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**AFC and China, partner on US\$1 billion Port Harcourt Ring Road** Officials of the Africa Finance Corporation, its partner ICMG securities, and China Harbour Engineering Company have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Beijing, that will pave the way for the construction of a US\$ 1 billion, 125 km, six lane, ring road around the city of Port Harcourt, Rivers State. [Read More](#)



**UN body lets China import African ivory**  
A U.N. panel granted

China permission Tuesday, to import elephant ivory from African government stockpiles, despite opposition from some countries and environmental groups. CITES voted that China qualified for the exception needed for the one time auction, as it has dramatically improved its enforcement of ivory rules. [Read More](#)

**China has grave concerns over ICC Sudan decision** China expressed 'grave concern and misgivings' over the decision of the International Criminal Court ICC to seek an arrest warrant for Sudan's President, on charges of genocide in the region of Darfur. With the ICC's prosecutor hoping to arrest Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir, China confronts acute choices over its relationship with the African leader. [Read More](#)

**China's Sinoma wins US\$ 1.45 billion Nigeria contracts** China's Sinoma International, a



subsidiary of China National Materials Co Ltd, has won US\$ 1.45 billion in EPC contracts to build cement plants for Nigeria's Dangote Group, the company said. Sinoma will build six cement production plants in Tanzania, Congo, Ethiopia, Zambia and Equatorial Guinea. [Read More](#)

**Russia, China veto UN Sanctions on Mugabe** China and Russia vetoed a United Nations Security Council resolution on Friday, which would have imposed an arms embargo against Zimbabwe and financial and travel sanctions on President Robert Mugabe. [Read More](#)

**Two missing Chinese found dead off Madagascar NE Coast** The

deceased Li Bo from mainland China and Liu Shouzhi from Taiwan, were found the

Madagascar rescue team. A senior Chinese Embassy official said they were found near Tanjola Masoala, 600 km north east of the capital. [Read More](#)



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