

# **The Chinese Perspective on Development Partnership between China and Africa**

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## **Policy Evolution: not a recent story**

- **First period: *idealism and political driven***  
**(from 1956 to the late 1970s)**  
**purpose: strengthen the diplomatic and**  
**political ties, TaZara Railway**
- **Second period:( from the late 1970s to now)**  
***pragmatism and economic driven***  
the aim is to seek mutual economic  
cooperation and common development.

## Features of China's aid policy to Africa :

- no **political** strings attached
- emphasizing on bilateral aid
- focus on “hardware projects” such as physical infrastructure construction rather than “software projects”

- **The eight principles**

1. equality and mutual benefit
2. strictly respects the sovereignty of recipient countries, no strings attached and no privilege required
3. provides economic aids in the way of interest-free or low-interest loan, the time limit of repayment could be delayed when it is needed

4. The purpose of aid is to help recipient countries gradually develop on the track of self-reliance and economic development independently
5. To make quick effects through small investment for the projects with aid
6. provides the best quality equipment and material of its own manufacture at international market prices.

7. While providing technical assistance, Chinese government assures to teach recipients to fully master this kind of technology
8. Chinese aid experts should be paid as same as their own experts of recipient countries. They are required to not have any special requirement or enjoy any special amenities.

Rather than directing the behavior of the recipients, these principles only disciplined China itself in its efforts to provide aid.

- **The Role of China's Aid on African Development: generated effective results and contributed greatly to Africa's economic**

- recovery**

- annual growth rate between 5% and 6%, rapid price rise of raw materials, demanding from Asia

- promoted the bilateral trade dramatically

- huge investment in infrastructure

- high efficiency

- **The Role of China's Aid on International concern on Africa**

——the appearance of “Africa fever”

——Korea-Africa Summit , EU-Africa Summit , India-Africa Summit, etc.

——heated debate about forming African strategy goes on in Africa

## **Development implication of China's experience**

- thirty years ago, Malawi, Burundi and Burkina Faso were economically ahead of China on a per capita basis.
- poverty-alleviation and economic development could be achieved in the developing countries
- China's experience has become the focus of the world and an example for others
- China can play a bridge role for establishing a harmonious and effective international development cooperation

- China has a dual role and a great potential for becoming a driver of aid effectiveness in the multilateral cooperation.
  - long being a largest recipient country  
(know how to engage with donors and build ownership by its own)
  - being a new “donor”/or call “aid-provider”  
(accumulating experience through “learning by doing” and willing to collaborate with others)

## **How to engage “old” and “new” donors**

- “new donors” are not familiar with the norms, rules, and procedures that constitute the aid donor regime
- two arguments given by “old” and “new”
- a two-way street mindset and practice are needed
- different philosophies and way of thinking

- China is moving towards to have more collaboration with international institutions

---- with “old donor”:

work with TCDC, signatory to Paris Declaration,  
China Exim Bank signed MoU with the World  
Bank,

---- with AU/NEPAD:

FOCAC mechanism building

More work needs to be done in China

----China's aid managing system needs to be upgraded

---- The need to establish a monitoring system and mechanism to evaluate China's aid

---- an urgent need to train the expertise on foreign aid

- **Concluding Remarks:**
- China's involvement in Africa is the last chance for African development.
- chance for building a partnership between China and Africa
- historic chance for strengthening South-South, South-North and even South-North-South cooperation

Thank you !