

#### China's information war in Africa

In 2014, during the Central Foreign Affairs meeting in Beijing, Chinese President Xi Jinping advocated for strengthening China's soft power globally by improving how the country communicates its message. In the subsequent years, Chinese state-controlled media focused on cultural investments and international cooperation, establishing marketing networks and expanding the reach of quality cultural assets abroad, particularly in Africa. China's information campaigns in Africa are subtle, focusing on economic issues and promoting a positive narrative around its investments, mainly in the Belt and Road Initiative. State-controlled media outlets like Xinhua, China Daily, China Radio International (CRI), and CGTN (formerly CCTV International) play a vital role in this narrative. Observer Research Foundation.

#### China-Africa tourism cooperation has been expanding

Tourism is an important part of people-to-people exchanges between China and Africa. It has played a positive role in strengthening people-to-people exchanges, enhancing mutual understanding and friendship, building harmonious relations, and promoting economic and social prosperity. Africa, with its unique natural scenery and cultural customs, and rich tourism resources, is becoming one of the popular destinations for Chinese tourists. In recent years, with the increase of direct flights between China and Africa and the introduction of favorable measures such as the relaxation of visa policies, China's tourism demand for Africa has been continuously released, and China-Africa tourism cooperation has gradually deepened. Nile Post.

#### China, Zambia develop matrix for implementing FOCAC agreements

The Chinese Embassy in Zambia said Friday that the two countries have developed a matrix for the implementation of agreements reached at the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). "All relevant Zambian authorities, including the Cabinet Office, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, are working closely with the embassy to make sure that this matrix be translated into real changes on the ground at the end of the day," Chinese Ambassador to Zambia Han Jing made this statement during a roundtable meeting aimed at assessing the opportunities presented by the FOCAC summit for enhancing China-Zambia relations. He emphasized that China values concrete action over empty rhetoric and is committed to collaborating with Zambian authorities to ensure the implementation of the FOCAC outcomes. Xinhua.

## U.S. inconsistency pushes Africa toward Russia and China: Andreas Kluth

The U.S. has struggled to maintain consistent engagement with Africa, as demonstrated by President Biden's delayed visit to Angola. Despite attempts to promote projects like the Lobito Corridor and advocate for Africa's representation at the UN, America's presence remains inconsistent, leading many Africans to view it as an unreliable partner. This perception pushes Africa closer to Moscow and Beijing, whose influence has grown

rapidly through economic and military involvement, filling the gaps left by Washington's inconsistent policies. BizNews.

## Chinese investors boost Ethiopia's economic development with over US\$8.5 billion in investment

Chinese investors have significantly contributed to Ethiopia's economic growth, injecting over US\$8.5 billion into the country and creating thousands of jobs, according to the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC). The EIC reports that 3,309 Chinese-led projects have played a key role in supporting Ethiopia's socio-economic development goals, enhancing both its infrastructure and industry sectors, reports Xinhua News Agency, a partner of TV BRICS. These projects have created more than 325,400 permanent and temporary jobs for Ethiopians in recent years, greatly benefiting the local workforce. Ethiopia also recorded a 14 per cent increase in foreign direct investment during the 2023/2024 fiscal year, securing US\$3.9 billion. The EIC credits this growth to increased Chinese involvement, as the nation continues to attract foreign capital for its economic expansion. TV Brics.

# Egypt and China consider joint investments in Suez Canal Economic Zone

In Egypt, Walid Gamal El-Din, Chairperson of the Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZONE), welcomed a delegation from the Jiangsu Federation of Industry and Commerce, led by Vice President Liu Jun. The main objective of the meeting was to seek cooperation opportunities and familiarise the delegation with investment prospects in sectors prioritised by SCZONE, with the aim of attracting more companies from Jiangsu, one of China's leading economic provinces. This is repoted by Daily News Egypt, a partner of TV BRICS. During the discussions, El-Din highlighted SCZONE's successful co-operation with Chinese partners, totalling more than 200 companies in various sectors. The zone authority recently attracted investments of over US\$1.067 billion from Chinese companies as a result of a promotional tour of China. TV Brics.

## China Issues Regulations On Export Control Of Dual-Use Items: China Daily

Upholding a holistic approach to national security, the regulations, consisting of six chapters and 50 articles, were formulated to maintain international peace, coordinate high-quality development with high-level security, and improve export control capabilities of dual-use items. Dual-use items mean goods, technologies and services that may be used either for civil purposes or for military purposes or to contribute to an increase in military potential, especially to design, develop, produce or use weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. According to trade facilitation measures included in the regulations, the registration system of exporters for dual-use items will be abolished, and the transparency and standardization of export control policies for dual-use items will be enhanced. Capital Digital Media.

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