

Forum on China Africa Cooperation: Progress in Implementation

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Since its start in 2000, Forum on China-Africa Cooperation has attracted a lot of attention from international arena. How was it started? What is its impact? This paper will analyze the origin and impact of this forum. The author argues that the traditional freindship between China and Africa, the rapid development of China-African cooperation during the 1990s, international factors and the push from the African side contributed to the birth of FOCAC. The impact of FOCAC is multi-facial. Besides the contribution to the excelaration of China-African cooperation, there are the set-off of various forums within China, such as China-Middle-East forum, China-Portuguess speaking countries, China-Caribbean countries, and China-Pacific small countries, there have appeared some common phenomena in the international arena between other countries and Africa. Apart from its mechanism, China's attitude towards Africa and measures regarding to the cooperation also have impact on international politcs.