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China in Africa – for whose benefits? Interests and impacts explored

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Since the turn of the century, China's increased economic and political partnerships with governments in Sub-Saharan Africa has provoked at times sensational speculations as regards its forms and consequences. Meanwhile, the initial hype over the markedly expansionist course by the anything but new kid on the bloc has been largely replaced by more nuanced and informed analyses. This presentation summarizes some aspects of the Chinese engagement and seeks to put it into a wider perspective of the continent's interaction with external agencies and interests, while also reflecting on the role of local partners in these relations. The general assessment is followed by a case study assessing the various aspects of the Chinese-Namibian 'all weather friendship'.

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