



### [China loans delay plunges Eacop partners in crisis](#)

More than a year since Chinese financiers and the developers of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (Eacop) entered negotiations to bankroll the project's debt, a massive hole remains in the financing structure as the loans amounting to about \$3 billion are not imminent, forcing shareholders into emergency measures to raise additional equity funding. When fresh cash calls for the project came in last month, the Eacop shareholders dug deep to raise money and avert the project's stalling – a situation that would impact the set timelines for production and export of crude from Uganda's oilfields in the Lake Albert region. TotalEnergies executives said last month that the project's physical works were at 33 percent, as at the end of April. Thermally insulating the line pipes, stringing and laying of line pipes, and building pump stations, are all to be done before the first oil target late next year. The East African

### [China looks to Africa to meet rising demand for seafood, but can it balance local interests with its own needs?](#)

The country is investing heavily in port facilities across the continent, but its trawlers are accused of putting local stocks at risk. A new Chinese fishing port on Tanzania's Indian Ocean coastline that is expected to create thousands of jobs is on track to be completed next year. The US\$111 million port in Kilwa Masoko is being built by state-owned China Harbour Engineering Company under the Belt and Road Initiative, a transcontinental infrastructure project, with the aim of helping China meet its huge domestic demand for seafood. South China Morning Post.

### [A New Documentary Highlights China's Expansion Into Ethiopia](#)

A new documentary examines Ethiopia's rapid development — bankrolled by China. On paper, the numbers are going up; on the ground, things are more complicated. The film looks at industrialization through the eyes of three women: a factory worker, a local farmer and a Chinese factory director. This Sunday, Made in Ethiopia premieres at the DC/DOX documentary festival in Washington, DC. This film rejects simplistic narratives and explores Ethiopia's burgeoning industrial sector and partnership with China through three individuals' perspectives. Ethiopia is the most populous nation in East Africa. In the 20th century, it faced economic troubles and civil war between communist and non-communist forces. Today, it is quickly developing, building infrastructure and factories. Much of the capital for this development comes from foreign partners, especially China, whose ambitious Belt and Road Initiative has focused on this core of the Horn of Africa. Fair Observer.

### ["Chinese bridge" language proficiency competition held in Zimbabwe](#)

Chinese language students in Zimbabwe on Friday showcased their language competence at the 23rd edition of the Chinese Bridge competition held at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe. The

competition, which drew participants from primary and secondary schools, as well as colleges, was organized by the Confucius Institute at the University of Zimbabwe, with support from the Chinese Embassy in Zimbabwe and Chinese enterprises. In addition to speech performances, the competition also included a talent show in which participants showcased their appreciation of Chinese culture through dances, martial arts, and songs. The winners from three categories received cash prizes, and first prize winners will represent Zimbabwe at the semi-finals and final competitions in China. Xinhua.

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