

China's Development Assistance to Africa and New Challenges to Its Practice

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As the largest developing country, China considers the developing countries as the base of China's foreign policy, and Africa is the base of the base. China has given its development assistance to Africa since the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949 and has accomplished considerable achievements.

Two periods of Chinese development assistance to Africa

- First period (from the founding of the People's Republic till 1978, the year of the beginning of China's economic reform).
In this period, China's development assistance to Africa was mainly focused on supporting African countries' national liberation movement.
- Second period (from 1978 till now).
The emphasis is more on establishing a mutual-beneficial relationship between China and Africa.

Characteristics of Chinese development assistance

- Emphasis on equality and to build a mutual-beneficial relationship.
- Development assistance is closely linked to economic cooperation,
- More forms of development assistance and fast increase in scope and assistance's fields.
- Chinese development assistance's conception, structuring, practice are quite different from those of the DAC of OECD.

Major objectives of China's development assistance to Africa

- Political interest.
- Economic interest
- Reunification of China (Taiwan issue).

New Challenges of China's development assistance to Africa(1)

- Deal with domestic need and the increase of China's increase of development assistance to Africa.
- How to help Africa more on its capacity building.
- How to make Chinese enterprises and entrepreneurs be more socially responsible towards Africa.

New Challenges of China's development assistance to Africa(2)

- How to insist on its good practice in the past and to introduce new good forms and practices of development assistance.
- Improvement of laws, regulations regarding development assistance.
- How to strengthen international cooperation with other donor organizations, countries, NGOs and others.

Thank you very much