



### [China, Equatorial Guinea elevate partnership, to inspire more in West Africa](#)

Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks with Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, president of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, in Beijing on Tuesday, and the two heads of state announced the elevation of bilateral relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination. This opens a new chapter for the two countries to bridge development plans, deepen cooperation and pursue common growth, setting a model for more cooperation between China and other West African states, analysts said. During the meeting, Xi said China and Equatorial Guinea are good friends and partners, and their relations feature a high level of political mutual trust, Xinhua News Agency reported. China firmly supports Equatorial Guinea in safeguarding national sovereignty and independence, opposing foreign interference, and independently exploring its own development path, he said. Global Times.

### [Chinese Foreign Minister meets Sudanese counterpart](#)

China will continue to promote the international community to provide favorable external conditions for the settlement of the Sudan issue. China appreciates Sudan's active support for and participation in the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum, he said. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met here Tuesday with his Sudanese counterpart Hussein Awad, who is in China for the 10th ministerial meeting of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum. Noting this year marks the 65th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries, Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, said that China is firmly committed to developing friendly relations with Sudan. Wang said China supports Sudan in safeguarding its national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, achieving domestic peace and stability, and exploring a development path suited to its own national conditions. China will continue to promote the international community to provide favorable external conditions for the settlement of the Sudan issue. The Star.

### [China's back in Africa, but does the continent benefit?](#)

China's flagship economic cooperation program is bouncing back after the global health crisis, with Africa as a primary focus. That's what's been shown through analysis of lending, investment and trade data. Chinese leaders are citing the billions of dollars for new construction and record two-trade as evidence of their "win-win" commitment to supporting the continent's modernization through the Belt and Road Initiative. But the data, however, reveals a more complex relationship that is heavily weighted towards the extraction of minerals. Before the health crisis, China's engagement in Africa was heavily driven by sovereign lending - financing ports, hydropower plants and railways across the continent. That peaked at \$28.4 billion in 2016, according to the Global China Initiative at Boston University. But Chinese sovereign lending is now at its lowest level in two decades and a rebound is not expected. Yahoo Finance.

### [Egypt-China trade exchange reaches \\$13.9bn in 2023: CAPMAS](#)

The Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) has revealed that the trade exchange between Egypt and China amounted to \$13.9bn in 2023, compared to \$16.6bn in 2022. In a statement released on Tuesday, CAPMAS highlighted the economic relations between Egypt and China, coinciding with President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi's visit to Beijing. This visit aims to strengthen bilateral relations and expand cooperation in various fields, marking the tenth anniversary of elevating Egypt-China relations to a comprehensive strategic partnership. The statement is part of CAPMAS's commitment to monitoring the activities and official visits of the President. According to CAPMAS, Egyptian exports to China reached \$909m in 2023, down from \$1.9bn in 2022. Egyptian imports from China totalled \$12.9bn, compared to \$14.8bn in 2022. Daily News Egypt.

### [Xi Hosts Arab Leaders as China's 'Soft Power' Expands in Mideast](#)

Beijing summit to be attended by UAE, Egypt heads of state. Talks seen focusing on investment links, need to end Gaza war. President Xi Jinping will meet Arab leaders this week seeking deeper ties in a region where China does plenty of business — and increasingly diplomacy, too. Xi will address the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum in Beijing on Thursday with heads of state from Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Tunisia among the attendees. Talks will likely focus on fast-growing trade and investment, and regional security concerns amid the Israel-Hamas war. Bloomberg.

### [China book corner set up at Kenya workers training institution](#)

Chinese authorities are setting up a China book corner in Kenya's state training institutions, to provide Chinese literature, language resources and insights for scholars and students. But analysts say such a display of soft power is an effort to maintain Beijing's influence on the continent. At one school in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, more than 30 students are enrolled in part-time classes on Chinese language and culture. Steve Wakoli has been teaching the three-month course for three years. Inspired by employment opportunities as a translator, Wakoli learned Chinese in 2020. Now a private teacher, he said Chinese literature is helping him earn a living. "I did accounts as my bachelor's degree, but it reached a point where everyone is doing accounts and others are doing finance. This is a field that was crowded, so I decided to go for something unique. I found that there were translation jobs, teaching jobs," he said. Voice of America.

### [Kenya hopes to expand cooperation with China via BRI: ambassador](#)

Cooperation between China and Kenya will continue to expand under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and the bilateral relationship is expected to develop steadily, despite external attempts to undermine China-Kenya cooperation, Kenya's Ambassador to China told the Global Times in an interview. "There is more collaboration going on in the field of infrastructure, railway, education, and skilling and so on, which we hope to discuss and implement in the coming Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)," Willy Bett, the Kenyan ambassador, said in the interview on Saturday. "Also, the cooperation is moving toward electronic motor vehicles. We are trying to go green in all our manufacturing and we are seeking to collaborate [with China] on clean energy power storage, which is very important for Kenya," said Bett. Global Times.

### [Kenya, China Agree To Strengthen Business Cooperation](#)

Kenya hosted an economic and trade conference on Monday in the capital of Nairobi with the participation of a high-level delegation from the Chinese coastal city of Shenzhen, as commercial ties between the two sides continue to expand. The event also attracted representatives of nearly 100 local enterprises and overseas Chinese representatives from the Kenya China Chamber of Commerce. Eric Ruto, president of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said that local enterprises are eager to partner with manufacturing industries based in Shenzhen due to their advanced technology in Kenya's priority sectors, especially in the medical, electronic and renewable energy fields. "This conference will be a catalyst to deepen links between businesses from the two regions," he added. Ruto noted that Kenyan enterprises are keen to partner with their Chinese counterparts in industrial resource sharing, marketing, and innovation transformation. Capital Fm.

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