China's growing role as infrastructure financier for sub-Saharan Africa Oct 20, 2008. Building bridges: China's growing role as infrastructure financier for Sub-Saharan Africa (English). Abstract. China and Africa have a long history of political and economic ties, which have greatly intensified in recent years. Both bilateral trade and Chinese direct investment (FDI) in Africa grew about fourfold between 2001 and 2005, accompanied by a major construction and other infrastructure that can directly benefit residents in Africa. Chinese companies contracted more than 6,000 km of road building, 3,400 km of railway, and thousands of other projects in Africa.

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