

US trade wars with China – and how they play out in Africa

First, China tends to have a defiant official response. It expresses disappointment, then states that the US policy position is not helpful to any country or the world economy. Second, China makes moves domestically to prioritise the interests of key, affected industries. Third, China will sometimes impose retaliatory sanctions. In 2018, for instance, China imposed a 25% tariff on US soybeans, a critical animal feed source. The US Department of Agriculture had to compensate US soybean farmers for their lost income. The Conversation.

S. Africa taking steps to get more tourists from China

Major tourism destination countries in Africa are making efforts to get a bigger share of Chinese tourists by ensuring they are ready. "The Chinese market is important for us and we see value in them. We have maintained our office in Beijing since 2011. China is a growth market for us and we have put in place a trusted tour operator scheme to increase visitors from China and India," said Nombulelo Guliwe, CEO of South African Tourism. Since February, South Africa has implemented the Trusted Tour Operator Scheme, or TTOS, wherein the tourism authority of the country vetted and selected 65 tour operators from South Africa, China and India to handle group visa applications and expedite visa approval. China Daily.

China-aided school excels in Botswana's national exams for 2nd year

China-aided Mmopane Primary School has excelled in the Primary School Leaving Examination, topping the Kweneng District in southern Botswana for the second consecutive year with a pass rate of 94.3 percent. At a celebration in Mmopane village, about 15 km northwest of Gaborone, on Friday, Counselor Cui Yin of the Chinese Embassy in Botswana congratulated Mmopane Primary School on its outstanding results in the 2024 Primary School Leaving Examination. Secretariat of the Chinese Follow-up Committee of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation.

UnionPay relaunches in Mauritius to improve cultural and business ties

China-based payment network UnionPay International has relaunched in Mauritius to renew its commitment to supporting businesses, fostering financial inclusions, and acknowledging the island's cultural heritage. The relaunch aims to bring together local banks, media, industry players, and influencers to collaborate and drive economic and technological advancement. Additionally, UnionPay focuses on meeting the needs and demands of its customers and partners while remaining compliant with local and international regulatory requirements. The Paypapers.

China's Deepening Economic, Humanitarian Ties with Nigeria

At a high-profile media dialogue in Lagos, the Consul-General of the People's Republic of China, Yan Yuqing, painted a vivid picture of China's unwavering commitment to deepening its ties with Nigeria. With China's investment in Africa soaring beyond \$40 billion, she underscored the nation's role as a pillar of economic transformation, technological advancement, and humanitarian support. Chiemelie Ezeobi reports. At a time when investments from major economies and multinational corporations into Africa have remained relatively static, China's economic engagement with the continent has experienced a meteoric rise. Reports indicate that China's investment in Africa has now reached approximately \$40 billion, reflecting a sustained commitment to economic cooperation. This Day Live.

Chinese companies look to Egypt to support exports as US-China tariffs continue to rise

Amid the ongoing trade tensions with the United States, Chinese companies are progressively turning to Egypt as a crucial center for investment and production. Mostafa Ibrahim, Deputy Chairman of the China Committee at the Egyptian Businessmen's Association, forecasts that Chinese investments in Egypt will reach between \$2 and \$3 billion by 2025. This comes as China aims to reduce the impact of rising tariffs from the US and explore new opportunities outside of its borders. Ibrahim noted that between 20 and 30 Chinese companies are seriously considering expanding into the Egyptian market this year, particularly targeting industries that are highly export-oriented, such as ready-made garments, textiles, home appliances, and technology. Egypt Today.

Kenya-China bolster ties as Speaker Wetang'ula hosts new Envoy

China has reaffirmed its strong bilateral relations with Kenya, emphasizing a renewed commitment to trade, infrastructure, education, and digital transformation. This follows a meeting between National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula and China's new ambassador to Kenya, H.E. Guo Haiyan, at Parliament Buildings in Nairobi. The discussions underscored Kenya's commitment to strengthening diplomatic and economic ties with Beijing, even as global geopolitics continue to shift. "The ties between our legislative bodies are crucial. I would also like to express my gratitude for your personal commitment and strong support for China," Ambassador Haiyan stated. KBC Digital.

Chinese Ambassador to

Kenya Guo Haiyan Pays a Courtesy Call on CS Julius Migos Ogamba

On March 4, H.E. Amb. Guo Haiyan paid a courtesy call on Mr. Julius Migos Ogamba, Cabinet Secretary for Ministry of Education. Amb. Guo said that educational cooperation is the key to sustainable development of China-Kenya cooperation. China is willing to join hands with the Kenyan side to implement the Global Civilization Initiative, continue to promote practical cooperation in the field of education, and advance the talent development and modernization of of both countries. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. People's Republic of China.

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