

#### China/Africa: What to expect from Wang Yi's four-nation tour

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi made a brief stopover in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo on Sunday en route to Namibia, where he will begin a four-nation, week-long Africa tour. Wang's visit to the continent marks the 35th consecutive year that a Chinese foreign minister makes Africa the first overseas trip of the new year. After Namibia, Wang will also visit the Republic of the Congo and then, later in the week, head to West Africa for stops in Chad and Nigeria before returning to Beijing on Saturday. The selection of which countries the foreign ministers visit every January is typically not released until just a day or two before the trip begins, and it's rarely clear what factors were used to decide which countries make it onto the itinerary. The Africa Report.

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China-Africa cooperation is the largest and most dynamic form of South-South cooperation. It is comprehensive, cooperative and strategic. It is based on mutual respect and the principle of win-win cooperation. China and Africa share common aspirations for development and prosperity. Both are committed to developing a fair global governance system and represent the solidarity spirit of the Global South. It is the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in 2025.Significant achievements in trade, investment, infrastructure development and people-to-people relations have been recorded over the 25 years. China Daily.

# Chinese FM begins Africa visit, reaffirms strong China-Africa ties

The Chinese foreign minister's first overseas trip of the year has always been to Africa, a longstanding tradition and a distinctive hallmark of China's diplomacy, consistently upheld for 35 years without wavering, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said here on Monday. Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks when meeting with Namibian President-elect Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah after arriving in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, to start his first overseas trip in the new year. Xinhua.

# Commentary: China-Africa cooperation sets stellar example for advancing shared prosperity

As the new year unfolds, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has commenced his first overseas visit of 2025 with a tour of Africa, continuing a diplomatic tradition that marks its 35th year. The trip underscores China's enduring commitment to strengthening cooperation with Africa and bolstering solidarity among nations of the Global South. The visit builds on the foundation laid at the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) last year, where Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed that bilateral relations between China and all African countries having diplomatic ties with China be elevated to the level of strategic relations. People's Daily Online.

# Nigeria: China's BRI Will Boost Intra-African Trade - Obasanjo

Former President Olusegun Obasanjo has said that the proposed Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) by China

offers immense opportunity for Africa to boost intra-African trade and infrastructure development. Obasanjo who stated this in a recent interview with Xinhua, added that China's remarkable transformation over recent decades is "a source of inspiration and opportunity for Nigeria and Africa". He expressed great admiration for China's development while reflecting on his recent visit to the country in October 2024. With over 150 nations and over 30 international organizations involved, the BRI aims to enhance global connectivity and trade, he said, noting that improved communication and transportation networks are critical for developing the African continent. All Africa.

#### PowerChina to build major wind farm in Egypt

Egypt's largest onshore wind power project is to be designed and built by a Chinese company, which is deemed by insiders as a milestone in the country's renewable energy sector and demonstrates the growing global influence of Chinese energy and infrastructure firms. Power Construction Corp of China (PowerChina) signed an engineering, procurement and construction contract with Suez Wind Energy recently for a 1,100 megawatt wind power project in the country — the largest onshore wind power development in Egypt and the second-largest in Africa, it said. The project, following PowerChina's earlier 500 MW wind power facility in the region, sets a new record for the company's largest overseas project to date, it said. China Daily.

# Focus on ChinaGuo Haiyan Arrives in Nairobi as New Chinese Ambassador to Kenya

Ms. Guo Haiyan is the new Chinese Ambassador to Kenya, becoming the 18th envoy since the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries 61 years ago. Guo arrived in Nairobi on January 6, 2025, to assume her post, succeeding Zhou Pingjian, whose tenure ended in December 2024 after four years of service. Upon her arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Ambassador Guo was warmly received by Amb. Jane Makori, Deputy Director General of the State Department for Foreign Affairs. In her remarks, Guo expressed her commitment to working closely with the Kenyan government and its people to strengthen the traditional friendship between the two nations and advance practical cooperation for mutual benefit. Capital Digital Media.

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