construction and development needs. In addition, the hospital managed by the Chinese contingent in Bukavu donated 43 043 pieces of assets, including an ambulance, other vehicles and medical equipment. The total value of these donations is US \$7,359,922. Ventures Africa.

(Hello Africa) Systematic training by Chinese company empowers local talent in Uganda

The continuous participation of Chinese enterprises in Uganda's economic development has equipped local employees with professional skills and knowledge, helping them to build their dreams. The continuous participation of Chinese enterprises in Uganda's economic development has equipped local employees with professional skills and knowledge, helping them to build their dreams. Musitwa Abel is among the 32 local employees of the China Communications Construction Company (CCCC) Uganda who have just completed a two-week training course offered by the company in partnership with Wuhan City Polytechnic (WCP) in central China's Hubei Province. Xinhua.

SCZONE chairman witnesses foundation stone for Xin Xing factory with \$146M investments

The Chairman of the General Authority of the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZONE), Walid Gamal El-Din, recently presided over the foundation stone laying ceremony of the Xin Xing factory for iron castings. The factory, with a total investment cost of \$146 million, aims to produce high-pressure flexible cast pipes. The event was attended by esteemed dignitaries including Mr. Zhao Linqing, Commercial Attaché of the Chinese Embassy in Cairo, Mr. Wei Jianqing, Executive General

Manager of TEDA China Africa, and Mr. Ye Maolin, President of Xin Xing Ductile Iron Pipe Company. Spanning over an area of 270,000 square meters, the Xin Xing factory has an annual production capacity of 250 thousand tons. The project is expected to generate 714 direct job opportunities, contributing to the local economy and providing valuable employment prospects for the region. Egypt Today.

[Kastour Egypt, China's Foton partner to locally assemble electric buses in H2](#)

This is part of Kastour's expansion plan to produce clean vehicles to cope with the global development in auto technology. Kastour Egypt for Trade and Industry has contracted with the Chinese automaker Foton to assemble electric buses in Egypt within the second half (H2) of 2024, Al Mal News reported. This is part of Kastour's expansion plan to produce clean vehicles to cope with the global development in auto technology. Zawya.

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