

The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) has the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar on:

The Future of China in Africa: An Alternative for Peace and Development?
Monday, 24 September 2012, 13.00-15.20
Danish Institute for International Studies
Main Auditorium
Strandgade 71, ground floor, 1401 Copenhagen K

Background

The fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) was held this July in Beijing. In his keynote address to visiting African heads of state, ministers and other dignitaries, Chinese President Hu Jintao promised Africa USD 20 billion in financial assistance, training programs and people-to-people exchanges, regional infrastructure partnerships, and a deeper cooperation on peace and security.

In the twelve years since the very first FOCAC in 2000, China has become Africa's largest trading partner with two-way trade reaching over USD 166 billion in 2011. Chinese policy banks are now major sources of finance for African governments. Chinese companies are investing in Africa's natural resources, infrastructure, manufacturing, and agriculture. But after over a decade of such remarkable growth in trade and investment, what does the future hold for the relationship between China and Africa?

Can China achieve a sustainable development impact in Africa? Nearly a year after the Busan DAC summit, can it work together with OECD donors to foster new forms of cooperation with African governments and organizations? How is Beijing's role in African peace and security evolving? China has shown it can do plenty in Africa to date. This seminar explores how relations have been changing and what directions we can expect the relationship to head in the future.

Speakers

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Programme

More details about the speakers and the seminar are available on our [website](#).

Practical Information

The seminar will be held in English.

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. Please use our [online registration form](#) no later than Friday, 21 September 2012 at 12.00 noon.

Please await confirmation by e-mail from DIIS for participation.

Sincerely,

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