



[Youth festival boosts China-Africa ties](#)

Zhang Jiming, secretary-general of the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, emphasizes that the China-Africa Youth Festival aims to give African youth representatives a firsthand experience of Zhejiang's remarkable transformation, to foster a deeper understanding of the friendship between the people of Zhejiang and Africa and lay a solid foundation for comprehensive exchanges and cooperation between them. "Zhejiang will continue to focus on promoting economic and trade cooperation, enhancing cultural exchanges and strengthening the friendship between China and Africa, further advancing friendly cooperation with Africa," Zhang states. During their time in Jinhua, the representatives' itinerary included visits to an electric vehicle manufacturer, the Yiwu International Trade Market, Hengdian World Studios and the Institute of African Studies at Zhejiang Normal University. China Daily.

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[Namibia, China solidify parliamentary cooperation](#)

Speaker of Namibia's National Assembly Peter Katjavivi and the vice chairman of the standing committee of China's National People's Congress, Cai Dafeng expressed mutual appreciation and commitment to furthering cooperation between their respective parliaments. In a bilateral meeting that took place on Friday at Parliament, Katjavivi highlighted the significant support extended by China to Namibia, particularly during the challenging period of the Covid-19 pandemic. "The relationship between Namibia and China has been strengthened through various parliamentary exchanges and significant gestures of goodwill. Not long ago, during the Covid-19 pandemic, China assisted us with the much-needed Covid-19 vaccine, and medical equipment," he said. "Before Covid-19, Li Zhanshu, chairman of the standing committee of the NPC, donated the parliamentary bus, as well as the refurbishment of our C1 conference hall, both of which have greatly enhanced our parliamentary facilities and operations, and helped us to execute our mandate during the pandemic," he added. New Era.

[Tunisia abandons two-state solution; courts Iran, China, and Russia](#)

Last week, Tunisia's president, Kais Saied, made his first trip to China and signed a strategic partnership with President Xi Jinping. The week prior, Saied made headlines for becoming the first Tunisian president to visit Iran since the Islamic Revolution. And before that, rumors swirled about Russian planes landing in Djerba. It is too early to tell whether any of these events mark a major, strategic realignment of Tunisia away from its traditional allies in the West. More likely, Saied is playing global and regional powers against one other to secure the best deal, an art form perfected by other leaders in the region. But Saied has made one major shift to Tunisia's foreign policy that in turn might help explain his recent outreach to Iran, China, and Russia. Over the past year, Saied has overseen a sea change in Tunisia's position on the two-state solution for Israelis and the Palestinians. While Tunisia had historically been an outlier in the region for being one of the first to accept a two-state solution, today it is increasingly becoming an outlier for rejecting it. Brookings

[China and Togo Reaffirm Commitment to Partnership](#)

China and Togo reaffirmed their commitment to their partnership at a meeting in Lomé on June 3, 2024. The meeting reviewed their cooperation and announced new areas of collaboration. The two countries discussed implementing initiatives and programs launched in 2021 after the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). The talks focused on energy production, water development, agriculture, and irrigation. According to Liu Junfeng, Vice President of the China International Development Cooperation Agency, who was present, China "will work to realize joint projects and programs" in line with efforts to bolster its partnership with Togo. The renewed partnership will cover areas like security, the environment, and youth employment to improve the living conditions of Togolese people. According to Togo's Prime Minister, Victoire Dogbé, the announcement shows China's commitment to strengthening ties with Togo. Togo First.

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[Tanzania calls for global action to empower young entrepreneurs](#)

Tanzania's government is urging regional and international organizations including the United Nations and the private sector to prioritize initiatives that empower young entrepreneurs. The call to action comes amid a significant youth population in Tanzania. According to the 2022 Population and Housing census, youth between 15 and 35 years old represent a staggering 34.5 percent of the total population (approximately 21.3 million people). This demographic faces the most significant unemployment challenges compared to other age groups. At the official of the China - Tanzania Youth Dialogue on June 5, 2024, Mr Patrobas Katambi, Deputy Minister of state in the Prime Minister's office (Labour, Youth and Employment and Persons with

Disability) emphasized the government's commitment to empowering youth across social, economic, cultural, technological and political sphere. The Citizen.

Tanzania Turns to China for Standard Gauge Railway Financing

Tanzania's Finance Minister, Mwigulu Nchemba, and experts from the Ministry, held an online meeting with the President of Exim Bank China, Ren Shengjun on June 05,2024, to discuss financing for Tanzania's development projects. The Ministry highlighted the ongoing construction of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) as a key area for Exim Bank's support. The Tanzanian delegation included Deputy Permanent Secretary Amina Khamis Shaaban, Commissioner for External Finance Rashed Bade, and Assistant Commissioner for Resource Mobilization Tiba E. Kisonga. Chanzo.

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