



[Rise of Chinese surveillance tech in Africa: Development or espionage?](#)

Chinese technology companies like Huawei and ZTE are contributing to smart city development on the continent, but analysts warn that their tools provide authoritarian governments with the means to spy on citizens and promote repression. More than a dozen African countries – including Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, Nigeria and Egypt – have deployed surveillance devices in recent years through cybersecurity and surveillance firms from countries including Israel, the UK and Germany. Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei and other Chinese firms have built roughly 70% of the 4G network infrastructure on the continent, according to the Africa Center for Strategic Studies 2020 report. The Africa Report.

[Africa can learn from China about growing cities](#)

Urban transition in many African states is quicker than China's but largely decoupled from industrialization. The economic growth paths of Asian and African countries have often been compared. China, with gross domestic product per capita of US\$251 in 1987, was poorer than most African countries at the time. Uganda's GDP per capita in US dollar terms that year was \$392, Zambia's \$319 and Ghana's \$354. Yet today China has GDP per capita of \$6,091 and it is the world's second largest economy. In Uganda, per capita GDP is still only US\$964. Asia and Africa have urbanized at similar speeds. Africa is undergoing the fastest urban transition the world has experienced to date with projections that nearly 1 billion more people will live in its cities by 2050. Earlier, China was in the top spot: between 1978 and 2010, over 700 million people moved to China's cities. The urbanization rates in Southeast Asia have been impressive as well and many of these nations have not even completed their urban transitions yet. Asia Times.

[Who Gets to Tell the Africa-China Story?](#)

So much of the framing of Chinese engagement in Africa is done through the prism of Western media, academia, government, and civil society. Stories about debt traps, malign influence, and exploitation are all firmly embedded in the larger discourse about Africa's relations with China. Conversely, the relationship is also framed in equally binary terms by Chinese media and government narratives. China Global South Project.

[Presidents of Guinea-Bissau and China Agree to Improve Bilateral Relations](#)

Guinea-Bissau and China have elevated their bilateral relations to a strategic partnership, following a meeting between President Umaro Sissoco Embaló and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, on July 10. Embaló is on a five-day state visit to the East Asian country which is scheduled to end on July 13. During their meeting, President Xi emphasized the importance of strengthening exchanges between both countries and cooperation in education and youth to foster stronger people-to-people ties. He pledged continued support for Guinea-Bissau's national development through government scholarships and training opportunities. Embaló, on his part, praised the enduring ties between the two nations, highlighting China's consistent support before and after Guinea-Bissau's

independence. Following their talks, the leaders then witnessed the signing of several bilateral cooperation documents, covering areas such as economic development, customs inspection, quarantine, geology, and mining. Africa .com.

[**NRCRI/TCGRI-CATAS Collaboration To Catalyse Agricultural Productivity In Nigeria**](#)

Leveraging technological advancements and fostering collaborative research between China and Nigeria will significantly enhance agricultural productivity and sustainability in Nigeria. This assertion was made by the executive director/chief executive officer of the National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI) Umudike, Prof. Chiedozie Egesi during a three-day strategic meeting held at NRCRI from July 1 to 3, 2024. In his welcome remarks, Egesi expressed his excitement about hosting visiting scientists, Professor Ou Wen and Dr. Gao Fei. He emphasised that an existing memorandum of understanding (MOU) between both research institutes since 2008 would be revitalised, aiming to establish a Nigeria-China Cassava Demonstration Base. This initiative is set to improve the cassava value chain in Nigeria under a South-South Cooperation between Nigeria and China. According to Egesi, this collaboration, supported by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UNO), presents numerous opportunities for Nigeria. Science Nigeria.

[**Ethiopia, China committed to Elevating Multifaceted Bilateral Cooperation to New Heights**](#)

Ethiopia and China have vowed to elevate their multifaceted bilateral cooperation to new heights, according to the Embassy of Ethiopia in Beijing. Ethiopia's Minister of Industry, Melaku Aabel, and Chairman of China International Development Agency, Luo Zhaohui held a productive bilateral discussion in Beijing today. During the occasion, Melaku Aabel firmly asserted Ethiopia's remarkable economic achievements in various fields, proudly stating that the country has successfully created numerous job opportunities for the youth. He emphatically highlighted the implementation of multiple impactful projects that are effectively driving the economy forward, the embassy posted on its social media page. Additionally, the minister stressed the critical role of the China International Development Cooperation Agency in expediting the completion of ongoing projects. ENA.

[**DR Congo state minister commends Chinese-built hydroelectric plant**](#)

Alexis Gisaro Muvuni, state minister for Infrastructure and Public Works of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), said Thursday that he was impressed by the techniques witnessed at the Busanga hydroelectric plant in the southeastern province of Lualaba. The DRC and the Chinese side should further promote investment in electricity and infrastructure, and unleash the potential in hydroelectric and photovoltaic cooperation, said Muvuni at the Busanga hydroelectric plant. Lualaba Province is rich in mineral resources, notably copper and cobalt. In October 2023, DRC President Felix Tshisekedi inaugurated the Busanga hydroelectric plant by pressing the generator's main operating button in the control room, which marked the plant's electricity production start. The Busanga hydroelectric plant is jointly invested and built by China Railway Resources Group and Power Construction Corporation of China. It has an installed capacity of 240 megawatts, with an estimated average annual electricity production of 1.32 billion kWh. Xinhua.

[**Zambia says China's JCHX will invest \\$300m in Lubambe copper mine**](#)

China's JCHX Mining plans to invest \$300 million to breathe new life into Zambia's Lubambe Copper Mines which it recently acquired, Zambia's state mining investment unit, ZCCM-IH said on Thursday. JCHX will invest in the Lubambe operations and extend the life of the copper mine, ZCCM-IH, the local partner, said. The Shanghai-listed mining services and contracting firm bought an 80% stake in Lubambe from EMR Capital. Lubambe Copper Mines did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The Zambia state firm, which owns the remaining 20% stake in Lubambe, said it will negotiate a new shareholders agreement and commercial terms with the Chinese company. Lubambe, previously owned by African Rainbow Minerals and Vale SA, produced about 15,000 tons of copper last year but needs to raise output to about 2,500 tons a month to become sustainable, it says on its website. Mining . com.

[A national anthem testifies to China-Guinea-Bissau friendship](#)

In the square outside the east entrance of the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, Chinese President Xi Jinping held an official welcome ceremony for President Umaro Sissoco Embalo of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau on Wednesday, featuring a unique touch: the playing of Guinea-Bissau's national anthem, "This Is Our Well Beloved Motherland." The anthem, written by Guinea-Bissau's founding father Amilcar Lopes Cabral, has a surprising composer -- Chinese musician Xiao He. In the later official meeting between the two presidents, Xi talked with a smile about this intriguing detail. "China and Guinea-Bissau have a special history of friendship," he said. "The national anthem of Guinea-Bissau 'This Is Our Well Beloved Motherland,' which was played at the welcome ceremony just now, was written by Amilcar Lopes Cabral, the founding father of Guinea-Bissau, and composed by Chinese musician Xiao He." Xinhua.

[China's economic influence more welcome in poorer countries, poll finds](#)

Thailand holds most positive views of China, followed by Nigeria, Kenya and Tunisia, Pew survey shows. China's economic influence is felt everywhere around the world, but whether it is viewed in a positive or negative light depends greatly on each country's economic development, a survey of 35 countries has found. People living in high-income countries like the United States, Canada, Australia expressed broadly unfavourable views of China overall, with a median of 70 percent of people across 18 countries reporting negative feelings, according to polling released this week by the Pew Research Center. Those perceptions flipped in middle-income countries like Thailand, Kenya, and Bangladesh, with a median of 56 percent of respondents across 17 countries reporting favourable views, according to the Pew figures published on Tuesday. Aljazeera.

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