

A Round Table Discussion

‘Chinese Engagement in Africa: Perspectives from India’

Cohosted by the Institute of Chinese Studies & Nehru Memorial Museum and Library

05.April. 2019 | Seminar Room, NMML | 9.30 am - 1.15 pm

Abstract

China’s relations with countries in Africa, are steeped in history and their contemporary relations are built on multiple strategic realities. With frequent high level diplomatic exchanges, Africa has not only emerged as a foreign policy priority but an important destination for China’s active economic diplomacy. One of the major components of China’s ‘alternative development model’ with Chinese characteristics is its emphasis on and resources spent on building infrastructure - schools, universities, government buildings, rail networks, hydropower plants and highways - a phenomenon surrounding which several narratives exist.

The purpose of this event cohosted by the ICS and the NMML will be two-fold. One, to disseminate the preliminary findings of the ICS Research Project on ‘China’s Infrastructure Development in Africa: An Examination of projects in Tanzania & Kenya’, carried out by a multi-cultural team, which involved conducting fieldwork in Mumbai, Nairobi, Mombasa, Dar es Salaam, Dodoma and Zanzibar. Two, there will be a roundtable discussion on several thematic areas of Chinese engagement in Africa with scholars and experts from the industry, academia, diplomatic corps and other institutions weighing in.

Programme

Time	Particulars
9.30 - 10.00 AM	Registration & Tea
10.00 - 10.15 AM	<p><u>Welcome Remarks:</u> Shri. Shakti Sinha, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML)</p> <p><u>Opening Remarks by Chair:</u> Amb. Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow, Delhi Policy Group & Former Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs</p> <p><u>Introduction of the Project:</u> Amb. Ashok. K. Kantha, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS)</p>
10.15 - 11.30 AM	<p><u>Dissemination of Preliminary Findings:</u></p> <p>Dr. Veda Vaidyanathan: Research Associate, ICS</p> <p>Ms. Tong Wu: China Consultant, Sino-Africa Centre of Excellence, Botho Emerging Markets Group, Nairobi</p> <p>Mr. Jumanne Gomera: Policy analyst, Prime Minister's Office, United Republic of Tanzania & PhD Scholar in Peking University</p> <p>Question & Answer Session</p>
11.30 - 11.45 AM	Tea Break

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11.45 - 1.00 PM	<p data-bbox="472 264 802 296"><u>Round Table Discussion</u></p> <p data-bbox="472 375 1421 464">Chair: Amb. Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow, Delhi Policy Group and Former Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs</p> <p data-bbox="472 543 797 575">Broad themes to Discuss:</p> <ol data-bbox="472 617 1401 1041" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="472 617 1260 651">1. India's approach to Africa: Influence of the 'China Factor' <li data-bbox="472 674 1117 707">2. China's engagement in Africa versus the Rest. <li data-bbox="472 730 1401 816">3. Role of African agency: What is Africa's strategy for engaging India and China? <li data-bbox="472 840 1390 926">4. Experiences of Indian corporates operating in Africa: Competing or Coexisting with Chinese actors? <li data-bbox="472 949 1378 1035">5. Indian contribution to developing African infrastructure: India Inc, Kukuza Project Development and Beyond.
1.00 - 1.15 PM	<p data-bbox="472 1121 1369 1207"><u>Closing Remarks:</u> Mr. Sanjay Pulipaka, Senior Fellow at the Nehru Memorial Museum Library (NMML)</p> <p data-bbox="472 1287 1341 1320"><u>Vote of Thanks:</u> Dr. Veda Vaidyanathan, Research Associate, ICS</p>
1.15- 2.30 PM	Lunch