

Nigeria, China Sign MOU To Boost Technical, Vocational Education

The Nigerian government has sealed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with China to enhance Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the country. Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Alausa represented by the Permanent Secretary, Dr. Nasir Sani-Gwarzo, emphasised that the partnership would equip Nigerians with hands-on skills, strengthen technical education, and improve the implementation of vocational training nationwide. Voice of Nigeria.

Fencing Federation picks seven for World Junior Championships in China

The Nigeria Fencing Federation has picked a seven-member squad for next month's World Junior Fencing Championships in Wuxi, China from April 7 to 15. Leading the team is Nigeria's highest-ranked fencer, Inkosi Brou, who has been highly active this year, participating in numerous tournaments in his quest to become the first Nigerian to compete in the Olympic fencing event. Brou, ranked 22nd in the junior category by the International Fencing Federation, brings a wealth of experience and is expected to guide the team in China. The Nation Newspaper.

Chinese amb. to Egypt: Beijing backs plan to rebuild Gaza

Chinese Ambassador to Egypt Liao Liqiang on Monday reaffirmed that China supports the Gaza Strip reconstruction plan jointly adopted by Egypt and other Arab nations, as "Gaza is the homeland of the Palestinian people". Liao, in statements to China Daily newspaper, said that China is a "strategic partner of the Middle East countries" and a "sincere friend of the Arab brothers". "China will continue to steadfastly fight for justice, peace and development for the people of the Middle East, and support the Middle East countries in independently handling their future and exploring their own path of development, in order to realize their dream of peace and revitalization at an early date," he said. Egyptian Gazette.

Congo Plans to Raise Stake in Chinese Mining Venture to 70%

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) plans to significantly increase its stake in a cobalt and copper joint venture with Chinese firms, aiming to raise its share from 32% to 70%. This move comes amid concerns that the current deal, which sees the Chinese companies dominate the venture, has not provided adequate benefits to Congo, particularly in terms of resource control and revenue. The intent is to adjust Congo's stake and secure greater oversight of the Sicomines venture was outlined in a document obtained by Reuters. The proposal forms part of the country's broader effort to renegotiate a \$6 billion infrastructure-for-minerals agreement signed in 2008. News Central TV.

Kenya, China ink major deal to boost nuclear energy development

Kenya and China have signed a milestone Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on nuclear energy development, marking a significant step toward Kenya's ambition of establishing its first nuclear power plant. The agreement between Nuclear Power and Energy Agency (Nupea) and China

Nuclear Engineering and Construction Corporation (CNECC) signed Wednesday outlines cooperation in research, innovation, and technology transfer. The main focus will be on building technical expertise in nuclear energy implementation. The Star.

Algeria cancels deep-water port project with China

Algeria has officially shelved a \$3 billion project to build what could have been one of Africa's largest ports, nine years after a group of Chinese and Algerian companies signed an initial agreement, Ports Europe reported. The Algerian authorities, China State Construction Engineering Corporation and the China Harbour Engineering Company, signed an initial agreement in 2016 to develop El-Hamdania port. The deep-water facility, at Cherchell, about 90km west of the capital Algiers, would have had an annual capacity of 26 million tonnes of goods. Arabian Gulf Business Insight.

China Faces PR Challenge in Zambia

As U.S. President Donald Trump threatens to make copper another battlefield in his trade wars, planning to introduce tariffs, China is dealing with a public-relations disaster at a copper mine in Africa. A massive acid spill at a Chinese-run mine in Zambia last month has contaminated the Kafue River, the country's most important waterway. The damage from 50 million liters of acidic waste is visible far downstream, with devastating effects. Roughly 60 percent of Zambians depend on the Kafue; the water supply to 700,000 people in the city of Kitwe was cut off shortly after the spill—though it was later partially restored. Pollution may end up further downstream in the Zambezi River, Africa's fourth-longest. Foreign Policy.

<u>Vice President of Zambia Attends Donation Ceremony of Floods Relief Items from the Zambia Chinese Association</u>

On March 17, Her Honour Mutale Nalumango, Vice President of Zambia, attended the donation ceremony of floods relief items from the Zambia Chinese Association held at the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU). Mr. Wang Sheng, Chargé d'Affaires of the Chinese Embassy in Zambia, Mr. Zhang Jian, Chairman of the Zambia Chinese Association, and Hon. Sheal Mulyata, Minister of Lusaka Province were present. Mr. Wang said in his speech that China and Zambia have long shared weal and woe and are committed to mutual assistance. China empathizes with the Zambian people who have suffered from recent floods. Zawya.

Please note: The news items presented here are for informational purposes. The views expressed within them are those of the authors and/or individuals quoted, not those of the Africa Policy Institute.