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### China thanks Africa's support for quake relief

Chinese State Councillor, Dai Bingguoon, gave thanks to African countries for the aid and support that they provided in the aftermath of the Sichuan quake. He made this statement during a reception held by African envoys in Beijing to mark the 45th anniversary of Africa Day, where he vowed to facilitate the furthering of trade cooperation and to cement the already close friendship between both sides. [Read More](#)



### CPC senior official meets Mozambican guests

A Communist Party of China (CPC) senior official met with the secretary general of Mozambique's Frelimo Party expressing their desire to further party-to-party exchanges. It is expected that the deepening of relations between the two parties would contribute positively to China-Mozambique cooperation in various fields. [Read More](#)

### EAC eyes co-op with China to boost infrastructure

The East African Community (EAC) has sought to improve the region's dilapidated infrastructure by calling upon the Chinese government for assistance. The region's economic development has been severely hampered in the past by poor infrastructure comprising roads, railways, civil aviation, information technology, and energy. [Read More](#)



### Cape Verde: Cape Verde wants to be link between China and Portuguese-speaking countries

During the 4th Meeting of Businesspeople for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and the Portuguese-speaking Countries, Cape Verde's economic minister stated the archipelago's intent to be an intermediary in the link between these countries and China by making use of its geo-strategic position. Cargo and passenger transport is one of the key areas upon which it wishes to focus. [Read More](#)



### Chinese cement firm wins US\$ 98 mln Libyan deal

Libya's state-owned Cement African Company has awarded China National Building Material Company a US\$ 98.8 million deal to build a cement factory in the Wadi al Chaati area. The Libyan Economic and Social Development Fund will reportedly own 40% of the plant. [Read More](#)

### Kenya: Envoy tips country on trade gap with China

China's commercial counselor in Nairobi suggested that Kenya should improve its investment climate and attract more Chinese manufacturers in order to offset its growing trade imbalance with the booming economy. He believes that the country should not attempt to achieve this by attempting to increase current exports of tea, coffee and flowers. [Read More](#)

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