



### [The complex role China plays in Africa's energy transition](#)

China is the largest investor in Africa's new energy market. When touring some East African countries (EAC), like Burundi, Uganda, South Sudan, Somalia, and others, it is common to find village schools, town roads, hospitals, homes, and many more places without electricity. Students must revise their lessons by torchlight, some hospitals and clinics struggle to preserve temperature-sensitive medicines, including vaccines, and citizens navigate daily life without reliable electricity. This is a common issue across East Africa, where insufficient electricity supply suppresses development, as well as the quality of education and healthcare. Currently, no country in East Africa has achieved full electricity coverage, and there are significant differences in electricity supply between countries. Kenya currently has the highest electricity coverage (the access rate compared to demand), reaching 75 percent in 2018 while Burundi had only 10 percent electricity coverage the same year. Global Voices.

### [Why Strong Regional Value Chains Will Be Vital To The Next Chapter Of China And Africa's Economic Relationship](#)

China has become Africa's largest trading partner and creditor in recent years under programmes such as the Belt and Road Initiative. Now, China-Africa economic relations are entering a new chapter as both face a global economic slowdown. China's private sector is now likely to lead trade and investment in Africa, while new initiatives like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) will promote the growth of regional value chains by offering Chinese businesses access to a larger unified African market. Over the last 20 years, China has become sub-Saharan Africa's largest bilateral trading partner. Around 20% of the region's exports now go to China and about 16% of Africa's imports come from China, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). This amounted to a record \$282 billion in total trade volume in 2023. Primary commodities — metals, mineral products and fuel — represent about three fifths of Africa's exports to China, while it typically imports Chinese manufactured goods, electronics and machinery. I Africa.

### [Africa's Agenda 2063 resonates with China's five principles of peaceful coexistence – Frimpong](#)

Paul Frimpong, the Executive Director of the Africa-China Centre for Policy and Advisory (ACCPA), has remarked that Africa's vision for peace and security, as captured in the continent's flagship development plan, Agenda 2063, hinges on the five principles of peaceful coexistence proposed and used by China in international affairs since 1954. He was speaking at in Beijing, China at this year's conference marking the 70th anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence. In 1954, China put forward the five principles of peaceful coexistence—mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual nonaggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence—marking a significant milestone in international relations. The international community has largely accepted the Five Principles as the fundamental guidelines guiding both international relations and international law over the past 70 years. Every ten

years, on the anniversary of the Five Principles' introduction, China has organized elaborate celebrations since the 1980s. The Business and Financial Times.

### [Several Chinese nationals killed in DR Congo gold mine attacks](#)

Locals say the strikes at the site in Ituri province were carried out by militia group Codeco. A militia attack on a mining site in the gold-rich Ituri province has killed at least four Chinese nationals in the northeastern Democratic Republic of Congo, according to local sources. Several Congolese were also killed or injured in the attack, which some of the local sources attribute to a militia group, Codeco, claiming to defend the interests of the Lendu tribe against the rival Hema tribe. South China Morning Post.

### [Chinese-built road rehab project for DR Congo breaks ground](#)

A groundbreaking ceremony for the rehabilitation and modernization project of a provincial road in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) was held Wednesday in Kananga, the capital city of DRC's Central Kasai province. At the ceremony, Alexis Gisaro Muvuni, DRC minister of State for Infrastructure and Public Works, driving a wheel loader himself, personally launched the rehabilitation and modernization project of the provincial road for the Central Kasai province. "This is a road that brings hope and a road that connects the people of the Central Kasai to development opportunities," said the DRC minister. He said that the Chinese side has empowered DRC's vision for road interconnectivity with "secured financing" and solid techniques. The project, with a length of about 230 km, connecting Kananga and Kalamba Mbuji, a border town with Angola, is expected to facilitate transportation and transborder business, said Pang Long, director general of Sino-Congolese Infrastructure Company, representing the Chinese side of the cooperation package. Xinhua.

### [Algeria, Russia and China call for urgent access of aid to Gaza Strip](#)

New York, SANA- Algeria's Permanent Representative to the UN, Amar Bendjama called for urgent access of aid to northern Gaza to avoid a total famine in the Strip. "Hunger and malnutrition have caused a catastrophic crisis in Gaza... In order to avoid a total famine, we need to quickly secure access of aid to the northern part of the Strip," Bendjama said in a speech during a UN Security Council meeting to discuss the issue of humanitarian aid access to Gaza. Bendjama noted that last December, the Security Council adopted a resolution to take an action to facilitate the procedures for conducting humanitarian access procedures, but events and facts have proven the ineffectiveness of this resolution. In turn, Russia's Permanent Representative to the UN, Vassily Nebenzya affirmed that the floating platform that the floating pier established by the US off the coast of Gaza to deliver humanitarian aid did not rise to the required level. China's Permanent Representative to the UN, Fu Cong, called on the Israeli occupation to respond to the international community's call to ensure urgent access of aid into Gaza. SANA.

### [Chinese Firms See Morocco as Path to US EV Credits – AP](#)

Many Chinese battery-makers have invested in the African nation recently as JVs with local firms in countries with trade deals with the US may get tax credits. Chinese companies have announced plans for new factories in Morocco to make EV parts that may qualify for \$7,500 credits for carbuyers in the US, according to a report by Associated Press, which said at least eight Chinese battery makers had announced investments in the North African nation since the Biden Administration passed its Inflation Reduction Act to counter climate change. Rules

in the US law have led to increased Chinese investment in joint ventures with local firms in countries that have free-trade agreements with the US, such as South Korea and Morocco, to get past those limitations, the report said, noting that the Chinese-German battery-maker Gotion High-Tech signed a deal with Morocco in 2023 to invest \$6.4 billion construct Africa's first EV battery factory. Morocco has more than 250 companies that make cars or car parts such as seats, engines and wheels and it exports \$14 billion worth of these items annually, it said, but experts believe it could take a long time to eliminate Chinese firms from the EV supply chain. Asia Financial.

### [China Road wins \\$2.5bn PPP deal to build Angola's first motorway](#)

China Road and Bridge (CRBC) has been chosen to build Angola's first motorway: a 1,400km-long project that will link the north and south of the country, local media reports. Carlos dos Santos, Angola's minister for public works, said the company, a subsidiary of China Communications, had signed a memorandum of understanding. He said feasibility studies should be finalised by the "middle or end of 2025", after which construction would begin in 2025 or 2026. He added that the project, which he said would cost around \$2.5bn, would be procured as a public-private partnership, and that CRBC would itself invest "around \$50-75m". The minister said the road would connect the southern Angola province of Cunene with the provinces of Zaire and Cabinda in the north. It would also improve the country's international connections with Namibia in the south and the Democratic Republic of Congo in the north. Global Construction Review.

### [Asamoah Gyan: Black Stars Legend Opens Up on How His Move to China Affected Lives in Ghana](#)

Legendary Ghanaian striker Asamoah Gyan has opened up on his famous move to China to play for Shanghai SIPG. The former Black Stars captain joined the Chinese outfit in 2015 after leaving United Arab Emirates side Al Ain. Gyan spent most of his playing career in Asia, starring for several clubs including Shabab Al Ahli and NorthEast United. Former Ghana captain, Asamoah Gyan, has disclosed that leaving Europe to join clubs in Asia at the peak of his career was the best decision he made during his playing days. Gyan played for Al Ain, Shanghai SIPG, Shabab Al Ahli and NorthEast United during his time in Asia, and was at one point one of the highest-paid players in the world when he moved to China. According to the former Black Stars striker, he spoke to everyone that mattered around him before taking that huge leap in his career, especially amid criticisms from Ghanaians. Sports Brief.

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