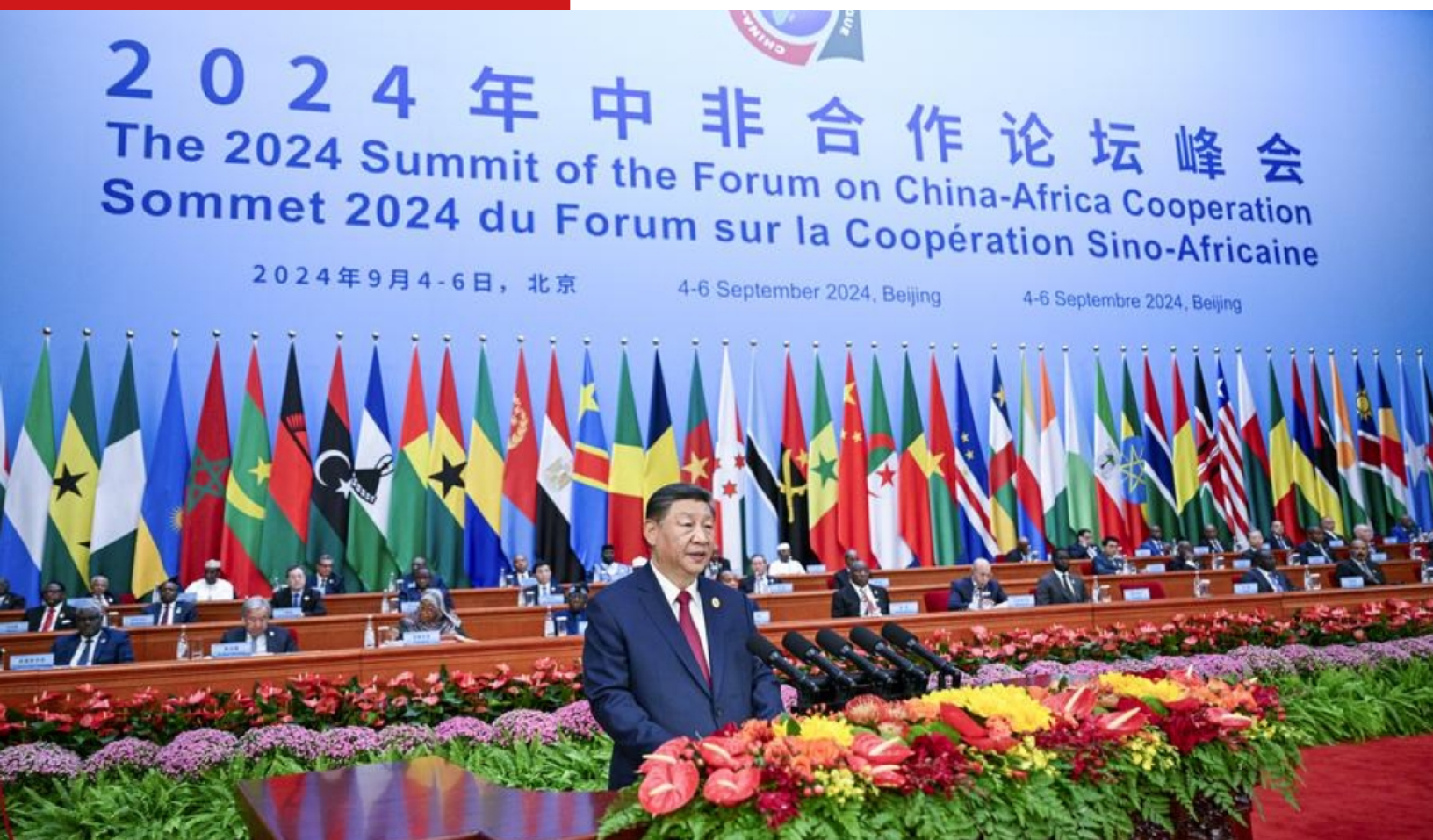




# FOCAC 2024

## SUMMARY

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## Preface

From September 4 to 6, 2024, the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation and the Ninth Ministerial Conference were held in Beijing. Heads of State and Government, Heads of Delegation, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Ministers responsible for Economic Cooperation from China and 53 African countries attended the Summit and the Ministerial Meeting respectively.

The two sides appreciate that since its establishment 24 years ago, the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation has followed the historical trend of peace, development, cooperation and win-win results, overcome challenges such as the intertwined international situation, weak global economic recovery, and raging COVID-19 epidemic, and promoted the comprehensive and in-depth development of China-Africa friendly cooperation., becoming an efficient platform for South-South cooperation and a "golden sign" leading international cooperation with Africa.

The two sides expressed satisfaction with the full and effective implementation of the follow-up actions of the "Nine Projects," the Dakar Action Plan (2022-2024), the China-Africa Cooperation Vision 2035, and the China-Africa Declaration on Climate Change Cooperation proposed by the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the Forum in 2021. We appreciate the successful hosting of the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue in South Africa and the launching of the "Initiative to Support African Industrialization," the "China Plan to Promote African Agricultural Modernization" and the "China-Africa Talent Development Cooperation Plan." We will jointly implement the

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above-mentioned initiatives and plans and realize common development and prosperity.

During COVID-19, the two sides spoke highly of China and Africa's mutual assistance and joint efforts to overcome difficulties, and the successful holding of the China-Africa Special Summit on Solidarity against COVID-19, which set an example for the world to jointly fight against COVID-19 and write a new chapter for the China-Africa community of shared future. The Chinese side thanks the African side for supporting China's decisive anti-epidemic action. The African side appreciates China's important support and anti-epidemic assistance to Africa.

The two sides spoke highly of China-Africa relations, guided by the principles of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith and the correct values of justice and shared interests, adhering to openness, inclusiveness and inclusiveness, and entering a new era of building a high-level China-Africa community with a shared future. China will not interfere with African countries in exploring a development path suited to their national conditions, not interfere in their internal affairs, not impose its will on others, not attach any political conditions to aid to Africa, and not seek unilateral political gains in investment and financing to Africa. The two sides will always uphold the "spirit of China-Africa friendship and cooperation" and jointly build an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future in the new era.

The two sides fully affirmed the call made by Chinese and African leaders for building a community with a shared future for mankind, high-quality joint efforts to build the Belt and Road Initiative, the Global Development Initiative and the World Security Initiative, The Global Civilization Initiative and conceptual initiatives such as the AU

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Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, We will work with other countries to promote global governance based on extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, build a new type of international relations, practice the common values of all mankind, and work together to build an open, inclusive, clean and beautiful world of lasting peace, universal security and common prosperity.

The two sides believe that Africa is an important partner in jointly building the Belt and Road cooperation. Guided by the Silk Road Spirit of peace and cooperation, openness and inclusiveness, mutual learning and mutual benefit and the African Union's Agenda 2063, we will uphold the principle of extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits. The African Union's Agenda 2063, especially the African Infrastructure Development Plan (PIDA), The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the development strategies of African countries are closely aligned, and they will jointly strengthen the safety and security of BRI projects and personnel, so as to make greater contributions to promoting international cooperation, promoting global economic growth and accelerating the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda.

China appreciates Africa's efforts to strengthen itself through unity, accelerate integration, and jointly address various risks and challenges, and appreciates Egypt and other African countries for successfully hosting the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The two sides firmly believe that the development of China and Africa will bring more opportunities for human development, collective security and mutual respect for each other's civilizations. The two sides will work together on the above-mentioned initiatives, raise common voices on issues of common

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concern to the developing world, and jointly advocate a multi-polar, equal and orderly world and inclusive economic globalization.

The two sides believe that changes in the world, times and history are unfolding in an unprecedented manner. The "Global South," represented by China and Africa, is booming, profoundly influencing the course of world history. The two sides always breathe the same breath and share the same destiny with other developing countries, adhere to independence, actively carry out South-South cooperation, oppose ideological line-drawing and bloc confrontation, and safeguard the common interests of the "global South" countries in the new round of global governance system reform. The two sides support each other in safeguarding national sovereignty, security and development interests. The African side firmly adheres to the one-China principle and stands ready to give firm support on issues concerning China's core interests and major concerns.

The two sides believe that China is the largest developing country and is committed to promoting high-quality development through high-level opening up, and comprehensively promoting the building of a powerful country and national rejuvenation through Chinese-style modernization. Africa spoke highly of the Third Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China held in July this year. It is believed that the meeting will make systematic arrangements for China to further comprehensively deepen reform and promote Chinese-style modernization, which will bring more opportunities and hopes to all countries in the world, including African countries. Africa is home to the largest number of developing countries. It has fully launched the second ten-year implementation plan of the African Union's Agenda 2063, accelerated the construction of the continental free trade area, and is committed to building an integrated,

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prosperous and peaceful Africa. On the basis of their respective countries' development and revitalization, the two sides will jointly explore the modernization of peaceful development, mutually beneficial cooperation and common prosperity, and build a China-Africa partnership of mutual trust, mutual benefit, mutual assistance and mutual learning to better benefit the Chinese and African peoples.

The two sides appreciate the holding of "Enhancing Exchange of Experience in Governance, Exploring the Path of Modernization," "Industrialization, Agricultural Modernization and Green Development, the Road to Modernization," "Working Together for Lasting Peace, A common future of universal security provides a solid guarantee for modern development The four high-level meetings on high-quality Belt and Road cooperation and building a platform for modern development featuring extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits will take into account the important consensus reached by Chinese and African leaders to deepen exchanges and cooperation in these areas.

In order to implement the outcomes of the FOCAC Summit and to plan for China-Africa friendly and mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields for the next three years or more, centering on the theme of "Jointly Advancing Modernization and Building a High-level China-Africa Community of Shared Future," the two sides have jointly formulated and adopted this Action Plan.

## **2. China will unilaterally support key African initiatives in the next three years .**

The African side highly appreciates the key measures for cooperation with Africa in the next three years announced by President Xi Jinping

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at the opening ceremony of the Beijing Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation, and believes that these measures are forward-looking and strategic, in line with the future development needs of Africa, and will inject strong impetus into the leapfrog development of China-Africa cooperation. The African side is willing to work with China to strengthen the alignment of development strategies and jointly promote the implementation of relevant measures.

China stands ready to work with Africa in the next three years to implement the ten initiatives of China-Africa cooperation for modernization, which cover mutual learning among civilizations, trade prosperity, industrial chain cooperation, connectivity, development cooperation, health, rural development and people-to-people exchanges, green development and security cooperation.

### **1. Partnership for Mutual Learning among Civilizations.**

China is willing to join hands with Africa to build a dialogue partner of the Global Civilization Initiative and establish a platform for the exchange of experience in governance between China and Africa. Support the establishment of China-Africa Development Knowledge Network and 25 China-Africa Research Centers. Relying on the African Leadership Academy to cultivate governance talents, 1,000 African political party personages were invited to China for exchanges.

### **2. Partnership for Trade and Prosperity.**

To grant zero tariff treatment to 100% of the products of the tariff lines of the least developed countries having diplomatic relations with China; To negotiate and sign with African countries willing to expand the economy; Strengthen cooperation in inspection, quarantine and standards, and expand access for African agricultural products to China. We will deepen China-Africa e-commerce cooperation, support African

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countries to set up national pavilions in China's "Silk Road E-commerce" cooperation pilot zone, and hold "Lecture on the Cloud" to cultivate African e-commerce talents. Implement the "China-Africa Quality Improvement Plan," set up China-Africa Standardization Cooperation and Research Center, China-Africa Trade Digital Mutual Trust Verification Platform, and carry out China-Africa Conformity Assessment Capacity Improvement Actions.

### **3. Industrial Chain Partnership Action.**

We will support the construction of local value chains, the development of manufacturing and the deep processing of key minerals in Africa, build a growth circle for China-Africa industrial cooperation in five African regions, support the construction of 10 supporting facilities in industrial parks, and hold 100 workshops for industrialized talents. Efforts will be made to build a pilot zone for in-depth economic and trade cooperation between China and Africa, set up a service fund for in-depth economic and trade cooperation between China and Africa, and promote the integration of production and trade between Chinese and African enterprises and the interconnected development of the park. **Implement the "African SMEs Empowerment Program,"** provide financing support for the development of SMEs in Africa, hold 50 matchmaking activities, and train 1,000 business management talents. Jointly build a China-Africa Digital Technology Cooperation Center and promote Chinese enterprises to build 20 digital infrastructure and digital transformation demonstration projects in Africa.

### **4. Partnership for Connectivity.**

China firmly supports Africa's integration process, will support Africa in implementing 30 infrastructure connectivity projects, and will continue to provide assistance to the African Union and the African continent's

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free trade area. Promote the joint development of transportation facilities and industrial parks built and operated by Chinese enterprises in Africa, and build a multi-modal transport system for water, land, rail and sea in central and western China to Africa. We will enhance China-Africa financial market connectivity, **deepen cooperation in local currency settlement and financial technology, and welcome African countries to issue panda bonds in China.**

### **5. Development Partnership Action.**

China is willing to jointly issue the China-Africa Joint Statement on Deepening Cooperation within the Framework of the Global Development Initiative with Africa, build a network of global development promotion centers, and assist in the implementation of 1,000 "small but beautiful" livelihood projects. Support Africa in hosting the 2026 Youth Olympic Games and the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations. China - Africa (Ethiopia) - United Nations (Industrial Development Organization) Cooperation Center of Excellence. The Chinese government will contribute **50 million US dollars for the establishment of the China-World Bank Group Partnership Fund**, with a focus on supporting African countries to achieve inclusive and sustainable development. At the same time, we call on the international community to take concerted action to encourage the global private sector to provide liquidity and other financial support to African countries to better help Africa achieve sustainable development.

### **6. Partnership for Health Action.**

We will establish a China-Africa Hospital Alliance, build a number of China-Africa joint medical centers and traditional medicine centers with African countries, strengthen cooperation in traditional medicine and wisdom medicine, and implement the "minimally invasive

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medicine" program. Deepen China-Africa technical cooperation in public health, train 100 professionals, and support the construction and operation of the headquarters of the African CDC and five sub-regional centers, We will send 2,000 medical team members and public health experts to African countries to carry out the "One Hundred Teams and One Thousand Villages" free medical treatment campaign, and continue to provide assistance within our capacity to the epidemic situation in Africa. Implementation of 10 health facility projects and 10 malaria elimination demonstration projects; **We will encourage Chinese enterprises to invest in pharmaceutical and vaccine production projects in Africa** and expand Africa's indigenous pharmaceutical production capacity.

#### 7. Partnership for Agriculture and People.

Support hunger eradication, food security and sustainable agricultural development in Africa, We will establish a China-Africa cooperation network for agricultural modernization, build or upgrade 10 agricultural technology demonstration centers, build no less than 100 thousand mu of overseas demonstration zones for Chinese agricultural standardization, and provide 1 billion yuan of emergency food aid to African countries. We will build a China-Africa Agricultural Science and Technology Innovation Alliance, build 100 agricultural poverty reduction demonstration villages, send 500 agricultural experts to African countries, train 1,000 agricultural leaders, and promote the construction and development of China-Africa Cooperation Center for Fungi and Grass and China-Africa Bamboo Center. The "One Hundred Enterprises and One Thousand Villages" campaign was carried out in depth, and 500 public welfare projects were implemented in the fields of maternal and child health, education and training, rural development, and clean drinking water. **We will encourage non-Chinese enterprises to create at least 1 million local jobs.**

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## 8. Partnership for People-to-People Exchange.

We will further implement the "Future Africa - China-Africa Vocational Education Cooperation Plan," build engineering and technical colleges with African countries, and build or upgrade 10 "Luban Workshops" and 20 schools. Provide 60,000 training opportunities to Africa, focusing on the implementation of the "African Women's Empowerment Program" and the "African Youth Pre-employment Training Program"; We will improve the China-Africa science and education cooperation mechanism platform and set up a China-Africa digital education regional cooperation center. We will implement 10 people-to-people exchange projects, jointly promote the China-Africa "Cultural Silk Road" plan, invite 1,000 African cultural and tourism professionals to China for training, implement the "China-Africa Radio, Film and Television Audio-Visual Innovation Cooperation Plan," and **designate 2026 as the "China-Africa Year of People-to-People Exchange."**

## 9. Green Development Partnership Action.

We will support Africa in enhancing its capacity to adapt to climate change, provide new energy resources technologies and products, implement 30 clean energy and green development projects, and set up a **China-Africa Green Industry Chain Fund**. Capacity-building and joint research in disaster prevention, mitigation and relief, biodiversity protection, environmental quality improvement and desertification control, and cooperation in building meteorological early warning platforms. China has established the China-Africa Forum on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Technologies, established 30 joint laboratories with African countries, established the Africa Centre of China-Africa Satellite Remote Sensing application Cooperation Centre, carried out maritime spatial planning cooperation, and supported African

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countries in participating in the International Lunar Research Station Project and China's lunar exploration program.

#### 10. Operation Safe Partnership.

China is willing to join hands with Africa to establish a partnership to implement the Global Security Initiative, build a model area for cooperation on the Global Security Initiative, and carry out early cooperation on the Initiative. China has provided free military aid of RMB 1 billion to Africa, supported the military development of African countries, trained 6,000 African military personnel, invited 500 young African officers to visit China, conducted joint exercises and training and cruises between Chinese and African armed forces, and implemented the "Action for Freeing Africa from Landmines." We will deepen exchanges and cooperation in the joint construction of the Belt and Road Initiative, train 1,000 police law enforcement officers for Africa, and jointly safeguard cooperation projects and personnel safety.

To advance the implementation of the Ten Partnerships Initiative, the Chinese government is ready to provide financial support worth **360 billion yuan over the next three years**. This includes a RMB 210 billion credit line, RMB 80 billion in various types of assistance, and encouraging Chinese enterprises to invest no less than RMB 70 billion in Africa, thus providing strong support for China-Africa practical cooperation in various fields.

In addition, China and Africa agreed to further strengthen political, Peace and security, exchanges and mutual learning among civilizations in governance, modernization, and the Belt and Road Initiative, support for Africa's agricultural modernization, support for African industrialization, support the development of African talents and the empowerment of women and children, energy and trade, sustainable

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development, and social and cultural cooperation. In accordance with the procedures of the FOCAC Follow-up Mechanism, the two sides decided to hold **the 10th FOCAC Ministerial Meeting in the Republic of the Congo in 2027**, and the 18th and 19th Senior Officials' Meetings in 2026 and 2027 respectively.

Starting from the 11th Forum Ministerial Conference in 2030, the term of the African co-chairs of the Forum will be shortened from six years to three years. We welcome the assumption of the co-chairmanship of the Republic of the Congo from 2024 to 2027 and the Republic of Equatorial Guinea from 2027 to 2030

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