



### [China-Africa summit due in September in Beijing](#)

China began inviting African leaders to attend the China-Africa summit in Beijing this September, against the backdrop of fierce competition by global powers over Africa's critical minerals. Ugandan foreign ministry was the first to leak details about the summit that will be held on September 3-8. Known by its acronym FOCAC, the summit is held every three years. In the latest edition in 2021, held remotely, President Xi Jinping pledged financial promises worth \$40 billion, compared to around \$60 billion in 2015 and 2018. China-Africa trade stood at \$282 billion last year, an increase from \$185.29 billion in 2018 and \$231.88 billion in 2021. China has strengthened its foothold in Africa's infrastructure and extraction economy widening the gap with western rivals, notably in the field of strategic minerals key to energy transition. The North Africa Post.

### [China Claps Back at Biden BRI Diss, Says U.S. Should “Do Something Real” for Africa](#)

The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs hit back against U.S. President Joe Biden's criticisms of the Belt and Road Initiative and the insinuation that Beijing is engaging in predatory lending practices in Africa. This latest spat began last week when Time magazine published a lengthy interview with Biden, who restated his longstanding skepticism of the BRI: China Global South Project.

### [Critical Minerals Driving China's Growing Africa Investments](#)

China's investment in African growing fast as it invests in infrastructure around minerals essential to the global energy transition, especially lithium Chinese investment in Africa is on the rise again, after a slump during the Covid-19 pandemic – with critical minerals one of its key points of focus. Reuters reports that China is committing billions of dollars to new construction projects and trade, with fresh Chinese investment in Africa increasing 114% last year, according to the Griffith Asia Institute at Australia's Griffith University. Much of this investment has been in infrastructure around minerals essential to the global energy transition and China's plans to revive its own flagging economy. Data from the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington-based think tank, showed investments hitting nearly \$11 billion in 2023, the highest level since it began tracking Chinese economic activity in Africa in 2005. Mining Digital.

### [Dragon boat race ushers in Uganda-China tourism season in Uganda](#)

The government of Uganda and the Chinese Embassy in the Eastern African country have jointly launched a tourism season between the two countries, with a dragon boat race held ahead of the traditional Chinese Dragon Boat Festival. Chinese companies in Uganda dispatched their best paddlers, both Chinese and Ugandan, to compete in the race, which also attracted participants from local communities, near the shore of Lake Victoria in central Uganda, Sunday. Vibrant sounds filled the air as supporters cheered for their teams, in an event that analysts say is a show of growing Uganda-China ties in diplomacy, economy and culture. Ugandan Minister of

State for Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities Martin Bahinduka, was the chief guest. He urged Ugandans to learn from the Chinese who attach great importance to their culture, noting Uganda's abundance of cultural heritages that should be cherished. The minister said this year's Dragon Boat Festival is a springboard to promote Uganda to Chinese tourists. People's Daily Online.

### [Algeria, China Sign 19 Cooperation Agreements During Tebboune's Visit to Beijing](#)

Algiers and Beijing signed 19 cooperation agreements on Tuesday during Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune's visit to China where he met with President Xi Jinping. Tebboune arrived on Monday in China for a state visit. He was accompanied by a large delegation of ministers and businessmen, signaling a new dynamism in Algeria's relations with its historic partners, including Russia. The Algeria Press Service (APS) said the agreements include cooperation across sectors like railway transportation, technology transfer, and agricultural collaboration. The two countries agreed on forming an expert team to encourage economic and investment collaboration. The agreements also included a trade cooperation treaty and a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the Chinese Academy of Governance and the Algerian Ministry of Interior and Local Authorities. Asharq Al-Awsat.

### [China Turns to Morocco to Establish Major Electric Battery Hub](#)

Chinese companies like Gotion High-Tech are working with the North African country to transform it into a major hub for electric car battery production and export, with investments totaling at least 2.45 billion euros. Chinese companies are betting on Morocco as a logistics center to produce and export electric car batteries to Europe, Africa, and the Americas, taking advantage of its geographical location, trade agreements, resources, and an already existing automotive ecosystem in the Maghreb country. The announcement last week that the Chinese group Gotion High-Tech will open a battery gigafactory in Morocco is the latest in a series of at least six companies from the Asian giant that will install factories related to this product, supported by the Moroccan government, which is committed to making the country a benchmark in this field. Morocco World News.

### [Cooperation with China boosts rice harvest in Cote d'Ivoire](#)

On May 31, farmers in the Guiguidou area, Divo Province in southern Cote d'Ivoire, gathered around several brand-new agricultural machines, chatting with one another about how to use them against a backdrop of newly planted rice seedlings swaying in the wind. "This time, we provided a batch of agricultural machinery to Cote d'Ivoire, including rice selectors, combine harvesters, rice milling machines, and 10 tons of rice seeds," said Guo Changyou, chief of the 11th Chinese Agricultural Technical Assistance Mission (MATAC) in Cote d'Ivoire, at the handover ceremony of agricultural equipment and rice seeds. "We must take care of this gift because we produce millions of tons per year during the 2 cycles. With this donation, we will be able to improve our performance," said Alain Beugre, president of the Guiguidou Rice Farmers Cooperative. Xinhua.

### [China delivers new 4×4 CS/VP14 and VP11 armored vehicles to the Armed Forces of Burkina Faso](#)

In recent days, the Armed Forces of Burkina Faso received a new batch of 4×4 armored vehicles provided by the People's Republic of China. During the ceremony, which was attended by the highest authorities of the African country, images revealed approximately 50 CS/VP14 military vehicles and 40 VP11 vehicles. In this regard, Burkina Faso's Minister of Defense, Brigadier General Kassoum Coulibaly, stated during the delivery ceremony that this batch of armored vehicles supplied by China is just the first of four, representing about 18-20% of the

material provided by the Asian Giant. The delivered 4×4 vehicles have mine-resistant and ambush-protected (MRAP) armor and protection. Both versions delivered are produced by the Chinese company Norinco, with the VP11 particularly in service with the armed forces of Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, and Mali. These are compact all-terrain vehicles designed as light troop transport platforms or can also be used for medical evacuation purposes. Zona Militar.

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