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President Xi Jinping meets with Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, August 24, 2023. (Photo/Xinhua)

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### **I. Focus on China**

#### **1. Chengdu World University Games close with fond memories**



On August 8, the 31<sup>st</sup> FISU World University Games concluded in Chengdu, Sichuan province, winning wide praise from officials and athletes alike.

Declaring the games closed, Leonz Eder, acting president of the International University Sports Federation, said the event has made the dreams of student-athletes come true whether they have won medals or

not, because their experience in the city has been gold medal standard.

The closing ceremony was held at the Chengdu Open Air Music Park. It was the first time in the world that the closing ceremony of a large international sporting event has been held in a park, according to the organizers of the games.

Read more: <https://www.chinadailyhk.com/article/344824>

## 2. China bolsters efforts to retain foreign investment magnetism



On August 13, China's State Council unveiled guidelines containing 24 specific measures to further optimize China's foreign investment environment and beef up foreign investment inflow.

These measures include expanding pilot areas to open wider in terms of services, encouraging foreign firms and their R&D centers to undertake major sci-tech projects, facilitating the travel of senior executives, technicians and their families, and enhancing the expertise

of personnel in local government offices handling foreign investment.

Foreign firms have also been encouraged to participate in setting standards in a law-based and fair manner and develop globally leading products in China, according to the guidelines.

These robust efforts send clear and resounding signals of China's commitment to further open up, thereby solidifying its position as one of the world's most appealing consumer and manufacturing markets.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/mpHW9>

### **3. China's August data points to steady economic recovery**



The Chinese economy gained stronger traction in August, evident in various positive indicators such as robust factory production and improving consumer sentiment. These encouraging signs point towards a steady recovery.

Value-added industrial output went up 4.5 percent year on year in August, higher than 3.7 percent recorded in July, and retail sales of

consumer goods reported a quicker 4.6-percent increase after a slowdown lasting three consecutive months, data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on September 15.

The service sector also gathered steam as its production index went up 6.8 percent, 1.1 percentage points faster than the previous month. The surveyed urban jobless rate was 5.2 percent, lower than 5.3 percent in July.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/cpJP8>

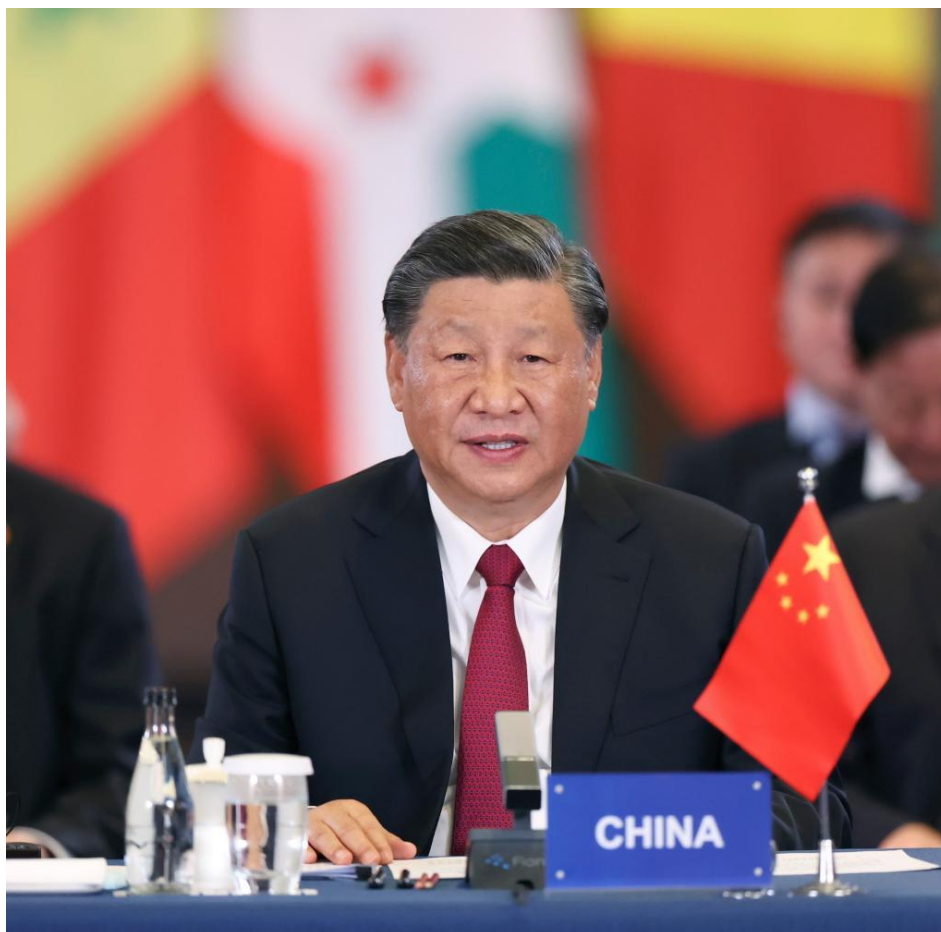
#### **4. China no longer requires COVID-19 tests before entry starting Aug. 30**



Starting from August 30, people coming to China will no longer be required to have nucleic acid tests or antigen tests before entry, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin announced on August 28.

## II. China's Diplomacy

### 5. Xi made three proposals on enhancing China-Africa practical cooperation in the next stage



On August 24, President Xi Jinping co-chaired with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa the China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue in Johannesburg, during which Xi urged China and Africa to join hands for modernization and put forward three initiatives to support Africa's industrialization, agricultural modernization and talent development.

President Xi said that China is pursuing the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization, while Africa is making all-out efforts to build a new Africa that enjoys peace, unity, prosperity and strength.

China and Africa should work together to build an open and inclusive world economy, advocating for the building of an open world economy, where developing countries are better involved in the international division of labor and share the fruits of economic globalization, said Xi.

To chart the course for China-Africa practical cooperation in the next stage and assist in Africa's integration and modernization, President Xi put forward three initiatives - Initiative on Supporting Africa's Industrialization, the Plan for China Supporting Africa's Agricultural Modernization, and the Plan for China-Africa Cooperation on Talent Development.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/nG459>

Full text of Chinese President Xi Jinping's remarks at China-Africa Leaders' Dialogue: <https://shorturl.at/hKMP8>

## **6. Xi calls for more just, equitable world order at BRICS forum**

On August 22, Chinese President Xi Jinping expressed China's willingness to deepen solidarity and cooperation with other emerging markets and developing countries to push for a more just and equitable world order.

As a developing country and a member of the Global South, China breathes the same breath as other developing countries and pursues a shared future with them, and has resolutely upheld the common interests of developing countries and worked to increase the representation and voice of emerging markets and developing countries in global affairs, said Xi in a speech read out by Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao at the BRICS Business Forum 2023.





“Emerging countries are becoming more and more relevant in the international arena. This summit will very much contribute to the shaping of a new global economic and political order. It will help change the current situation when it comes to international relations,” Xi said.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/acgn7>

## **7. Xi says BRICS expansion historic, new starting point for cooperation**

On August 24, Chinese President Xi Jinping said that the BRICS expansion is historic and a new starting point for BRICS cooperation.

Xi made the remarks at a press conference during the 15<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit after South African President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that six countries, namely Argentina, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, were invited to become new BRICS

members.



China offers its congratulations to these countries, and expresses its high appreciation for the efforts made by South Africa, the chair of BRICS, and President Ramaphosa, Xi said.

The expansion reflects the resolution of the BRICS countries to unite and cooperate with other developing countries, meets the expectations of the international community, and serves the common interests of emerging markets and developing countries, Xi stressed.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/ikCZ1>

## **8. China urges global action to halt Japan's discharging of nuclear-contaminated water into ocean**

On August 25, China called on the international community to jointly urge Japan to halt its discharging of nuclear-contaminated water

from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant into the ocean.



It is “to avoid causing unpredictable damage and hazard to the global marine environment and the health and well-being of people around the world,” Geng Shuang, China’s deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, told the UN General Assembly.

“The disposal of the nuclear-contaminated water has transnational implications and is by no means a private matter for Japan. It is extremely self-serving and irresponsible of Japan to ignore the public interests and openly transfer the risk of nuclear contamination to the whole world, including the Pacific island countries,” said Geng.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/ikEOR>

## **9. Chinese premier meets U.S. commerce secretary, calling for enhanced cooperation**

On August 29, Chinese Premier Li Qiang met with visiting U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo in Beijing, calling on both sides to enhance mutually beneficial cooperation.



Li said the economic and trade relations between China and the United States are mutually beneficial and win-win in nature. Politicizing economic and trade issues and overstressing the concept of security will not only seriously affect bilateral relations and mutual trust, but also undermine the interests of enterprises and people of the two countries, and will have a disastrous impact on the global economy.

Noting that China is the largest developing country and the United States is the largest developed country, Li said the two sides should strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation, reduce friction and confrontation, and jointly promote world economic recovery and cope with global challenges.

Raimondo said that the Biden administration supports China's economic development and its improvement of people's livelihoods, has no intention of containing China's development, does not seek to decouple from China, is willing to maintain communication and normal

economic and trade relations, and is willing to promote the steady development of bilateral relations.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/pqBPX>

### **10. China to host 3rd Belt and Road Forum for Int'l Cooperation in October**

China will host the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in Beijing in October, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said on August 31.

Wang told a daily news briefing that focusing on connectivity as the main theme, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) aims to provide a new platform for international economic cooperation and add fresh impetus to participating countries' development and world economic growth.

“Over the past decade, it has become a popular global public good and international cooperation platform,” Wang said.

Wang said the forum is not only the highlight in commemorative events to mark the BRI's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but also an important platform for all partners to plan high-quality Belt and Road cooperation.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/klqM1>

### **11. China issues proposal on reform, development of global governance**

On September 13, the Chinese Foreign Ministry issued the Proposal of the People's Republic of China on the Reform and Development of Global Governance. The proposal comprehensively elaborates China's stance and propositions on key areas of global governance such as peace, security, development, human rights and

society, as well as on institutional reform, a spokesperson for the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.



Experts held that in the document, China released its latest stances and proposals about the Ukraine crisis, the nuclear issues of Iran and the Korean Peninsula, the Afghanistan issue, the Palestine-Israel conflict, as well as the issues of Syria, Sudan, Libya and Yemen. These stances are different from the US and some of its Western allies, but much closer and similar to those of developing countries. This proves that China will firmly stand with the justice and fairness upheld by the majority of the international community, rather than submit to hegemony.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/JRZ58>

Full text of the Proposal: <https://shorturl.at/BFHJT>

### **III. China-Tanzania Relations and Embassy Updates**

#### **12. President Xi Jinping Meets with Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan**



On the morning of August 24, 2023 local time, President Xi Jinping met with Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu Hassan on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg.

Xi Jinping noted that President Hassan's successful visit to China last November was a highlight moment in China-Tanzania relations, and the various common understandings reached between the two sides are being actively and effectively implemented. China-Tanzania cooperation has always been at the forefront of China-Africa cooperation, and the Tanzania-Zambia Railway is a beautiful memory shared by the people of the two countries. Noting that next year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Tanzania, Xi Jinping said that China is ready to take the opportunity of jointly celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary to continuously work with Tanzania in supporting each other's core interests and major concerns and deepening strategic cooperation. Under the current

international situation, strengthening China-Africa cooperation is conducive to safeguarding the unity and legitimate development interests of developing countries.

Hassan said that she was glad that she paid a successful visit to China last year and announced the elevation of bilateral relationship to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership with President Xi Jinping. She noted that Tanzania and China have maintained close exchanges at all levels and made smooth progress in cooperation projects. Tanzania highly appreciates China's valuable support and assistance for the development of developing countries. Tanzania and other developing countries have benefited enormously from the Belt and Road Initiative and other major initiatives proposed by President Xi Jinping. Tanzania looks forward to working with China to jointly celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations next year and further elevate the development of Tanzania-China relations.

Cai Qi and Wang Yi, among others, were present at the meeting.

### **13. China's Vice Minister of Finance Liao Min visits Tanzania**

Invited by Tanzania's Ministry of Finance, a working team headed by Mr. Liao Ming, Deputy Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Finance and Economy, who is also Vice Minister of Finance in the Chinese Government, paid a visit to Tanzania from 13th to 16th August. The team met with the then Minister of Energy of Tanzania Hon. January Makamba, the TAZARA Managing Director Eng. Bruno Ching'andu, several Tanzanian scholars, and representatives of some major Chinese companies operating in Tanzania. The team has also visited some projects undertaken by Chinese firms in this country.



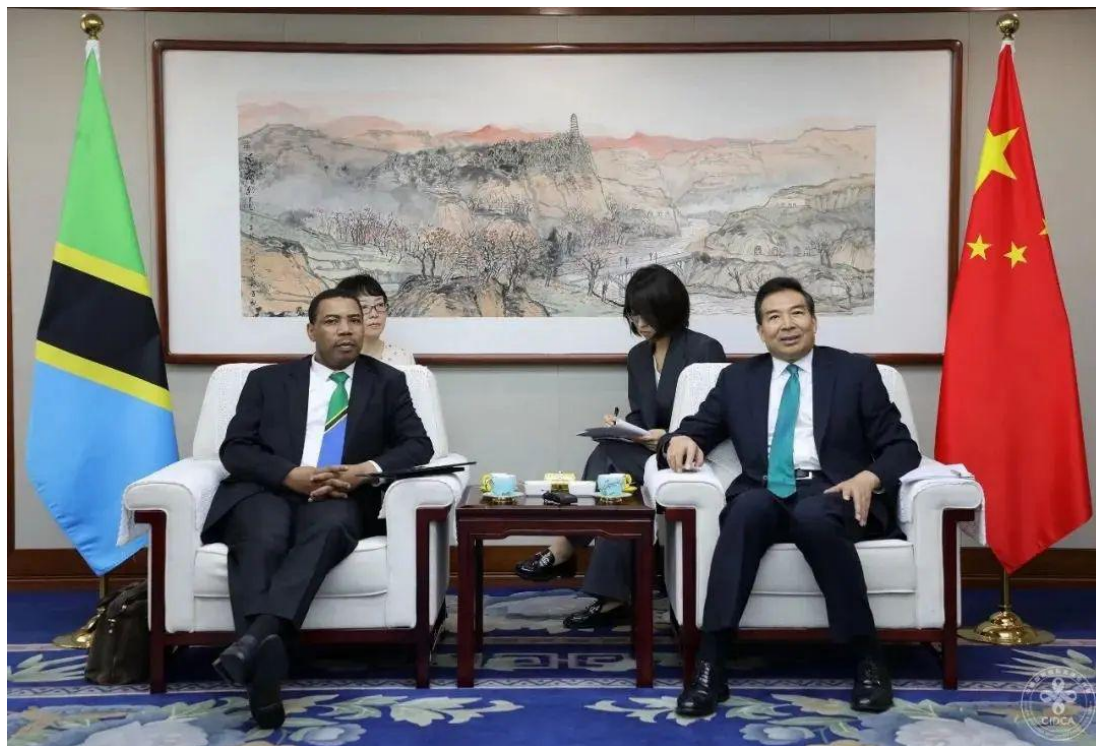


Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania H.E. Chen Mingjian and Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy Mr. Chu Kun accompanied the team in the aforementioned events.

#### **14. CIDCA chairman meets with finance minister of Tanzania**

Luo Zhaohui, chairman of the China International Development Cooperation Agency (CIDCA), met with Tanzanian Minister of Finance Mwigulu Nchemba on August 17, upon the latter's invitation, to exchange views on the promotion of bilateral cooperation.

Noting that Tanzania is a major African country, Luo said that China has always regarded it as an important cooperation partner, and the two sides should work together to implement the important consensus reached by the two heads of state last November on deepening bilateral pragmatic cooperation.



The two sides should actively explore new ways of cooperation under the Global Development Initiative (GDI) framework, build the Belt and Road to a high standard, and strengthen human resources development cooperation and exchanges in state governance experiences, in a bid to set a role model of South-South cooperation, Luo added.

Read more: [http://en.cidca.gov.cn/2023-08/18/c\\_912322.htm](http://en.cidca.gov.cn/2023-08/18/c_912322.htm)

### **15. Ambassador Chen Mingjian attends farewell reception for Tanzanian students to study in China of 2023/2024 academic year**

On August 17, Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania H.E. Chen Mingjian attended the farewell reception for Tanzanian students to study in China of 2023/2024 academic year. Dr. Kennedy Hosea, the director of higher learning in the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Mr. Joseph Kahama, Secretary General of Tanzania-China Friendship Promotion Association (TCFPA), Mr. Abdulmalik Mollel,

Managing Director of Global Education Link Ltd, and over 60 representatives of the Tanzanian students who will further their studies in China were present at the reception.



This year, the Chinese government awarded 46 Tanzanian students with scholarships for 2023/2024 in various Chinese higher learning institutions, and 114 Tanzanian students have won the degree program scholarships from the Ministry of Commerce of China.

Read more: <https://shorturl.at/nvMUW>

## 16. Chinese Embassy in Tanzania holds a special event to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the Chinese Embassy in Tanzania held a special event themed “China-Africa Vision: Towards a Sustainable Future” on August 25, 2023, in cooperation with China Global Television Network (CGTN) and The Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation (MNF).

China's Vice Foreign Minister H.E. Deng Li delivered a video speech at the event. He said that the BRI has become a popular global public good and a platform for international cooperation involving more than three-quarters of countries in the world and over 30 international organizations.

Chinese Ambassador to Tanzania H.E. Chen Mingjian and Deputy Speaker of the Tanzanian Parliament Hon. Mussa Azzan Zungu delivered their speeches respectively.



Ambassador Chen stressed that the BRI has brought important development opportunities to African countries and built a new bridge for the China-Tanzania friendship. Hon. Mussa Zungu said the BRI has been another milestone in the China-Africa partnership that complements the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC).

“This initiative has attracted many African members of the FOCAC, where they have joined the Belt and Road Initiative family. This has

indeed injected strong motivation into the China-Africa comprehensive strategic and cooperative partnership,” Zungu added.



Read more: <https://shorturl.at/JMS78>

Watch full recording of this event: <https://shorturl.at/fqzR3>

## **17. Tanzania submits its application for membership of the AIIB**

On August 15, while meeting with Mr. Jin Liqun, President and Chair of the Board of Directors, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in Beijing, Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba, Minister of Finance of Tanzania, submitted Tanzania’s application to join the AIIB.

Finance Minister Dr. Mwigulu Nchemba led a delegation to visit China in mid-August. Members of the delegation include Minister of Works and Transport Prof. Makame Mbarawa, Minister of State for Finance and Planning in Zanzibar President’s Office Dr. Saada MKuya Salum,, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications and Transport of

Zanzibar Dr. Khalid Salum Mohamed, and some other senior government officials.



### **18. New Ambassador of Tanzania to China appointed**

The President of Tanzania Her Excellency Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan has appointed Mr. Khamis Mussa Omar to be the new Tanzania Ambassador to People's Republic of China. Ambassador Omar was sworn in at the State House on August 16. Before this appointment, Mr. Khamis Omar was Chargé d'affaires a.i. in the Tanzanian Embassy in France.



## **VI. Chinese Community in Tanzania**

### **19. Tanzania Fuqing Overseas Chinese Chamber of Commerce donated cash and supplies to a Chinese-run children's center**

In early August, Tanzania Fuqing Overseas Chinese Chamber of Commerce visited Longquan Tanhua Monastery, a Chinese-run children's center. Another donation of 20 million Tanzanian shillings (Tshs) in cash was announced by Chairman Yao, along with other living and study supplies with a total value of 1 million Tshs.

A company's representative said during the visit that they hope this act of giving back to the society will help improve the living and educational conditions of children and promote social harmony.

After several years of work, the Longquan Tanhua Monastery now has received dozens of orphans, and a new home has been built for homeless children.

