



The Sixth Shanghai Workshop on Global Governance
“China-Europe-Africa Cooperation: Chances and Challenges”

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Workshop Focus

The partnership between China and Germany and between China and the European Union (EU) is growing stronger. The Shanghai Workshop on Global Governance used to be an Asian-European forum on foreign and security policy. In 2008, the sixth forum is intended to be a Sino-European-Africa forum, since the relationship between the three actors is undergoing changes and is especially relevant in terms of current and future prospects of global governance. Just as the previous five, this forum features open political dialogue on the non-governmental or track-two level. It aims to contribute to an open exchange and dialogue and enhance cooperation between these three important actors.

Against the background of the globalization process, the relationships between China, Europe and Africa have been improved in many kinds, but also become more complex. The Sino-Africa relations have entered a new phase since the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation/FOCAC held in Beijing in November 2006. China's president Hu Jintao pointed out: "China will strengthen cooperation with Africa in the following fields: First, deepen political relation of equality and mutual

trust. Second, broaden win-win economic cooperation. Third, expand exchange for cultural enrichment. Fourth, promote balanced and harmonious global development. Fifth, strengthen cooperation and mutual support in international affairs". He also announced the country's intention to double, by 2009, the development aid it provides. Besides the increasing engagement in Economic Assistance, several agreements between Chinese enterprises and African governments and companies were signed on the sidelines of the conference for further economic cooperation.

While the economic and political relations between China and Africa have intensified dramatically in the last years, the relationships between the European countries and Africa are changing as well. In 2005, the EU formulated an Africa Strategy designed to place partnership with African countries on a new footing. It is the first European political framework to address Africa as a single entity and a solid platform to improve the coordination, coherence and consistency of the EU's policies and instruments in their cooperation with African countries. Moreover, the strategy emphasizes investment in infrastructure and rural development, institutional support to the African Union/AU, Good Governance and Human Rights as well as in post-conflict reconstruction.

The EU and its member states are concerned about the development of Sino-African relations in some aspects, such as the engagement of China in Sudan and Angola, since they fear that it might undermine past and current development cooperation under the criteria of political conditionalities. China in this context regards its relations towards Africa under the supremacy of non-interference in the internal affairs of another state and a strict separation between economic cooperation and political conditionalities. Concerns have also been voiced regarding presumably resource-oriented regional strategies of China in oil rich countries. On the other hand, in China also exist some doubts about the purpose of European engagement in Africa, considering the colonial heritage. African countries, on their side, welcome the additional cooperation partner, but are concerned about the missing common African approach towards China, since by now almost all cooperation is bilateral.

Besides these critical aspects, many of the goal criteria formulated by Europe and China in their policies towards Africa are in many respects compatible (i.e. reduce poverty, enhance infrastructure, fight against epidemic diseases). However, there are no new forms of cooperation and only little coordination between China and Europe concerning development aid and international agreements or initiatives for Africa so far. Perceiving the African perspectives towards China's and Europe's contemporary African policy could provide the best way of a constructive dialogue towards a harmonization of the approaches from both actors towards Africa.

The trilateral relations among China-EU-Africa have been gradually tightened and are today involving cooperation in an increasing number of sectors; however,

they need to be improved. There certainly are divergences in interests, perceptions, definitions and strategies in the bilateral and multilateral relations among China, Europe and the African continent, which therefore create the need for a dialogue of mutual benefit. This dialogue should be rooted in a learning process among equal partners, in a commitment of all the actors to the Millennium Development Goals/MDGs and the coherent development policies that follow from it.

The 6th Shanghai Workshop on Global Governance shall therefore review most recent developments and concentrate on the following topics:

- Characteristics and perceptions of current trilateral relations among China, Europe and Africa in the process of globalization
- Cooperation strategies of China, Europe and Africa towards each other
- African perceptions and strategies on Afro-China and Afro-European relations
- Future prospects for a China-Europe-Africa cooperation

Workshop Participants and Format

The workshop is jointly organized by the Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS), a think tank on international affairs in China, and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), a German political foundation and a private non-profit institution committed to social justice, international understanding, peace and development worldwide.

The workshop invites participants from China, Germany and other EU member states and African countries. It aims at engaging all participants in an open and constructive debate. The workshop will be held in Chinese and English (simultaneous translation will be provided), and it is expected that a total of up to 40 participants will attend – among them scholars from think tanks and academia as well as officials, parliamentarians and representatives from regional organizations.

PROGRAM

Thursday, March 13th, 2008

Arrival of Participants

18:30 **Welcome Dinner** hosted by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Shanghai at: Moon View (Guan Yue Tai) rooftop Chinese Restaurant, 26th Floor, Huating Hotel

Friday, March 14th, 2008

08:45 **Registration** at Jing Guan Hall, 3rd Floor, Huating Hotel

09:00 **Welcome, Opening and Orientation**

Chair: Prof. **Ye Jiang**, Director, European Studies, Shanghai Institute for International Studies

Prof. **Yang Jiemian**, President, Shanghai Institute for International Studies

Katja **Meyer**, Resident Director, Friedrich Ebert Foundation Shanghai

Dr. Thomas **Helfen**, Head, Department of International Cooperation and Development, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Keynote Addresses:

“China-Europe-Africa cooperation: Chances and Challenges”

Cao Baijun, Director General for African Affairs, International Department, Central Committee of Communist Party of China

Johannes **Pflug**, Member of the German Parliament and Head of the German-Chinese Parliamentary Group, Berlin/Germany

10:00 **Group Picture and Tea Break**

10:30

1st Session (Panel I)**Characteristics of current trilateral relations among China, Europe and Africa in the process of globalization**

Chair: Prof. Francois **Godement**, Professor, Sciences Politiques & President, Asia Centre, Paris/France

How do China, Africa and Europe define their trilateral relations against the background of globalization?

What are the most important developments in the last years concerning the three actors (conflict, international terrorism, resource distribution, political and economic trends in the regions)?
What are the development potentials of African countries, and how could Europe and rising developing countries like China, India and Brazil provide support?

Speakers: 10 min each, Commentators: 5 min each

Speakers:

Geoffrey **Mugumya**, Director Peace and Security, African Union, Ethiopia

“China-Europe-Africa: Is there possible collaborative partnership?”

Prof. **Shu** Yunguo, Director, Center for African Studies, Shanghai Normal University, China

“Comparison of China-Africa and Europe-Africa relations”

Dr. Beata **Wojna**, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland

“The trilateral relations among EU, China and Africa: the European perspective”

Commentators:

Elizabeth **Sidiropoulos**, National Director, South African Institute of International Affairs, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

Dr. Junbo **Jian**, Center of EU Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai/China

Dr. Armand **Clesse**, Director, Luxembourg Institute for European and International Studies, Luxembourg

Discussion

12:30 Lunch at The Garden Court Restaurant (lobby)

14:00 **2nd Session (Panel II)**

Mutual perception and cooperation strategies of Africa, China and Europe towards each other

Chair: Prof. **Feng Shaolei**: Dean of the School of Advanced International Area Studies, East China Normal University, Shanghai/China

What are the objectives of the EU's Africa Strategy? How is it perceived in China?

What are the objectives of China's current Africa strategy, and to what extent does it differ from the past? How is it perceived by European countries? What is the nature of the inner-Chinese debate on its commitment in Africa?

What is the significance of Africa for the Chinese and European international aspirations respectively?

Speakers: 10 min each, Commentators: 5 min each

Speakers:

Karl **Offmann**, Former President of Mauritius

Prof. **He Wenping**, Director, African Studies, Institute for Western Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Science
"China-Africa cooperation: Partnership and global implications"

Uwe **Wissenbach**, DG Development and relations with ACP countries, EU Commission, Brussels
"The Renaissance or the end of geopolitics? Towards trilateral cooperation in Africa"

15:00 Tea Break

Commentators:

Dr. Boni Yao **Gebe**, Senior Research Fellow, Legon Center for International Affairs, University of Ghana

Prof. **Xu Weizhong**, Director, African Studies, China Institute of Contemporary International Relations, Beijing/China

Dr. Sven **Grimm**, German Development Institute/DIE,

Bonn/Germany

17.00 Discussion

18.00 Seminar adjourns

18: 30 Dinner hosted by SIIS at: Dynasty I &II, Second Floor, Huating Hotel

Saturday, March 15, 2008

08.30 3rd Session (Panel III)

African perceptions on Afro-Chinese and Afro-European relations

Chair: Alexander **McLachlan**, Delegation of the European Commission to China

How does Africa perceive both, Chinese and European engagements in Africa?

In what areas do the Africans expect an advantage or disadvantage for Africa from the new Chinese engagement?

Where does Africa see the possibility and desirability of changes in the European engagement with Africa?

What are the positions and the future role of the AU or e.g. East African Community/EAC and big African countries like Nigeria and South Africa in dealing with the involvement of Europe and China in Africa and in developing a common stance towards African relationship with China?

How coherent are African positions?

Speakers: 10 min each, Commentators: 5 min each

Speakers:

Prof. Mwesiga **Baregu**, Professor of Politics and International Relations, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
"Africa-China-EU relations: A view from Africa"

Prof. **Yu Jianhua**, Deputy Director, Institute of European and Asian Studies, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
"Chinese and European politics towards Africa and Africa's reactions"

Dr. Christopher **Alden**, Senior Lecturer in International Relations,

London School of Economics and Politics, United Kingdom
 “Africa Turns East: The role of political regimes in shaping responses to China”

Commentators:

Prof. Dorothy **McCormick**, Professor Dorothy McCormick, University of Nairobi, Institute for Development Studies, Kenya

Prof. **Zhang** Haibing, Deputy Director, Department of World Economy, Shanghai Institute for International Studies

Prof. Hajo **Giessmann**, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy/IFSH, Hamburg/Germany

Discussion

11:00 **Tea Break**

11.30 **4th Session (Panel IV)**

Prospects of trilateral relations among China, Europe and Africa and potential Sino-European cooperation for the development and good governance of African countries

Chair: Prof. **Chen** Zhimin, Director, Department of International Politics, Fudan University, Shanghai/China

What kind of improvements can be expected, especially with regard to the economic development and governance of African countries? How could China and Europe organize more cooperation/coordination for the development and governance of African countries in the process of globalization? How can existing multilateral structures being used more efficiently for African development?

Speakers: 10 min each, Commentators: 5 min each

Speakers:

Dr. Garth **Le Pere**, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa
 “Challenges and prospects for development and good governance”

Prof. **Zhang** Tiejun, Research Fellow, European Studies, SIIS
 “Good Governance vs. Effective Governance: the European and Chinese engagement with Africa”

Jonathan **Holslag**, Research Fellow, Brussels Institute for Contemporary China Studies (BICCS), Belgium
 “China’s Next Security Strategy for Africa: Options for the EU”

Commentators:

Karl **Offmann**, Former President of Mauritius

Xue Hong, Director, Department of Development and Assistance, Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Commerce, China

Dr. Gudrun **Wacker**, Head of Research Unit Asia, German Institute for International and Security Affairs/SWP, Berlin/Germany

12:30 **Lunch** at The Garden Court Restaurant (lobby)

13:30 **Discussion**
 Chair: Prof. **Li** Weijian, Director, Western Asian and African Studies, SIIS

14:30 **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Garth **Le Pere**, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa

Amb. **Cui** Yongqian, Ambassador, Former Chinese Ambassador to Central African Republic & Democratic Republic of Congo; Vice-President, Secretary General of China Foundation for International Studies; Executive Director, Asia-Africa Development & Exchange Society of China

Dr. Gudrun **Wacker**, Head of Research Unit Asia, German Institute for International and Security Affairs/SWP, Berlin/Germany

15:00 **End of Seminar**

16:00 Meeting at the Lobby, Bus transfer to the Pudong Riverside

18:00 Dinner hosted by FES at:
 Revolving Restaurant in the Oriental Pearl Tower (Sphere 267)

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