



**DEVELOPMENT
REIMAGINED**

Outcomes of FOCAC9

September 2024

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Overall Financial Commitments

In FOCAC 9, China committed at least **\$50 billion**, which marks a \$10 billion increase compared to the \$40 billion pledged during FOCAC 8 (2021).

Credit Lines

- FOCAC 9 promises \$30 billion (RMB 210 billion) in credit lines, which is a significant increase of \$20 billion from the \$10 billion credit lines provided in FOCAC 8. The commitment in 2021 focused on providing credit lines through African financial institutions, especially to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

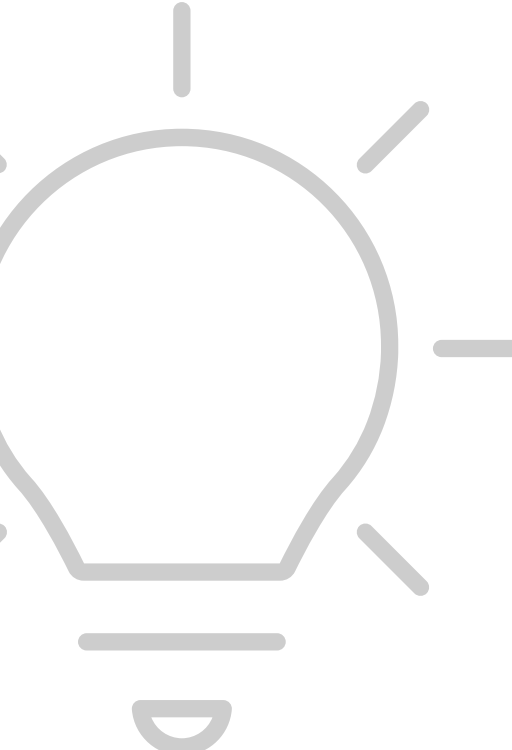
Investment

- Both FOCAC 9 and FOCAC 8 maintain an investment target of at least \$10 billion, emphasizing China's commitment to encouraging investment in African economies across various sectors over the next three years.

Debt Relief

- In FOCAC 9, China extends its commitment to debt exemption for the least developed African countries (LDCs) that have diplomatic relations with China, specifically exempting government interest-free loan debt due by the end of 2024.

Overall Financial Commitments



FOCAC 9 FINANCIAL PLEDGES	FOCAC 8 FINANCIAL PLEDGES
US\$50 billion overall commitment	US\$40 billion overall commitment
US\$30 billion in credit lines	US\$10 billion in credit lines
US\$10 billion in various forms	10 billion Special Drawing Rights reallocation to Africa
US\$10 billion in investment	US\$10 billion in investment
RMB1 billion yuan in emergency food assistance	US\$10 billion trade financing for African imports
RMB1 billion yuan of grants in military assistance	
Replenish US\$50 million the China-World Bank Group Partnership Facility	
Waive interest-free loans due by the end of 2024 for all LDCs including African countries with diplomatic relations with China	Commitment to DSSI (Applies to at least 19 African countries) & cancellation of interest-free loans to LDCs due by 2021

Trade Commitments

Scope of Zero-Tariff Treatment

- FOCAC 9 significantly increased the extent of zero-tariff treatment to cover all tariff lines for LDCs (33 African Countries), compared to the broader but less specific zero-tariff expansion in FOCAC 8

Agricultural Exports

- FOCAC 9 focused on enhancing quality and expanding market access, while FOCAC 8 concentrated on simplifying export procedures.

Economic Cooperation Zones

- FOCAC 9 introduced the idea of a pioneering zone and enhanced the focus on Belt and Road cooperation, compared to the more general industrial park proposed in FOCAC 8.

E-Commerce

- FOCAC8 focused on organizing online trade festivals to promote e-commerce between China and Africa, under FOCAC 9 China is moving towards helping African countries to set up their own permanent country stores for on-going and higher sales

Trade Commitments

FOCAC 9	FOCAC 8
All LDCs having diplomatic relations with China, including 33 countries in Africa, zero-tariff treatment for 100 percent tariff lines	Increase the scope of products enjoying zero-tariff treatment for the least developed countries (LDCs) having diplomatic relations with China
Expand market access for African agricultural products, deepen cooperation with Africa in e-commerce and other areas, and launch a “China-Africa quality enhancement program	Open “green lanes” for African agricultural exports to China, speed up the inspection and quarantine procedures
Prepared to enter into framework agreements on economic partnership	Reach US\$ 300 billion in total imports from Africa in the next three years
	Provide US\$ 10 billion of trade finance to support African export
	Build in China a pioneering zone for in-depth China-Africa trade and economic cooperation and a China-Africa industrial park for Belt and Road cooperation



Industrial and Investment Commitments

Investment

- Both FOCAC 9 and FOCAC 8 maintain an investment target of at least US\$10 billion, emphasizing China's commitment to encouraging investment in African economies across various sectors.

Economic Cooperation

- FOCAC 9 introduces an "African SMEs empowerment program" and pushes forward the Pilot Zone for in-depth China-Africa Economic and Trade Cooperation, while the emphasis of FOCAC 8 was on the establishment of a China-Africa cross-border RMB centre.

Connectivity

- FOCAC 9 recognizes the importance of China's support for Africa's regional and continental integration, its connectivity projects, land-sea links and the African Continental Free Trade Area. Commitment to 30 infrastructure connectivity projects in Africa, compared to 10 in 2021.

Industrial and Investment Commitments



FOCAC 9	FOCAC 8
US\$10 billion investment target	US\$10 billion investment target
30 infrastructure projects	10 infrastructure projects
Initiate 20 digital infrastructure projects and digital demonstration projects	Undertake 10 industrialization and employment promotion projects for Africa
Prepared to enter into framework agreements on economic partnership	Provide credit facilities of US\$10 billion to African financial institutions
Launch an “African SMEs empowerment program”	Channel to African countries US\$10 billion from its share of the IMF’s new allocation of Special Drawing Rights
Push forward the Pilot Zone for In-depth China-Africa Economic and Trade Cooperation	Establish a China-Africa cross-border RMB centre
China will support Africa in developing of local value chains, manufacturing and processing of critical minerals	
Undertake 10 supporting projects of industrial parks for African countries	
Build growth circles for China-Africa industrial cooperation in five regions	
China will host the symposium on high-quality China-Africa investment cooperation	