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Chinese Agricultural Investment in Africa: Actors, Modalities and Assessment



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Against the backdrop of the high-profile “reencounter and reunion” of China and Africa since the new millennium, agriculture has been one of the most important cooperation fields between the two sides. Different from its earlier, mostly aid-featured engagement with African agriculture in the 20th century, the Chinese government began to actively encourage and support Chinese companies to invest in the agricultural sector on the continent. The speaker will look back on the past decade’s practice of Chinese agricultural investment on the ground, examine the different actors and modalities involved in this process, and give an initial assessment as to the results and implications of the Chinese state-led agricultural investment policy in Africa in the new era.

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