



[Kung fu gives Africans their kicks](#)

A rare soft-power export from China is spreading across the continent. Master Mfaume, who heads the biggest kung fu temple in Tanzania, has become a social-media pin-up, with short films of himself and his students showing off their lightning moves. TikTok videos that display them whizzing along walls or fighting bullies in the suburbs of Dar es Salaam, the country's biggest city, have won 184,000 likes. Master Mfaume says more and more Tanzanians want to study the sport. "People are starting to learn kung fu eagerly—and the number of students is going up a lot." Kung fu was brought to Africa in the 1970s by a shadowy Taiwanese figure known as Mr Ming. He popularised Bruce Lee's martial arts, screening films in shabby township cinemas in South Africa, where audiences loved his message of opposition to white supremacy, cheering as he smashed a sign by a park in Shanghai that read "No Dogs and Chinese Allowed". The Economist.

[Chinese tech to light up homes in South Africa](#)

Renewable energy plant nearly ready, will help ease acute power shortage. In the vast, semi-arid region near Postmasburg, in South Africa's Northern Cape Province, construction of one of the country's biggest renewable energy power plants is nearing completion. The Redstone Concentrated Solar Thermal Power Project is expected to begin trial operations soon, eventually generating enough energy to power 200,000 households in South Africa, and thereby greatly alleviating the country's acute power shortage. Energy has been a major area of cooperation between China and South Africa over the past years. During President Xi Jinping's visit to South Africa in August, in the presence of Xi and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, the two countries signed a number of cooperation deals in Pretoria, including agreements on emergency power, investment in renewable energy and the upgrade of South Africa's power grids. China Daily.

[Africa's delicate diplomacy in the South China Sea dispute](#)

The ongoing skirmishes in the South China Sea between China and regional states represent another severe threat to the world economy, directly affecting Africa. As China grows increasingly aggressive in its race for global hegemony and influence, and the United States (US) slowly plunges into the battle to prevent China's rise, the world is watching the unfolding of this rivalry with unease. Although a few places have felt intense pressure from this alarming competition, the South China Sea (SCS) region is where a violent showdown looks increasingly probable. Unlike the war in Ukraine or Gaza, the US and China may start a direct war in the SCS. And amidst this multifaceted new Cold War 2.0, Africa remains cautious. Observer Research Foundation.

[Initiative to bring Africa dividends](#)

The East African Community member states should consider the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative projects collectively instead of individually for better results in its regional integration efforts. That is the view of

Ismael Buchanan, dean of the College of Business and Economics, Huye Campus of the University of Rwanda, who said BRI offers the region, which consists of eight countries including Rwanda, Kenya and Tanzania, an opportunity to construct infrastructure projects that would connect the entire region, consequently increasing trade. "The EAC member states could for instance consider construction of a railway line running from Kenya's port city of Mombasa to Rwanda's capital Kigali, Burundi to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This would be beneficial politically and economically, enhancing people-to-people interaction and country-to-country connectivity," he said. China Daily.

[China And Africa Forge Agricultural Tech Cooperation For Growth – China Daily](#)

The agricultural science and technology cooperation between China and Africa is steadily gaining momentum, fueled by great possibilities for mutual benefits, said participants of an event held in Sanya, South China's Hainan province. Wednesday's workshop on China-Africa Agricultural Science and Technology Cooperation under FAO South-South and Triangular Cooperation Framework aims to bolster agricultural technology cooperation between China and African countries and facilitate the modernization of agriculture across Africa. "Science and technology play a fundamental role in transforming agriculture and enhancing food security. With its vast innovation potential, Africa can benefit from adopting advanced agricultural technologies," said Sun Tan, vice president of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS). Capital Fm.

[China, Nigeria Employ Dance For Cultural Exchange](#)

The flourishing diplomatic ties between China and Nigeria have found more strength in dance, a form of elegant and dynamic art that enhances cultural exchange between the peoples of both countries. The hallmark of these cultural relations was the grand final of the Energy China-Nigeria Dance Competition 2024, which featured varied dance troupes from Nigeria and China and individual performances that thrilled the audience at the event hosted at the China Cultural Center in Abuja yesterday. Nigeria's Drum for Peace (Gbagy Dance) Troupe emerged as the overall best in the group category, winning a cash prize of N500,000, while Chinese Wang Ao won the best Individual Prize with a cash prize of N500,000. Others won prizes ranging from N300,000, N200,000 and N100,000 for their scintillating performances. Leadership News.

[China Partners Egypt and Bahrain Towards Chang'e-7 Mission](#)

China has signed a cooperation agreement with the Egyptian Space Agency (EgSA), Bahrain's National Space Science Agency, and the Changchun Institute of Optics, Fine Mechanics and Physics towards its upcoming Chang'e 7 lunar mission. The parties signed a Scientific and Technical Cooperation Contract for the joint development of a Hyperspectral Imager of the Lunar Surface Material on Chang'e-7. The camera will subsequently image and analyze lunar surface materials from orbit, including the moon's polar regions. Tang Yuhua, deputy chief designer of Chang'e-7 at the Chinese Lunar Exploration Center, and Yang Zhen, deputy director of the National Space Science Center of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, witnessed the signing. Ayman Ahmet, director of the Space Imaging Department of the Egyptian Space Agency, Ali Ocalan, senior engineer of the National Space Science Agency of Bahrain, and Han Chengshan, deputy director of the Changchun Institute of Optics, Fine Mechanics and Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and other representatives attended the event. Space Watch Global.

[South Africa and China fortifying military relations amid global strategic shifts](#)

China is one of South Africa's most important strategic partners, and the two countries have maintained close cooperation within the BRICS mechanism. In a new development for international defense relations, South Africa and China have taken concrete steps to bolster their bilateral military ties. This move is marked by the ongoing visit of South Africa's naval chief to Beijing and the docking of a Chinese navy frigate in Cape Town. On Monday, 20 May, Vice Admiral Monde Lobese, Chief of the South African Navy, was warmly received by China's Defence Minister Admiral Dong Jun at the Bayi Building in Beijing. The meeting underscored the mutual commitment to enhance military cooperation, with a particular emphasis on naval collaboration—a traditional stronghold in the partnership between the two nations. Admiral Dong Jun lauded the longstanding military rapport, highlighting the intent to intensify strategic communications, collaborative efforts, and joint endeavors to tackle emerging threats and challenges. Military Africa.

[Kenya, China eager to strengthen communicable disease control measures](#)

Kenya and the People's Republic of China have announced roll out of programme aimed at strengthening communicable disease control measures. This was revealed Thursday when officials from the Ministry of Health hosted a delegation of custom officers from Changsha in Nairobi. Director of Administration at the State Department of Public Health and Professional Standards Adan Gedow Harakhe led the Kenyan team in the meeting. The delegation, led by Mr. Yang Zhuo, Deputy Director General of Changsha Customs District, included the Director of Health Quarantine of Changsha Customs, the Director General of Changsha Huanghua Airport Customs, and the Deputy Director General of Changsha Huanghua Airport Customs. "The team is on a weeklong visit to Kenya, facilitated by the Division of Port Health Services, to study the policies, procedures, and interventions Kenya has implemented to prevent the spread of communicable diseases across its borders," the Ministry said in a statement. KBC.

[Morocco and China ink cultural cooperation deal for 2024-2028](#)

The Ministry of Youth, Culture and Communication and the Chinese Ministry of Culture and Tourism signed an executive program for cooperation in the cultural field for the period 2024-2028 on Thursday in Rabat. The agreement, signed by Minister of Youth, Culture and Communication Mohamed Mehdi Bensaid and Chinese Vice-Minister of Culture and Tourism Rao Quan, aims to promote cultural exchanges, encourage bilateral visits, and create initiatives and cooperation frameworks to promote cultural ties between the two countries. Additionally, it seeks to strengthen coordination and cooperation at the UNESCO level, facilitate exchange of experiences, and provide continuous training. In a statement to the press, Bensaid highlighted the long and shared history between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of China. He emphasized that this new program aims to leverage culture to enhance «political and economic efforts» and further solidify the partnership between the two nations. Yabiladi.

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