

The United States and China in Africa: What Does the Data Say? 2016 Updates

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TRADE

- China's total trade volume with Africa in 2016 was \$128 billion; in comparison, US total trade with Africa was \$48 billion.
- In 2016, China's exports to Africa decreased, from \$150 billion in 2015 to \$88 billion.
- In 2016, oil accounted for 54% of China's total imports from Africa, compared to 32% of total US imports from Africa that same year.

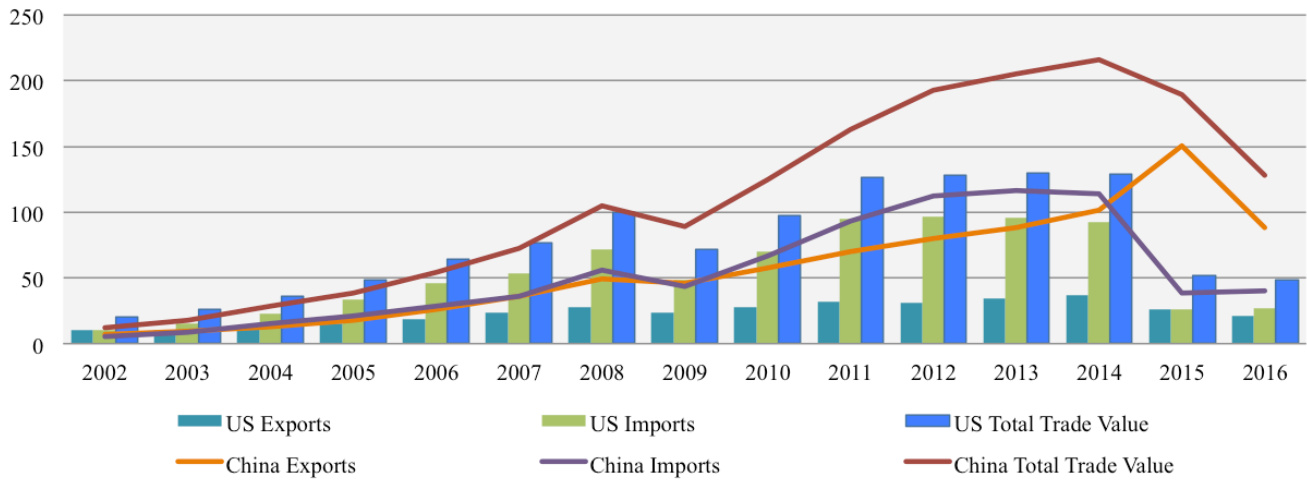
FDI

- The US is still ahead of China in terms of investment: by the end of 2016, US FDI stock (\$57.5 billion) was higher than China's (\$40 billion).
- In 2016, China's annual FDI flow was 2.4 billion, while the US divested 0.5 billion from the African continent.

Workers

- By the end of 2016, the total number of Chinese workers in Africa, for both services and contracted projects, was 227,407.
- In 2016, the top 5 countries with Chinese workers were Algeria, Angola, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Kenya, accounting for 65% of all Chinese workers in Africa; Algeria and Angola alone account for 53% of these numbers.
- There is no parallel data for US workers in Africa.

China vs US trade with Africa: 2002-2016 (US \$bn)



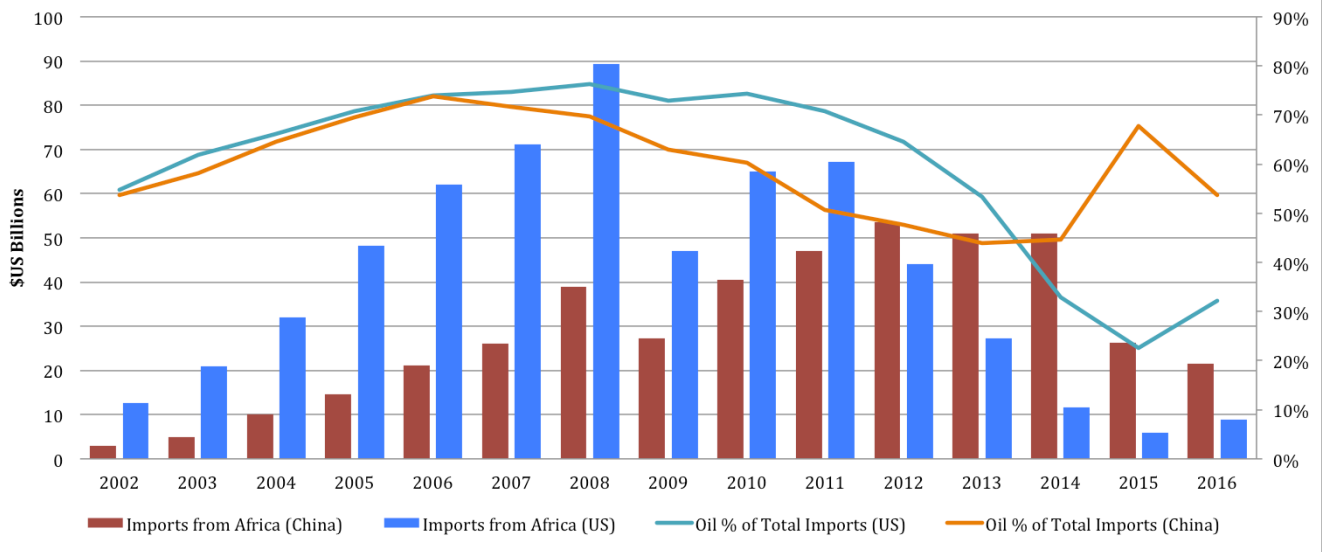
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US vs. China Oil Trade with Africa: 2002-2016



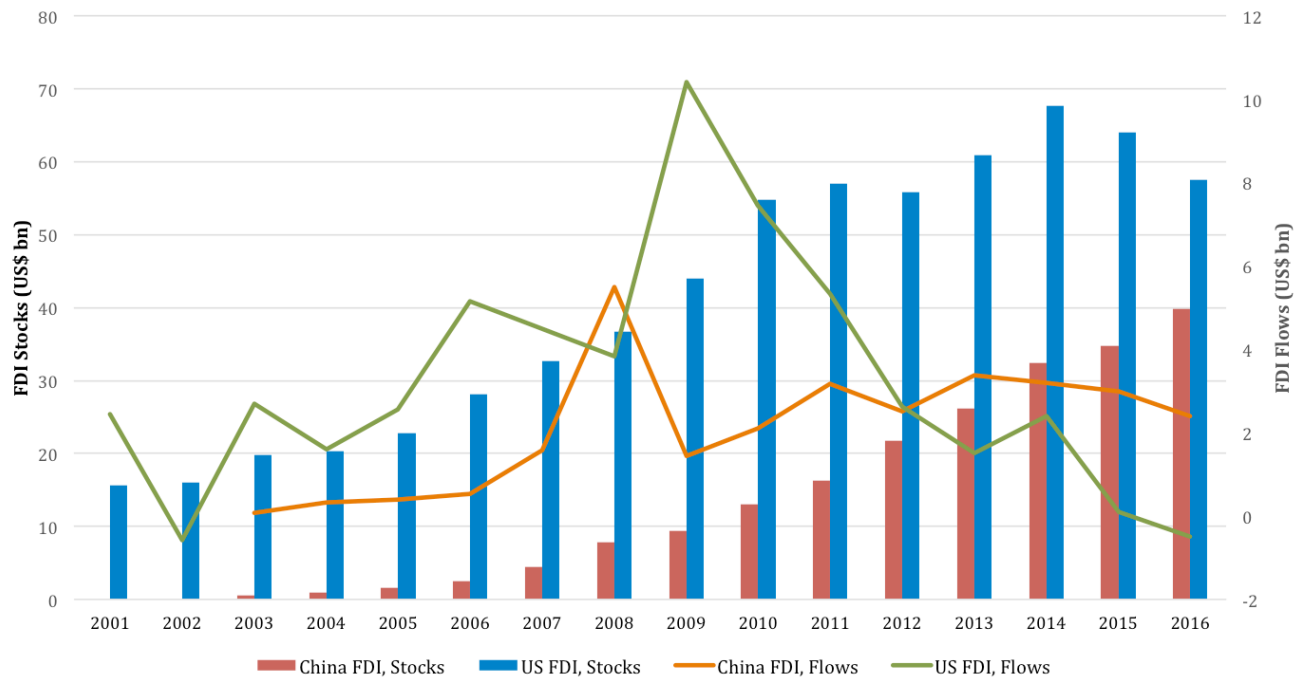
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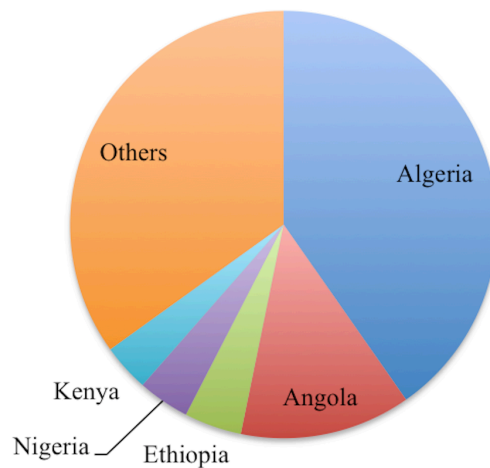
Chinese and US FDI to Africa, 2001-2016



Source: UNCTAD; US Bureau of Economic Analysis; National Bureau of Statistics of China
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Geographic concentration of Chinese labor, 2016



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