



Will China's Trade Strategy in Africa Succeed Where Europe's Didn't?

At a recent ministerial meeting in the central Chinese city of Changsha, Beijing announced an ambitious new phase of its engagement with Africa: the possibility of eliminating customs duties on exports from all 53 African countries (except for Eswatini, which maintains diplomatic relations with Taiwan). While many media outlets quickly presented this as a done deal, the reality is more nuanced: China says it is "ready" to act, subject to negotiations and the establishment of a new economic partnership framework. South China Morning Post.

The return of China's 'Little Africa'

Other than his native Tanzania, 32-year-old businessman Justice George Kaundama is interested in only one country. "China-Africa is the future," he says, sitting on the veranda of Shamwaa, the Tanzanian restaurant he opened last year in Guangzhou. "We are going to be big partners." Kaundama first came to the southern Chinese city, known for decades as China's "Little Africa", in 2018. After studying Mandarin for two years, he opened a logistics company shipping Chinese goods back to Tanzania. He came to China to get rich. More than six years in, he says he is getting there. Financial Times

Chinese motorcycles drive mobility, opportunity in Africa

After dropping off a passenger, Rwandan motorcycle taxi driver Emmanuel Nsabimana quickly picks up his next ride. A year ago, he bought a Chinese-brand motorcycle, which has since become a reliable partner in his daily work. "It is durable and comfortable. Passengers love it," Emmanuel said with a smile. In many African cities, such as Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, motorcycles have become a popular mode of transport due to their flexibility, convenience and affordability. They not only serve as private vehicles but also play a key role in public transit, especially in congested urban areas. Xinhua.

China-Africa Cooperation Reaches New Height at Hunan Expo

The fourth China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo, themed "China and Africa: Together Toward Modernization," saw 176 projects inked, valued at 11.39 billion USD. It denoted a 45.8 percent increase in the number of projects and a 10.6 percent increase in investment value compared to the previous edition. Hosted in Changsha, Hunan province in central China, it is a crucial platform for implementing the economic initiatives of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC). Science and Technology Daily.

Africa-China trade hits US\$134bn in first 5 months of 2025

Africa's trade with China has reached a record high of US\$134billion in the first five months of 2025, representing a 12.4 percent year-on-year growth, Chinese Ambassador to Ghana, Tong Defa, has disclosed. Speaking during a media briefing at his residence in Accra on Wednesday, June 19, Mr. Tong said the performance marked the highest trade volume ever recorded during that period and reaffirmed China's position as Africa's largest trading partner for 16 consecutive years. Business & Financial Times.

China honours aid doctor Zhang Junqiao who died saving drowning woman in Tanzania

China has paid tribute to a Chinese doctor in Tanzania who died saving a woman in distress in the sea, saying his heroism exemplified the deep China-Africa friendship and the dedication of Chinese medical teams. Zhang Junqiao, a 38-year-old anaesthesiologist working in Tanzania as part of a Chinese medical team, went to the aid of the drowning Tanzanian woman off Dar es Salaam on June 15. Images from the scene showed Zhang keeping her afloat while helping her into a life jacket moments before he went under the waves. South China Morning Post.

China an inspiration, partner for development, says South Africa's Gauteng Province premier

China's rapid development and technological innovation offer both inspiration and opportunities for international cooperation, said Panyaza Lesufi, premier of South Africa's Gauteng Province. Lesufi led a delegation to attend the fourth China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo (CAETE) in central China's Hunan Province from June 10 to 14. Gauteng, home to the metropolitan municipalities of Johannesburg and Pretoria, is South Africa's most populous province and economic heartland, contributing substantially to the country's economy and development. Xinhua.

China-Africa trade expo catalyzes economic cooperation, says Zimbabwean official

The fourth China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo (CAETE) was a huge success and served as a catalyst for enhanced trade relations between China and Africa, Allan Majuru, chief executive officer (CEO) of Zimbabwe's trade promotion agency ZimTrade, told Xinhua Monday. In a written interview, Majuru showered praise on the expo for helping Zimbabwean companies to gain more knowledge about the requirements of the Chinese market. Xinhua.

Chinese, Mozambican presidents exchange congratulations on 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday exchanged congratulations with Mozambican President Daniel Chapo on the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties between China and Mozambique. Xi noted that over the 50 years since the establishment of diplomatic ties, China and Mozambique have trusted and supported each other, and the friendship between the two countries remains rock-solid regardless of changes in the international landscape. African News Agency.