



### [Taiwan Blames China for S. Africa's Order to Move Liaison Office](#)

South Africa has ordered Taiwan's representative office to relocate outside of the capital Pretoria, a Taipei foreign ministry official said Friday, blaming Chinese pressure for the decision. China considers self-ruled Taiwan as part of its territory and has sought to whittle down the number of countries that recognise its claim to statehood. China Global South Project.

### [China, EU, Africa seek green cooperation using bamboo instead of plastic](#)

A forum on green industry cooperation between China, the European Union (EU), and Africa has underscored opportunities for technological collaboration and sustainable practices, particularly the use of bamboo as an alternative to plastic. The forum, co-hosted on Thursday by the Chinese Mission to the EU and the International Bamboo and Rattan Organization, focused on fostering joint efforts to promote ecological sustainability. In his address, Cai Run, head of the Chinese Mission to the EU, highlighted China's progress in green and low-carbon development, citing improvements in the country's energy structure and an increase in forest coverage. Cai positioned China as a production hub, Europe as a consumer market, and Africa as a resource developer, emphasizing the potential for collaboration across these regions. Xinhua.

### [South Africa asks Taiwan to move embassy out of capital](#)

The South African Foreign Ministry said it had given Taiwan a "reasonable" timeframe of six months to relocate its unofficial embassy, which is known as the "Taipei Liaison Office." The ministry said that the mission will be renamed as Taipei's Trade Office and will be moved to Johannesburg, which is South Africa's commercial capital. "Relocating what will be rebranded as Trade Offices both in Taipei and in Johannesburg... will be a true reflection of the non-political and non-diplomatic nature of the relationship between the Republic of South Africa and Taiwan," the ministry said. Deutsche Welle.

### [EU Seeks to Reduce Africa's China Dependency With Funding Plan](#)

The European Union is selling its €150 billion investment plan for Africa as a way to help reduce the continent's reliance on Chinese loans that have saddled countries with debt, a senior official said. Jutta Urpilainen, the bloc's commissioner for international partnerships, said the EU has a powerful marketing message for Global Gateway program, which aims to compete with the China's Belt and Road Initiative, which has generated more than \$120 billion of government-backed loans to African nations. The Chinese funding, however, came with accusations of debt traps, exploitation and corruption — charges that were bolstered when a wave of debt distress swept Africa in recent years and three countries defaulted. HT Digital Streams.

### [COSATU General Secretary, Solly Phetoe's address to the China-Africa Summit of trade unions Leaders organised by the ACFTU in Beijing, China on the 17th October 2024](#)

COSATU appreciates the invitation by the ACFTU to this important initiative to bring together the trade union movement across the African continent and the Chinese trade union movement to share and exchange information and ideas on the critical issue of modernisation and the role of trade unions. We recognise the work we are together involved in with our friends in the ACFTU in a number of bilateral and multilateral platforms, including BRICS Trade Unions Forum (BTUF), which we together were part of initiating, resulting in the historic 1st version held in the city of Durban (now eThekweni) in 2010. COSATU.

### **China-Africa Tourism Cooperation: A Growing Partnership**

Tourism has emerged as a key pillar in fostering people-to-people exchanges between China and Africa. By promoting mutual understanding, friendship, and economic prosperity, tourism has played a vital role in strengthening the bilateral relationship. Africa, with its diverse natural landscapes and cultural heritage, has become a popular destination for Chinese tourists. In recent years, China-Africa tourism cooperation has witnessed significant growth, driven by increased direct flights, relaxed visa policies, and growing Chinese demand for African travel experiences. China has signed tourism cooperation agreements with 31 African countries, established 166 sister city pairs, and actively participated in tourism exhibitions and information meetings. Nile Post.

### **Report Explores China's Economic Zones in Africa**

Research explores the economic, social, labour, environmental and political outcomes of China-associated zones across Africa. Research conducted by Drs Charlotte Goodburn, Jan Knoerich and Soumya Mishra from King's College London, has found that China-associated zones are meaningful for economies, investments, industrialisation, jobs and urbanisation, but are rarely transformative for their host countries, unlike China's own special economic zones. The new report out today identifies, maps, categorises and analyses economic development zones associated with China across the whole of Africa. Informed by artificial intelligence analysis of 50 China-associated zones, Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping of a sub-sample of eight zones, and in-depth fieldwork in two case study zones (Nigeria's Lekki Free Zone in Nigeria and Uganda's Liaoshen Industrial Park). It uncovers the realities of zone establishment and actual outcomes, focusing on the specific opportunities and challenges posed by Chinese involvement. Mirage.News.

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