

The Johannesburg Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)

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South Africa hosted a successful two-day Johannesburg Summit of the FOCAC at the Sandton Convention Centre, near Johannesburg, South Africa, from 4 to 5 December 2015 under the theme: “Africa-China Progressing Together: Win-Win Cooperation for Common Development.”

A total of 48 Heads of State and 38 Ministers from Africa and China attended the summit, and they shared the view that China and Africa had the responsibility and capability to play a bigger role in international affairs based on win-win cooperation.



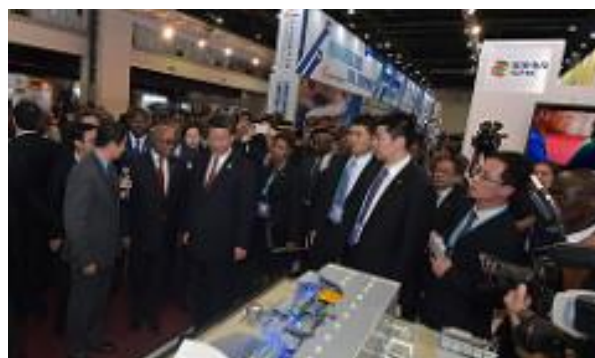
China has worked with South Africa to make the FOCAC meeting a grand gathering for strengthening China-Africa solidarity and charting out the future of their cooperation. This momentous event was characterised by various successful engagements, a cultural evening and exhibitions.

In the margins of the FOCAC, the First Ladies of South Africa and China jointly hosted the session of the First Ladies of Africa and Members of the Organisation of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS, and launched the Africa-China HIV Advocacy Campaign on Saturday, 5 December under the theme: “Africa-China Partnership: Caring for an AIDS-Free Generation”.



The First Ladies reaffirmed the need for Africa and China to join forces to achieve an AIDS-free generation by fostering linkages and developing the expertise from all countries. They noted areas that needed improvement and committed to work actively and in partnership to expand donor base, mobilise resources and explore opportunities for joint advocacy to support women and children affected by HIV to achieve an AIDS-free generation in Africa and China.

The First Ladies urged governments to ensure universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services for all their people, especially children, which will ultimately contribute to the achievement of the goal to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030.



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Declaration and Plan of Action (2016 – 2018)

The highlights of the Declaration and Plan of Action of the Johannesburg Summit of the FOCAC are as follows:

- a. China and Africa are committed to ushering in a new blueprint to realise opportunities for future mutual development, and to contribute to promoting world peace, stability and the development of Africa and China.
- b. China-Africa further welcome with appreciation the efforts that FOCAC has made to deepen structured ties with regional bodies such as the African Union and its structures, Regional Economic Communities and the African Development Bank.
- c. International equity and justice is vital to maintaining world peace, stability and prosperity.
- d. We underscore upholding the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations (UN), as well as its authority as the leading institution in international affairs.
- e. We believe that in the midst of complex and profound global changes, we need to be done to ensure an international system of governance that is just, equitable, representative and better suited to the political realities of the world in order to maintain peace, stability and prosperity.
- f. China-Africa stand for the establishment of a just international order with win-win cooperation at its core to promote a more equitable, fair and reasonable development and to safeguard and enhance the legitimate rights and interests of the developing countries.
- g. Priority should be given to increasing the representation of African countries in the UN Security Council and other agencies.
- h. The leaders welcome the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as a universal, transformative and integrated development plan.
- i. Developed countries are urged to honour their commitments to provide aid to developing countries, African countries in particular, as leaders believe that the North-South imbalance in development is an important factor hindering the strong recovery and sustained growth of the world economy.
- j. China is committed to supporting Africa's efforts to implement Agenda 2063, its First 10-Year Implementation Plan and New Partnership for Africa's Development and believes that they are essential to Africa's pursuit of peace, stability, integration, growth and development.
- k. We oppose trade protectionism in all its forms and are in favour of advancing the World Trade Organization Doha Development Round negotiations, and safeguarding and developing an open world economy.
- l. We stand for necessary reform of the existing international financial system, and the establishment of a fair, just, inclusive and orderly international financial system. In this regard, we welcome the establishment of the BRICS New Development Bank, with its headquarters in Shanghai and the African Regional Centre in South Africa, with a focus on supporting development in Africa, in particular on infrastructure and sustainable development projects.
- m. We will, in keeping with the principles of equity and "common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities", support the 21st Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to adopt a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the convention, which provides an effective solution to the global response to climate change with means of implementation required by developing countries.

- n. We are committed to the path of peaceful development and its contribution to world peace, stability and economic growth, and are of the view that China's economic restructuring and progress will help Africa advance its own industrialisation and modernisation processes.
- o. The African side acknowledges and appreciates the leading efforts and contribution made by China as the first responder to deliver Ebola Virus Disease emergency support to the affected countries.
- p. We reaffirm our commitment to the One China policy. Both sides will continue to support each other's efforts to safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests and to promote the causes of national reunification and regional integration respectively.
- q. We support Africa's effective endeavours to safeguard and maintain regional peace and stability, aimed at achieving higher economic growth rates and promoting integration and self-reliance. China believes that Africa is a significant force of politics, economy and culture in the world.
- r. We believe that China and Africa's development strategies are complementary and characterised by mutual benefit, equality, openness, inclusiveness, accountability, and that they demonstrate the possibilities and opportunities of solidarity, mutual support and respect among the developing countries. Therefore, both sides shall explore and fully utilise their comparative strengths to promote and further improve this mutually beneficial cooperation.
- s. We welcome the outcomes of the 2nd Ministerial Forum of China-Africa Health Development and the 5th China-Africa Business Forum held in South Africa at various times over the last three months.
- t. We commit ourselves to implementing the Johannesburg Action Plan and will work to ensure its successful implementation.
- u. The 7th Ministerial Conference of FOCAC will be held in the People's Republic of China in 2018.



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