



### [China-Africa expo opens with focus on economic ties, new deals](#)

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### [China ready to drop all tariffs on African imports](#)

China has said it is ready to drop the tariffs it charges on imports from all 53 African countries with which it has diplomatic relations. The move, announced at a China-Africa co-operation meeting, comes as the continent is facing the possibility of increased tariffs on its products entering the US. China is Africa's largest trading partner – a position it has held for the last 15 years – with Africa exporting goods to the Asian nation worth around \$170bn (£125bn) in 2023. BBC.

### [FOCAC Changsha meeting showcases concrete gains in China-Africa strategic partnership](#)

China and African nations have hailed substantial progress in implementing commitments from the 2024 Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), with China providing over RMB130 billion in financial support and announcing 35 concrete achievements across ten sectors. This was revealed during the Ministerial Meeting of Coordinators on the Implementation of Follow-up Actions, held from June 10 to 12 in Changsha, Hunan Province. KBC Digital.

### [Can Africa Move Up the Critical Mineral Value Chain? The Hard Truth Behind a Familiar Chorus](#)

As China opens its doors wider to African exports, extending duty-free market access to all 53 diplomatic partners on the continent, the announcement was met with applause in ministerial corridors from Nairobi to Niamey. For many, the new policy represents another chance for Africa to claim a greater share of the value generated from its abundant mineral wealth. But beneath the celebratory rhetoric lies a stubborn question: Can African nations realistically move up the critical mineral value chain? China Global South Project.

### [Chinese agri-tech firms shine at Kenya expo](#)

The hum of excited conversations filled the air as visitors navigated the bustling aisles of the 10th Agritec Africa, an international exhibition and conference on agriculture technology currently underway in Nairobi, Kenya's capital. Among the attendees was 51-year-old Henry Wesonga, a farmer from Trans-Nzoia County in northwestern Kenya, who listened attentively as representatives from Beijing Ecoman Biotech Com., Ltd., explained the benefits of biological pest control over conventional chemical methods. Xinhua.

### **China to Expand Zero-Tariff Treatment to 53 African Countries**

China will expand the preferential policy offering tariff-free treatment to 53 African countries to further strengthen the economic cooperation between China and Africa. "China is ready to, through negotiating and signing the agreement of China-Africa Economic Partnership for Shared Development, expand the zero-tariff treatment for 100 percent tariff lines to all 53 African countries having diplomatic relations with China, or all African countries except Eswatini, to welcome quality products from Africa to the Chinese market," according to the China-Africa Changsha Declaration on Upholding Solidarity and Cooperation of the Global South released on June 11. Yicai Media Group.

### **China-Africa expo opens with economic ties in focus**

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### **The Reception for the 25th Anniversary of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and the Fourth China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo Held in Changsha**

On June 11, 2025, the Reception for the 25th Anniversary of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and the Fourth China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo was held in Changsha. Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Foreign Minister Jean-Claude Gakosso of the Republic of the Congo, the African Co-chair of FOCAC attended and addressed the event.

### **The Chinese FDI Boom in Africa That Wasn't**

For years, China has been seen as the pivotal international economic partner across Africa. That was certainly true in terms of steadily rising trade volumes and a fire hose of state backed loans that built roads, railways, and ports across the continent. But when it comes to investment, China's always been a laggard behind the United States and the former European colonial powers. Today, it's the UAE, not China, that is the continent's largest source of foreign direct investment. China Global South Project.

### **China's top diplomat calls for more success stories in China-Africa cooperation**

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has called for more success stories resulting from China-Africa cooperation to contribute to the China-Africa friendship, and to bring hope for self-reliant development and better lives to people on the African continent. Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, cited the experience of Musa Darboe, a Gambian farmer and entrepreneur who has benefited immensely from China's hybrid rice technology, as an example. Xinhua.

### **Wang Yi Conducts Speed Diplomacy With Nine African Foreign Ministers**

China's top diplomat Wang Yi conducted another one of his signature rounds of speed diplomacy with foreign ministers from at least nine African countries on the sidelines of a ministerial gathering this week in central Hunan province. Specific details of the discussions between Wang and the various foreign ministers were not released but the substance of those talks may not be as important as the optics. CGSP.

#### **4th China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo opens to general public**

A foreign visitor poses for photos with a Chinese car during the fourth China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo at Changsha International Convention and Exhibition Center in Changsha, central China's Hunan Province, June 13, 2025. The expo had its curtain lifted here on Thursday, and remains open to the general public from June 13 to 15. Xinhua.

#### **S. African youths hail Chinese tech training**

Maipato Veronica Maine, a 27-year-old South African, is confident that the one-year training in e-commerce she received in China will change her life for the better. Maine is one of the 84 South African graduates who returned from China after undergoing training in e-commerce in late May. She said she learned digital marketing and cross border e-commerce. During the training, she also completed an internship at a company that manufactures electric vehicle batteries in Wuhan, Hubei province. China Daily.

#### **China, African countries sign 28 infrastructure cooperation projects**

China and multiple African countries signed 28 infrastructure cooperation projects during the China-Africa infrastructure cooperation exchange event held on Thursday in Changsha, central China's Hunan Province, with the total contract value amounting to \$5.27 billion. The projects encompass various forms of cooperation, including China's contracted projects in Africa, commercial contracts for engineering-related investments, framework agreements, and strategic cooperation agreements. ECNS.

#### **China, Africa unlock development potential at key expo**

The 4th China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo (CAETE) opened Thursday in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, drawing a record-breaking of over 30,000 participants from 53 African countries, 11 international organizations and 27 Chinese provincial-level regions, highlighting the dynamic two-way economic ties. Xinhua.

#### **Africa's Critical Minerals Future Still Runs Through China**

At a recent OECD High-Level Dialogue on Africa in Paris, political leaders from across the continent laid out a bold aspiration: to stop being mere suppliers of raw materials and begin adding value to their critical mineral wealth. Ghana's Lands Minister spoke of domestic lithium refining. Nigeria's Solid Minerals Minister called for investment in local processing. Morocco unveiled an ambitious "OTC Corridor" (Origin, Transit, and Certification) strategy to become a hub for mineral validation and transport. Strat News Global.