

Sino-African Relations at a New Stage of Development

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Since the introduction of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in 2000, China-Africa relations have entered a new stage of development, with both sides striving for the construction of a new type of strategic partnership. Such a development resulted from the change of situations both in Africa and China since the turn of the century. The new situation has called for closer cooperation between Africa and China.

With the mechanism of FOCAC introduced in 2000, China-Africa relations have assumed some new features, which the past had never seen. This paper has gone into great details in explaining some of the major features of Sino-African relations at this new stage of development. Since the introduction of FOCAC, China and Africa are confronted with some new challenges, which remain the focus of the Chinese government as well as scholars engaged in policy studies in China, and the resolution of which, as this author believed, will nevertheless consolidate the foundation for Sino-African strategic partnership.