



[China plays important role in Global South, says South Africa's BRICS envoy](#)

China has played an important role in advancing BRICS, thus leading the Global South's efforts in providing leadership to the world, said Anil Sooklal, South Africa's BRICS sherpa. "I think today the Global South is a major force on the global stage" as it represents 85 percent of the global population and the fastest growing global economies today are from the Global South, Sooklal told Xinhua in a recent interview. China is now the second-largest global economy and a number of economies from the Global South are in the top 10 today, he added. In a world that "has changed dramatically," he said, "BRICS is a champion of the Global South and China has played an important role in advancing BRICS." Invited by China, South Africa in 2011 formally joined the bloc of leading emerging economies that also groups Russia, India and Brazil, the ambassador said. Xinhua.

[Race to the Future | Jeffrey Sachs: Learn from China, Build Africa's Future.](#)

Sustainable development expert Jeffrey Sachs suggests that by emulating China's growth strategies, Africa could also achieve leapfrog economic development in the coming decades. CGTN.

[Egypt to host Israeli, U.S. delegations to discuss Gaza truce: media](#)

Egypt will host Israeli and U.S. delegations to discuss the "outstanding points" regarding a ceasefire deal in the Gaza Strip, Egypt's Al-Qahera News TV channel reported on Saturday, without revealing the specific timing of the meeting. Egypt has been holding intensive meetings with relevant parties this week to advance efforts to reach a truce agreement in the Gaza Strip, said the report, citing a high-ranking security source. The anonymous source affirmed that Egypt has also maintained communication with the Hamas movement as part of the efforts to facilitate a ceasefire agreement and the exchange of detainees and prisoners. Israel launched a massive offensive in the Gaza Strip following a Hamas rampage through the southern Israeli border on Oct. 7, 2023, during which about 1,200 people were killed and around 250 others taken hostage. China Military Online.

[Ignoring NATO expansion won't make Ukraine peace plan successful: South African envoy](#)

The expansion of NATO is the fundamental cause of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, and if we ignore this element, we are not going to succeed in our solutions, South African Ambassador to China Siyabonga Cyprian Cwele told the Global Times on Sunday. He also noted that BRICS members including South Africa, China, Brazil and India are all united on the issue that there must be dialogue. Any peace process has to involve all the parties related, and if some parties are excluded, the process is unlikely to be successful, the South African envoy said on the sidelines of the 12th World Peace Forum in Beijing during the weekend. "We are being perceived as if we are biased, which is not true," Cwele said, noting that such unfair accusation was made because one of BRICS members involved in the conflict. "Let the parties sit down. They should respect international law. They should also respect each other's security concerns," Cwele said. Global Times.

[Huawei's smart village project launched in southern Zambia](#)

Zambia on Friday launched a smart village project in the southern district of Namwala sponsored by Chinese firm Huawei Technologies. The project, which includes a communication tower and a solar system capable of powering numerous homes, is the first of its kind in Zambia. "We extend our sincere gratitude to Huawei Technologies Zambia for their support, which aligns with our government's digital agenda to bring development to rural areas," said Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema at the launching ceremony. At the event, the Chinese technology firm also signed a memorandum of understanding with the Zambian government to establish 100 smart villages across the country's 10 provinces. The project was another example of the commitment of the Chinese government and Chinese companies to the pledges made to strengthen Zambia's digitalization during the Zambian president's state visit to China last year, said Wang Sheng, charge d'affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Zambia. People's Daily Online.

[Special Envoy Zhai Jun of the Chinese Government on the Middle East Issue Visits Tunisia](#)

On July 5, 2024, Special Envoy Zhai Jun of the Chinese Government on the Middle East Issue visited Tunisia, where he met with Tunisian Foreign Minister Nabil Ammar and had an exchange of views on bilateral relations and the development of China-Arab States Cooperation Forum and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), among others. Zhai Jun said that in May this year, President Kais Saied paid a successful state visit to China and attended the opening ceremony of the 10th Ministerial Conference of the China-Arab States Cooperation Forum, during which the two countries announced the establishment of a strategic partnership, marking an important milestone in the history of China-Tunisia relations. The Chinese side appreciates Tunisia's strong support for China on issues concerning China's core interests, and will, as always, support Tunisia in independently advancing the reform process and following a development path suited to its own national conditions. China is willing to take the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries as an opportunity to implement the important common understandings reached by the two heads of state, carry out in-depth exchanges and cooperation in infrastructure construction, tourism, education, health and other fields, and open a new chapter in the strategic partnership between the two countries. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China.

[The president of Guinea-Bissau is making a visit to Beijing](#)

President Umaro Sissoco Embaló has embarked on his first official trip to China as the two nations mark 50 years of diplomatic relations. This is only the second visit to China by a head of state from Guinea-Bissau, with the first taken by the late João Bernardo 'Nino' Vieira in 2006. President Umaro Sissoco Embaló of Guinea-Bissau arrives in Beijing on Tuesday for his first official visit to China, during which he will sign a general cooperation agreement between his country and China. Officials expect to analyse "all aspects" of cooperation between the two countries over the course of the three-day visit, noting that China already has strong ties with Guinea-Bissau in the fields of infrastructure, education, health, agriculture, fisheries and defence. A diplomat from Guinea-Bissau remarked to Portuguese news agency Lusa that President Umaro Sissoco Embaló's visit represents "a unique opportunity" to strengthen ties with one of the country's main partners. Sissoco Embaló will be accompanied by Carlos Pinto Pereira, his foreign minister, and General Biague Na Ntan, chief of the general staff of the armed forces. Macao News.

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