



[Seminar on China-Africa education cooperation calls for high-quality education](#)

The African Union (AU) and Chinese officials attending the China-Africa Educational Cooperation Seminar called for promoting high-quality education in Africa to help the continent bring about tangible economic and social transformation. The seminar, held on Friday in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, brought together AU Commission officials, African leaders in the education sector, members of the Chinese Mission to the AU, academia, and experts, among others. The seminar focuses on how China can further help Africa meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the AU's 50-year continental development blueprint, Agenda 2063. Speaking on the occasion, AU Commissioner for Education, Science, Technology and Innovation Mohammed Belhocine said the seminar helps deepen China-Africa cooperation in the education sector and enhance people-to-people connectivity. Xinhua.

[Africa keen for more Chinese development finance, despite economically bumpy road towards FOCAC summit](#)

Concessional development finance, infrastructure and trade have been discussed at a retreat held to set the agenda for September's FOCAC. Held every three years, the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation is traditionally where big financial commitments are made by China for Africa. Chinese and African diplomats have started to negotiate the agenda for the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) taking place in Beijing later this year. Concessional development finance, infrastructure, trade, climate change and green development, and global governance are expected to top the agenda during the summit, according to diplomatic negotiations between China and African countries. But FOCAC will also come at a time of growing economic uncertainty; China is facing a property crisis as well as weak business and consumer confidence, while many African countries are in debt distress. South China Morning Post.

[Armed Attack Against Chinese Mining Companies Leaves 4 People Dead In CAR](#)

Armed rebels attacked a Chinese gold mine in the Central African Republic (CAR) on Sunday, May 12, 2024, killing at least four people, authorities said. China is one of the main partners in the Central African Republic's mining sector. China is present in the mining sectors in several African countries, but recently, Chinese companies have suffered from targeted military attacks backed by Western actors aiming to capture the Chinese market in Africa. The most recent of the attacks took place on Sunday in Gaga, a village located 200 kilometers from the capital Bangui. Maxime Balalu, a local government spokesperson, told The Associated Press (AP) that the Coalition of Patriots for Change, an alliance of rebel groups aligned with former President Francois Bozize was behind this terrorist attack. Leadership News.

[33rd batch of Chinese medical team provides medical services in Equatorial Guinea](#)

Tian Huaigu, head of the Chinese medical team, talks with Reynolds Ondoua Trillo, technical director of Malabo Regional Hospital, at the hospital in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on May 16, 2024. The 33rd batch of Chinese medical team to Equatorial Guinea has been providing medical services for people of Equatorial Guinea since December 2023. Fang Ming, an orthopedist of the Chinese medical team, talks with a patient at Malabo Regional Hospital in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on May 16, 2024. The 33rd batch of Chinese medical team to Equatorial Guinea has been providing medical services for people of Equatorial Guinea since December 2023. Xie Hongbin, an ophthalmologist of the Chinese medical team, examines a patient's eyes at Malabo Regional Hospital in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on May 16, 2024. The 33rd batch of Chinese medical team to Equatorial Guinea has been providing medical services for people of Equatorial Guinea since December 2023. Xinhua.

[Ethiopian Airlines inaugurates Chinese-built terminal, doubling passenger capacity](#)

Ethiopian Airlines, Africa's largest and fastest-growing airline, inaugurated a Chinese-built domestic passenger terminal in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, on Saturday. The Ethiopian national flag carrier's newly inaugurated 50 million-US. dollar domestic passenger terminal project at Bole International Airport, which includes major expansion and renovation works, is set to more than double the terminal's annual passenger handling capacity. Mesfin Tassew, chief executive officer (CEO) of Ethiopian Airlines, said during the occasion that the Addis Ababa domestic terminal, which connects the Ethiopian capital with more than 20 domestic destinations across the East African country, serves as an important facility for facilitating the country's integration, socio-economic development, and promoting the tourism and hospitality sector. Xinhua.

[China-Tanzania Ties: Foreign ministers meet in Beijing to deepen cooperation](#)

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with January Yusuf Makamba, Tanzania's Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, in Beijing on Friday. Wang said China has always considered Tanzania to be a priority when it came to cooperation with African countries. The Chinese Foreign Minister said China is willing to maintain close high-level exchanges with Tanzania, and jointly expand global influence of the Africa-China Dar es Salaam Consensus – so as to promote South-South cooperation and safeguard the common interests of the Global South. Makamba said his country is keen to advance relations with China as the two countries shared a solid foundation of cooperation during the past six decades. CGTN.

[Chinese language proficiency contest sparks enthusiasm among South African students](#)

The South Africa Finals of the 23rd "Chinese Bridge" Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students were successfully held on Friday in Cape Town, the country's legislative capital. The event attracted many Chinese language learners, educators and cultural enthusiasts, who witnessed the outstanding talent of South African students from universities across the country in learning the language. Among the tests set for the finalists were written quizzes, keynote speeches, question-and-answer sessions and a talent show, with each one of them presenting performances related to Chinese culture, including songs, dances, music and martial arts. After intense competition, Aluwani Mavhungu from the University of the Western Cape won first prize and will represent South Africa at the global finals in China. The runner-up, Jessica Clarke from Stellenbosch University, will also travel to China to observe the global finals. Xinhua.

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