

## China-Africa ties redefine South-South cooperation amid global divisions

As the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation celebrates its 25th anniversary, it stands as a powerful testament to how genuine partnership and sustained commitment can foster development, progress and solidarity especially among countries of the Global South. Since its establishment, Focac has played a pivotal role in transforming China-Africa relations into a comprehensive and strategic collaboration. What began as a diplomatic platform has evolved into a dynamic engine for collective growth and a model for equitable international cooperation. The Star.

### Africa looks to China as preferred and reliable development partner

From the remotest to sprawling metropolises across Africa, China has received recognition as a preferred global power — not through military might or cultural dominance, but by building roads, laying railway tracks and creating opportunities, according to new surveys and experts. Many African countries look at China as a trusted partner who treats them as equals and delivers large-scale infrastructure projects that have reshaped skylines and opened up new paths where none existed before. China Daily.

## 4th China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo wraps up with fruitful results

The 4th China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo wrapped up with fruitful results, as the event, after review by the organizing committee, announced 176 signed projects with a total value of \$11.39 billion, up 45.8 percent in project numbers and up 10.6 percent in project value compared with the previous edition, the organizers told a press conference on Sunday. Chen Zhuoyi, an official of the Hubei Provincial People's Government, announced these figures as the four-day event came to an end on Sunday in Changsha, Central China's Hubei Province. Global Times.

### A shared mission: Greening Africa's deserts with Chinese expertise

Scientists from northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region are working to help African countries transform the sandy regions into greener, arable land with more trees and productive agricultural practices. By leveraging smart technologies, indigenous Chinese expertise and a dual commitment to sand control and economic growth, they aim to establish sustainable ecosystems in these regions that have long suffered from desertification, known as "the cancer of Earth." Xinhua.

#### China-Africa expo seals \$11.4 billion in deals

The fourth China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo announced 176 signed projects worth \$11.4 billion, marking a 45.8 percent increase in project count and a 10.6 percent rise in value compared to the previous edition, a news conference announced on Sunday in Changsha, Hunan province. Visitor numbers surged significantly. By Sunday noon, attendance at the main exhibition hall had surpassed 200,000 – doubling the previous expo's figures. China Daily.

Both black boxes of Air India plane recovered: media

Both the black boxes of Air India flight 171, including the flight data recorder (FDR) and cockpit voice recorder (CVR), have been found, P.K. Mishra, principal secretary to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, said in an official statement late on Sunday. According to the Hindustan Times early on Monday, the second black box found was the CVR, and the previous one was the FDR. People's Daily Online.

### Highlights of 4th China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo

In 2024, China-Africa trade reached \$295.6 billion, a 4.8 percent year-on-year increase, setting a record high for the fourth consecutive year. China has maintained its position as Africa's largest trading partner for 16 straight years. Since its launch in 2019, the China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo (CAETE) has been held three times. This year's expo brings new exhibition zones and innovative cooperation models, injecting fresh momentum into China-Africa cooperation. China Daily.

# NGX Group, SEC Reaffirm Commitment to Deepen Nigeria-China Financial Ties

In a strategic move to position Nigeria's capital market as a catalyst for cross-border investments, Nigerian Exchange Group Plc (NGX Group) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), have reaffirmed their commitment to fostering cross-border capital market partnerships. Their current engagements in China reflect a broader drive to strengthen Nigeria's connectivity to global financial markets and attract new investment flows. This Day Newspaper.

## AfDB president praises progress on landmark Chinese-built projects in Tanzania

President of the African Development Bank (AfDB) Akinwumi Adesina on Saturday praised the progress of two major infrastructure projects underway in the Tanzanian capital of Dodoma, being constructed by Chinese companies. Adesina made the remarks after inspecting the AfDB-financed projects alongside President Samia Suluhu Hassan. The first stop was the Msalato International Airport, a flagship development being built by several Chinese firms under the supervision of the Tanzania National Roads Agency and the Tanzania Airports Authority. Xinhua.

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