



[China-Africa trade cooperation fosters inclusive, sustainable growth in Africa: UN official](#)

China-Africa trade cooperation is playing a pivotal role in fostering inclusive and sustainable development across Africa, a senior official with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said on Friday. Diane Sayinzoga, UNCTAD's chief of the Regional Office for Africa, said the China-Africa trade partnership has facilitated the implementation of major infrastructure projects that are crucial for the economic integration and growth of the African continent. "The China-Africa cooperation is aligned with UNCTAD's goals of promoting sustainable development by enhancing Africa's manufacturing capacities, increasing trade opportunities, fostering economic diversification, and integrating the African countries into the global value chain," Sayinzoga told Xinhua in an exclusive interview. Xinhua.

[Absa aims to use new Beijing office to strengthen China-Africa business ties](#)

The bank will develop relationships with Chinese firms, advise on the capability that Absa Group has across its footprint in Africa, Absa China CEO Kaempfer says. China's trade with Africa rose 1.5 per cent year on year in 2023 to US\$282.1 billion, according to Chinese customs data. Absa Group, one of Africa's largest diversified financial services companies, aims to build stronger ties with Chinese firms as part of its global expansion strategy, amid growing investment and trade between China and Africa. The Johannesburg, South Africa-based bank will focus on strengthening relations with state-owned entities, private companies, banks and development finance organisations via its subsidiary, which officially launched in Beijing in early May, according to Klaus-Dieter Kaempfer, CEO of Absa China. South China Morning Post.

[Xi Highlights Friendship With Arab Nations](#)

China and Tunisia announced the establishment of a strategic partnership on Friday as they committed to strengthen bilateral ties and jointly respond to regional and global challenges. President Xi Jinping and Tunisian President Kais Saied made the announcement during their talks at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Saied was on a state visit to China. He also attended the opening ceremony of the 10th Ministerial Conference of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum, which was held in Beijing on Thursday. Following their talks, the two presidents witnessed the signing of multiple agreements on bilateral cooperation in fields including green and low-carbon development and investment. Xi told his Tunisian counterpart that China and Tunisia are good friends and brothers. Over the 60 years since they established diplomatic relations, China and Tunisia have always respected each other, treated each other as equals and supported each other no matter how the international situation evolves, he said. Capital FM.

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Zhang Hong'en packed a suitcase of grass seedlings from northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, traveled thousands of miles to Mauritania in West Africa and planted them in soil. In just 50 days, the magic grass grew to more than an adult person's height, with each cutting seedling divided into a dozen tillers. Three months later, the plants reached 4 meters high, providing abundant fodder for local livestock. Dubbed "the grass of happiness" by many countries, the giant Juncao from China is a high-yield feed crop with the potential to diversify the diets of livestock. "Growing the grass in Mauritania will surely benefit farmers and herdsman," said Zhang, director of the animal husbandry technology demonstration center in Mauritania. At the 10th ministerial conference of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum held in Beijing on Thursday, China announced that it will build with the Arab side 10 joint laboratories in such areas as life and health, AI, green and low-carbon development, modern agriculture, space, and information technology. Xinhua.

[President Xi holds talks with Egypt, Equatorial Guinea presidents](#)

Last week, Chinese President Xi Jinping met and held separate talks with two African heads of state and governments in Beijing, focusing on strengthening bilateral relations. On Wednesday, the Chinese leader held talks with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in Beijing calling for joint efforts to build the China-Egypt community with a shared future in the new era. Sisi is paying a state visit to China from May 28 to 31. During this time, he will attend the opening ceremony of the 10th ministerial meeting of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum. Xi pointed out that 68 years ago, Egypt was the first Arab and African country to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. "Despite changes in the international situation, the two countries have always trusted each other, cooperated sincerely and developed hand in hand." Noting that this year marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of a comprehensive strategic partnership between China and Egypt, the Chinese president said bilateral relations have become a vivid portrayal of China's solidarity and win-win cooperation with Arab, African, Islamic and developing countries. KBC.

[China-Comoros Ties: Foreign ministers discuss cooperation in agriculture, health and poverty reduction](#)

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has also met with his Comoros counterpart Dhoahir Dhoukmal. Wang said China is looking to strengthen exchanges at all levels with Comoros and to facilitate high-quality cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative. China also hopes to deepen cooperation in poverty reduction, education, and health, as well as expand the range of agricultural products it imports from Comoros. Dhoukmal said his country values its traditional friendship with China. Comoros firmly supports Beijing in safeguarding its territorial sovereignty, and it acknowledges Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. He also said Comoros will continue to be an active participant of the Belt and Road Initiative. CGTN.

[Djibouti poised to diversify its economy amid win-win cooperation with China](#)

Djibouti, with its strategic advantage connecting Africa to Asia and Europe by sea, is poised to diversify its economy to become a regional hub for logistics, finance, tourism, and information and communications technology (ICT) as cooperation with China injects crucial impetus to the Red Sea nation's development ambitions, a senior official has said. In a recent interview with Xinhua, Slim Feriani, chief executive officer (CEO) of the sovereign wealth fund of Djibouti, said that as the gateway to Africa, Djibouti is endowed with significant development potential, and the country's drive to become the logistical hub for the region and beyond "is moving full-steam ahead." "Our biggest advantage is the strategic location of the country controlling the entry into the

Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea and linking the African mainland to the Middle East and beyond," Feriani told Xinhua. Xinhua.

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