



## Weekly China Briefing

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The Weekly China Briefing is compiled by the Centre for Chinese Studies at Stellenbosch University, South Africa. It tracks China business news with a special focus on China and Africa.

**Angola; Dongfeng-Nissan auto plant opens in April** The Zhengzhou Nissan car plant set up in Angola by China's Dongfeng and Japan's Nissan will begin production in April, six months behind



schedule. Dongfeng, which ranks second among the "Big Five" of China's automakers, has an equal stake in the joint venture which will commence operations in the Viana industrial zone, north of Luanda. [Read More](#)

**Malawi; Tobacco deal with China imminent**

The last details and arrangements for a tobacco export agreement between China and Malawi are on the verge of being finalised. This represents a major boost for the Malawian economy which is heavily dependent on tobacco. Malawi and China have only recently agreed to establish diplomatic relations at an ambassadorial level following the ending of ties between Taiwan and the African country. [Read More](#)



**First Confucius Institute in Nigeria officially unveiled**

The first Confucius Institute in Nigeria has been formally inaugurated at Nnamdi Azikiwe University in the southern state of Anambra. The Confucius Institute will foster inter-cultural and language communications between the two countries, and will also assist the university in its endeavour to acquire international recognition. [Read More](#)

**Chinese FM says China-Africa co-op a driving force behind African development**

Chinese Foreign Minister, Yang Jiechi, recently announced in Beijing that China-Africa cooperation is a driving force behind African development. Yang added that it is clearly evident that African countries and people welcome China and that this partnership is based on sincerity, equality, friendship, mutual support, and common development. [Read More](#)



**Nigeria; Benue to source N12bn loan from China**

Governor Gabriel Tor-Suswam announced that Benue State will receive a loan of approximately US\$ 100 million from China to finance developmental projects. The credit facility will be used for road construction, water supply, as well as health and education sector infrastructure. [Read More](#)

**Caledonia says unit signs further two cobalt sales deals with Chinese refiners**

Caledonia Nama Ltd unit has signed two more cobalt off-take agreements with large Chinese refiners. This brings Nama's total contractual commitments for its cobalt project between 2009 and 2013 to 35,560 tonnes of cobalt metal equivalent. Under the deals, Nama will supply a minimum of 16,560 tonnes of cobalt metal equivalent, in the form of cobalt hydroxide, from its Nama Cobalt Project in northern Zambia within that period. [Read More](#)

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