



The Intimate China-Africa in Kampala, Uganda

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Suggested Learning Objectives

- Explore the practice of China's ever-growing political and economic influence in the African country of Uganda.
- Discuss the benefits that arise for China and Uganda from the engagement of both nations and gain an understanding of the reasons behind the countries' cooperation with one another.
- Discuss the idea of soft-power and why it is important to mitigate tensions between natives and migrants.
- Examine the patterns and processes surrounding the political and economic development of Uganda.

Suggested Unit Pairing

Unit 2: Population and Migration Patterns and Processes

Unit 4: Political Patterns and Processes

Unit 7: Industrial and Economic Development Patterns and Processes

Essential Knowledge (EK)

- IMP-2.E.1: Migration has political, economic, and cultural effects.
- PSO-4.C.1: Political power is expressed geographically as control over people, land, and resources, as illustrated by neocolonialism, shatterbelts, and choke points.
- SPS-7.A.3: Investors in industry sought out more raw materials and new markets, a factor that contributed to the rise of colonialism and imperialism.

Discussion Questions

- What is the scope and form of Chinese investment in Uganda?
- What are some of the main ways that the Chinese state, government and individuals are engaging in the Ugandan economy, and how does this contribute to Chinese soft power?
- Where are Chinese migrants located in Kampala? Who are they, where are they from, and what are their drivers for moving to Uganda?
- What are the motivations, concerns and everyday experiences of Chinese individuals on the ground in Kampala?
- Why is China using a soft-power approach when influencing Uganda's political and economic development? What are the benefits of this ?



- Why is it important to mitigate tensions in the region? Can you think of any other social events that may help to ensure there is no animosity between native Ugandans and Chinese migrants?
- What does Uganda ultimately get from Chinese cooperation?
- What does China achieve from doing business in Uganda?
- Can you think of any other geopolitical arrangements between two nations ?

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