



China and Africa Understanding the Growing Trade and Investment Relationship

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China's rise as a global economic power has had serious implications for trade and development in Africa. China-Africa trade has grown at an enormous pace over the past ten years with total trade between China and Africa reaching \$40 billion in 2005; up from just \$10 billion in 1995. China's growing presence in Africa is largely fueled by the need to secure essential resources, particularly oil. China also views African countries as strategic markets for lower-end manufactured goods and apparel and textiles exports – often threatening domestic African manufacturers. The rising Chinese business presence in Africa creates challenges not only for African countries but also for U.S. companies that are active in African country markets. CCA's *China and Africa* report provides an overview of the development of China-Africa relations, the key challenges of the trade relationship, and the opportunities for dialogue between the U.S. and Africa and the U.S. and China on China's growing role on the continent.

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