

CHINA-AFRICA BIBLIOGRAPHY: AGRICULTURE

This bibliography directs readers through the China-Africa relationship as it pertains to agriculture, particularly agriculture cultivated on African land. The China-Africa agricultural context is an interlocking structure of aid, investment, trade, politics, and diplomacy where it is difficult to isolate once facet without invoking the others. Presented here are 28 readings that hopefully illuminate some or most parts of this structure.

There are 23 suggested peer-reviewed articles listed here in chronological order, though 13 articles are highlighted separately as part of two different journal special features in *IDS Bulletin* and *World Development*, respectively.

The suggested articles are all relatively recent, in part because several articles provide an overview of past work and summarize the historical China-Africa agricultural relationship (e.g., Alden, 2013; Brautigam & Tang, 2009; and, Buckley 2013b). The contemporary nature of the articles is also due to the increased scholarly (and public) interest on the topic, especially in the context of the global food crisis and ‘land grabbing’ concerns (see: Brautigam & Ekman, 2012; Zhao, 2013; Brautigam & Zhang, 2013; and, Buckley, 2013a) as well as South-South development potentials (see: Amanor, 2013a; Scoones et al., 2016; and, Scoones, Cabral, & Tugendhat, 2013). Most recently, the theme of China-Africa agricultural knowledge transfer has emerged as a hot topic (see: Li et al., 2013; Lu et al., 2016; Tugendhat & Alemu, 2016; and, Xu et al., 2016).

Country-specific case studies include: Cameroon (Brautigam & Zhang, 2013), the DRC (ibid), Ethiopia (Alemu & Scoones, 2013; Cook et al., 2016), Ghana (Amanor, 2013b; Amanor & Chichava, 2016; Cook et al., 2016), Mozambique (Amanor & Chichava, 2016; Brautigam & Ekman, 2012; Brautigam & Zhang, 2013; Chichava et al., 2013; Gu et al., 2016), Senegal (Buckley, 2013), Sierra Leone (Brautigam & Tang, 2009), Tanzania (Xu, Qi, & Li, 2014), and Zimbabwe (Gu et al., 2016; Mukwereza, 2013).

There are linkages between Taiwan-Africa agricultural relationships and China-Africa agricultural relationships. For a good overview of the Taiwanese context, see: Hsiao-pong, 2009.

A handful of stand-alone research reports are also included due to the unique perspectives they offer. Ukaejiofo (2014) writes as an African researcher on the China-Africa relationship. Buckley et al. (2017) delivers the perspectives of Chinese agronomists on agricultural aid to Africa. Written products from the agriculture session of the OECD-sponsored China-DAC Study Group (Chaponniere, Gabas, & Zheng, 2010; Fan, Nestorova, and Olofinbiyi, 2010) are prime examples of South-South development in conversation. Further, the book *Fifty Years of Sino African Cooperation* (eds. Liu & Yang 2009) is billed as Chinese perspectives on China-Africa relations and includes an entire chapter focused entirely on agriculture.

Three larger resources are also included in this bibliography: FOCAC, CARI, and Future

Agriculture's.

The Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) is the official Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs repository for all things China-Africa related. The main FOCAC archives includes the text of key speeches from each tri-annual conference since 2000. Searching for “agriculture” using the site’s search bar should bring up press briefs and other documents of possible interest.

John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies hosts the China Africa Research Initiative (CARI). CARI’s initial research focus was on China-Africa agricultural engagements and affiliated researchers produced several policy briefs (No.’s 1-7,15) and working papers (No.’s 5 & 12) on the subject. Dr. Deborah Brautigam is the director of CARI. Her book, *Will Africa Feed China?*, synthesizes much of CARI’s research and agricultural fieldwork into a concise presentation of the ‘rumors and realities’ of Chinese agricultural engagement in Africa.

The Future Agricultures research consortium hosts a “China and Brazil in African Agriculture” hub that includes an extensive working paper selection, policy briefs, and blog posts on the subject.

Finally, some articles in this bibliography occasionally cite Chinese journals; links to the most relevant of these journals are provided.

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