



[Why African countries are turning their backs on loans from Beijing](#)

Chinese companies are no longer the end-all, be-all of international funds for several African countries, including the DRC, Zambia, Angola and Cameroon. A new power dynamic is taking shape, with China keeping a more discreet presence by economic necessity. What do a railway line in Angola, 5,000km of roads in Zambia and the Yaoundé-Nsimalen motorway in Cameroon have in common? Answer: None of these projects will be carried out by Chinese companies. In August 2023, the Angolan government made official the \$555m investment by European consortium Lobito Atlantic Railways for the concession of more than 1,700 km of railway line to transport minerals from the DRC to the port of Lobito. The Africa Report.

[No Civilization Is Inferior: China-Africa Civilizations Conference Highlights](#)

Civilization, Oxford Dictionary defines, is ‘the stage of human and cultural development and organization that is considered most advanced.’ Thus, China has established a platform to celebrate and promote, not only from its own domestic view-point but also African civilization based on respect and mutual benefits inherent therein. Since the ceremony marking the inauguration of the China-Africa Institute (CAI) was held in Beijing on April 9, 2019, it has become a tradition and a common practice for China and Africa’s representatives to gather on the founding anniversary of the Institute each year and reflect together on the gains made in promoting the unique cultures and traditions epitomized by the scope of a collective shared vision. This year’s conference marked the third official celebration of the vision, although founded five years ago. At the conference in Beijing recently, Rahamtalla M. Osman, Permanent Representative of the African Union (AU) to China, Gao Xiang, President of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Chinese Academy of History (CAH); Sweta Chaman Saxena, Chief of Staff of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, and Liu Yuxi, Special Representative of the Chinese Government on African Affairs, delivered their respective remarks focused on dignifying civilization not only in China and Africa but the world in general. Liberia Daily Observer.

[Huawei launches eKit brand for SMEs at the China \(Shenzhen\)-South Africa Investment Promotion Conference](#)

Huawei introduced its eKit brand of network solutions to the South African SME market at the China (Shenzhen) – South Africa Investment Promotion Conference. Hosted by the Development and Reform Commission of the Shenzhen Municipality at the Bank of China Johannesburg Branch in Sandton recently, the event sought to strengthen ties between South Africa and the Shenzhen municipality. “Over the past 40 years, Shenzhen has developed from a small fishing village on the coastal border into one of the cities with the highest economic, enterprise, innovation, and talent density in China ” said Guo Ziping, Director of the Development and Reform Commission of the Shenzhen Municipality. This achievement is tied to the city’s status as a global hub for innovation in the technology sector – producing almost 730 000 smart phones, 15 000 integrated circuits and 117 000 computers every day. “Shenzhen has also fostered 11 Fortune 500 companies,” said Ziping. IT Online.

[China, Egypt stress resolve to continue joint economic development projects](#)

CAIRO: Egypt's President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi received Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Cairo on Sunday. Also in attendance were Sameh Shoukry, Egypt's foreign minister, and senior Chinese officials. Egypt was the first stop of Wang's tour of Africa and will be followed by visits to Tunisia, Togo and Cote d'Ivoire. The meeting touched on ways to strengthen frameworks of cooperation. Both sides stressed their resolve to continue joint economic development projects at bilateral level and within the framework of their membership of the Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa bloc of countries, as well as China's Belt and Road Initiative. Presidential spokesman Ahmed Fahmy said China's foreign minister conveyed a letter from President Xi Jinping to President El-Sisi, congratulating him on his re-election. Xi "confirmed China's commitment to advancing the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries and valued Egypt's role in consolidating security, stability and development in the Middle East," Fahmy added. Arab News.

[Posts claiming to show flooding in Kenya and China use digitally manipulated image](#)

Many countries in different parts of the world are experiencing torrential rains that have caused severe flooding, leading to the deaths and displacement of thousands. An image of submerged buildings is circulating in online posts with some claiming the location is in Kenya while others say it is China. While both countries are experiencing extreme weather conditions, AFP Fact Check found that the image has been digitally manipulated to combine a flood scene in Greece captured in 2023 and a landmark building in Rwanda. On April 30, 2024, a post on X shared an image and claimed it showed devastation caused by the ongoing heavy downpour in western Kenya. "Bungoma County is also flooded this morning, but if you have a better picture of Bungoma than this you can share," it reads. Yahoo News.

[GHANA-CHINA DEEPENS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP](#)

The Minister for the Interior, Hon. Henry Quartey today, received the Chinese Ambassador to Ghana, H.E. Lu Kun at his office in Accra to strengthen the bilateral relationship between Ghana and China and to discuss possible areas of cooperation between the two nations. He assured the Ambassador of the Government of Ghana's continuous commitment to ensuring peace, safety and security in the country which has created an enabling environment for business to thrive and further said without peace there cannot be development and therefore necessary measures will continuously be put in place to ensure stability in the country. Hon. Henry Quartey acknowledged the support of the Chinese Government in providing training and capacity-building programmes for the Ghana Police Service and other security agencies under the Ministry. He noted that the programmes have improved the knowledge and skills of Officers and also contributed to the security sector's development. Ministry of the Interior(Ghana).

[Russian troops enter Niger airbase housing US military](#)

Russian and US military personnel occupy separate hangers at Airbase 101 in Niger's capital. Arrival of Russians came in the wake of Niger's decision to order out all American troops. Russian military personnel have entered an airbase in Niger that is hosting US troops, a senior US defence official said, a move that follows a decision by Niger's junta to expel US forces from the country. The military officers ruling the West African nation have told the US to withdraw its nearly 1,000 military personnel from the country, which until a coup last year had been a

key partner for Washington's fight against insurgents who have killed thousands of people and displaced millions more. South China Morning Post.

[Does China's oil-for-infrastructure lending model in Africa need a rethink?](#)

Chinese resource-backed loans were a lifeline for African economies but fluctuating commodity prices exposed a hidden danger. Development bank head is calling for an end to the practice while some countries renegotiate debt and others seek 'value-added' terms. Resource-backed loans, pioneered as a way to access mostly Chinese funding for the building of roads, hydroelectric dams and railways have been termed "asymmetrical" and "non-transparent" by African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina. "I think it's time for us to have debt transparency accountability and make sure that this whole thing of these opaque natural resource-backed loans actually ends, because it complicates the debt issue and the debt resolution issue," he said last month. SCMP.

[India-Nigeria trade officials meet as China's investments in Africa falter](#)

This comes after IMF last year said that the ripple effects of China's slowing economy extended to sovereign lending to sub-Saharan Africa, which fell below \$1 billion last year, the lowest level in nearly two decades. Notably, China has forged deep economic ties with countries in sub-Saharan Africa over the past 20 years, making it the region's largest single-country trading partner. China buys one-fifth of the region's exports—metals, minerals, and fuel—and provides most of the manufactured goods and machinery imported by African countries, the IMF pointed out. "A seven-member delegation from India led by Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Amardeep Singh Bhatia, accompanied by High Commissioner of India to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, G. Balasubramanian and Economic Adviser, Department of Commerce, Priya P. Nair held a Joint Trade Committee (JTC) meeting with their Nigerian counterparts in Abuja," the ministry said. The Indian Express.

[Death toll from ongoing heavy rains in Tanzania rises to 161](#)

The death toll from recent flash floods caused by continuing torrential rains in Tanzania has risen to 161, Mobhare Matinyi, chief government spokesperson, said on Friday. #XinhuaNews

[China's Home Appliance Giant Haier Inaugurates Industrial Park In Egypt](#)

China's home appliance giant Haier inaugurated Thursday its first industrial park in Egypt in 10th of Ramadan, a city northeast of Cairo. Haier Smart Home Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of the Haier Group, invests 135 million U.S. dollars to build the Haier Egypt Ecological Park. Once fully built, it will cover an area of 200,000 square meters with an annual planned production capacity of more than 1.5 million units of home appliances. Song Yujun, a vice president at Haier Smart Home overseeing its ecosystem platform, said at the opening ceremony that the park, at its planned capacity, will not only meet Egypt's market demands but can be export-ready to neighboring markets. Capital FM.

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