



Chinese President Xi Jinping lauds Africa's growth

Chinese President Xi Jinping has lauded Africa for its continued growth despite the turmoil being experienced in most world economies. In a congratulatory letter to the African Union summit in Addis Ababa, Xi reassured that ties between China and Africa were at their best. He lauded the African Union for rallying the continent to speak in one voice on its causes. "I would like to extend, on behalf of the Chinese government and people, warm congratulations to countries and peoples in Africa," the letter reads in part. The Star.

China-Africa Cooperation: A Path to Sustainable Development and Climate Action

The 38th African Union (AU) Summit reaffirmed a shared belief among African leaders: the continent has the potential to reshape the global order. However, this can only be realized if African leadership takes a more decisive role on the international stage. With abundant natural resources and a dynamic youthful population, Africa has the foundation for economic transformation—but realizing this potential requires strategic cooperation with development partners to tackle global challenges. Capital News.

Chinese investment supports industrialisation in Africa, but only just

Industrialisation has been a long-standing goal in Africa, but the continent still lags behind other regions in manufacturing and economic development. Despite the economic growth in many countries in Africa, industrialisation remains hindered by several factors, including a lack of infrastructure, poor governance, and even colonialism. Despite these challenges, there is a renewed emphasis on industrialisation, with African Union Agenda 2063 giving significant emphasis to economic transformation through manufacturing and industrial development. China plays an important role in supporting Africa's industrialisation efforts through two main channels. Firstly, the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) has been instrumental in China's commitment to assisting Africa. The London School of Economics and Political Science.

Chinese medical team provides medical services and training in Ethiopia

Chinese doctor Li Hao, a member of the 25th Chinese medical team dispatched to Ethiopia, examines the recovery of a post-surgery patient with a local medical staff at the ward of the Tirunesh Beijing General Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Feb. 14, 2025. The 25th Chinese medical team dispatched to Ethiopia arrived in the country in May 2024 and has been providing medical services for local patients and training for local doctors. The Tirunesh Beijing General Hospital was also built as part of long-standing assistance efforts of the Chinese government. People wait for consultations at the Tirunesh Beijing General Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Feb. 14, 2025. The 25th Chinese medical team dispatched to Ethiopia arrived in the country in May 2024 and has been providing medical services for local patients and training for local doctors. The Tirunesh Beijing General Hospital was also built as part of long-standing assistance efforts of the Chinese government. People's Daily Online.

BRICS partnership opens up "greater horizons" for Egypt, says minister

Egypt's membership in BRICS has opened up "greater horizons," expanding opportunities to benefit from China's "inspiring" experience in high-quality development and modernization, Egyptian Finance Minister Ahmed Kouchouk has said. "We are very happy with our accession to BRICS and with the cooperation in all areas of joint work, including the economic or political tracks," Kouchouk told Xinhua in a recent interview. Egypt officially joined BRICS in early 2024, a significant step in enhancing its global economic position. He emphasized BRICS' importance as a forum for emerging economies to discuss priorities and policies and coordinate efforts to exchange expertise to enhance trade, economic and investment relations. Xinhua.

China is exporting its model of political authoritarianism to Africa

To expand its influence in Africa, China has stepped up its elite capture programs from hosting delegations and training to exporting its authoritarian model of governance. Graduates are now emerging from a school for politicians and officials in Tanzania, the first of its kind that China has set up in Africa. More may follow. By providing training, China ingratiate itself, creating interpersonal links with future leaders. As the school has started training those leaders in the Chinese Communist Party's ways of maintaining political and social control, it raises the prospect of greater oppression on the continent. The Australian Strategic Policy Institute Blog.

Kenya Sources Bulk of New KSh 68.7bn Loans From China

Kenya obtained 15 loans from China Development Bank, making it the main source of the cumulative KSh 68.7 billion the government borrowed from external bilateral and commercial lenders, between September and December last year. A significant chunk of the financing from China Development Bank will be used to upgrade/maintain roads such as a KSh 1bn loan to improve Cess (Nghonji) Rekeke Lake Jipe Road in Taita Taveta County, which will be repaid in 8 instalments from October 15 2027. The financing from bilateral lenders Germany, France and Italy will be used in setting up a National System Control Center of Electricity Grid, reforms, and to support a sustainable development budget. Kenyan Wall Street.