

TAKING STOCK OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOHANNESBURG ACTION PLAN 2016-2018: KEY MILESTONES & THE WAY FORWARD

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1. INTRODUCTION

- Formal China-Africa relations were established under the FOCAC in Beijing in October 2000, with the purpose of aligning and strengthening friendly socio-economic and developmental cooperation.
- The key objectives of the FOCAC include the commitment to equal consultation, enhancing understanding, expanding consensus, strengthening friendship and promoting cooperation.
- South Africa hosted the Johannesburg Summit and the 6th Ministerial Conference of the FOCAC from 3 to 5 December 2015 under the theme “China-Africa Progressing Together: Win-Win Cooperation for Common Development”.
- The FOCAC Johannesburg Action Plan (2016-2018) was mutually agreed to by the African States and China.



1.INTRODUCTION (CONTINUED)

- China announced the provision of **US\$60 billion** for funding support, which includes US\$5 billion for grants and zero-interest loans and US\$35 billion for concessional loans and export credit. Furthermore, an increase of US\$5 billion would be added to the China-Africa Development Fund and Special Loans for the Development of Africa; and the China-Africa Fund (CADFund) for Production Capacity Cooperation will be provided with an initial contribution of US\$10 billion.
- Furthermore, agreement was reached on providing educational and vocational training opportunities, particularly in the fields of public health and agricultural modernisation.



2. ENGAGEMENTS WITH CHINA ON THE PROGRESS OF THE FOCAC PRIORITY PROJECTS

2016

- **February 2016** - Senior Officials Meeting in Beijing led by former DIRCO Director-General Matjila.
- **13 & 14 June 2016** - FOCAC Workshop at DIRCO which included delegations from the Chinese Development Bank (CDB) and the Export-Import Bank of China (EXIM Bank).
- **6 July 2016**- Preparatory Meeting convened by Director-General in The Presidency, Dr Lubisi before Senior Officials Visit to Beijing.
- **14-16 July 2016** – Senior Officials Visit to Beijing, led by Director-General in The Presidency, Dr Lubisi during which they met with CDB, EXIM Bank, National Development and Reform Council (NDRC) and Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM).
- **31 July 2016** - Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane co-chaired the FOCAC Coordinators' Meeting in Beijing.



2. ENGAGEMENTS WITH CHINA ON THE PROGRESS OF THE FOCAC PRIORITY PROJECTS

2017

- **August 2017** - FOCAC Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in Beijing (TBC).
- **September 2017** - The Chinese are convening a FOCAC Coordinators' Meeting at Ministerial Level on the margins of the United National General Assembly (UNGA) in New York (TBC).
- **October 2017** - China-Africa Development Fund (CADFund) and the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) will travel to South Africa to meet with Stakeholders to discuss FOCAC Priority Projects (TBC).



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3. JOHANNESBURG ACTION PLAN (2016-2018) MILESTONES

With regard to the Outcomes of the FOCAC Summit, South Africa has implemented the following among others:

- **Encouraged High-Level Mutual Visits and Dialogue (2.1) (PPEM);**
- **Improved and Encourage Mechanisms (2.2.1) (JWG, BNC);**
- **Regular Political Consultations between Chinese and African Foreign Ministries (2.2.2) (Strategic Dialogue Forum);**
- **Encouraged the Trade of Agricultural Products (3.1.9) (Beef Exports);**



3. JOHANNESBURG ACTION PLAN (2016-2018) MILESTONES (CONT.)

- **Welcomed the transfer of labour-intensive competitive industrial capacities of China to Africa (3.2.4) (Beijing Automotive Group (BAIC) Plant at Coega IDZ);**
- **Encouraged Chinese Businesses and Financial Institutions to expand investment through various means such as PPP and Build-Operate-Transfer(BOT) (3.3.1) (Moloto Rail Development Corridor);**
- **Planning of building transnational and trans-regional infrastructure in Africa (3.3.2) (Belt and Road Initiative (BRI));**



3. JOHANNESBURG ACTION PLAN (2016-2018) MILESTONES (CONT.)

- **Championing “the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road” which includes the African Continent (3.5.1) The Bilateral MoU on Jointly Building the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road;**
- **Supporting Special Economic Zones and Industrial Parks by competitive Chinese enterprises (3.7.4) (Gauteng Science and High Technology Special Economic Zone);**
- **Enhanced cooperation in entry-and-exit inspections and quarantine of animals and plants, and food safety and phytosanitary supervision (3.8.3) (MoU on Entry-and-Exit Animal Quarantine signed on 24 February 2017);**



3. JOHANNESBURG ACTION PLAN (2016-2018) MILESTONES (CONT.)

- **Strengthened High-Level Exchanges in health (4.2.7)** (The China-Africa Health Ministers' Meeting on 24 April 2017 in Pretoria)
- **Offered 2000 degree education opportunities in China and 30 000 Government Scholarships to African Countries (4.3.2)**

Year	South Africans Trained in FOCAC Training Slots
2015	470
2016	382
2017	323 by June 2017

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4. MANAGING THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- South Africa has formed a FOCAC Secretariat which is co-chaired by the Director-General in the Presidency, Dr CR Lubisi and the Director-General of DIRCO, Mr KE Mahoi. The FOCAC Secretariat monitors the status of the implementation of the Priority Projects and mitigates any challenges that may arise.
- The Secretariat convenes regularly with all stakeholders to assess the status of implementation.
- There is a FOCAC Projects Coordinator within DIRCO that coordinates the progress w.r.t. the proposed Priority Projects.
- Selected Priority Projects have completed their Feasibility Studies and others are in the process of finalising their Feasibility Studies.



5. WAY FORWARD

- During the envisaged FOCAC Senior Officials' Meeting, senior officials from all relevant Departments will meet to evaluate progress made regarding the Priority Projects and those which are ready to be tabled during the proposed FOCAC Ministerial Meeting, on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) during September 2017.



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