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## PBSC Week in Review

**Xi Jinping**

**Dec 5**

**Xi chaired a plenary session of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in Johannesburg, South Africa.**

*Meeting decided to upgrade China-Africa relations to a comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership. Also approved FOCAC-Johannesburg Action Plan (2016-2018). China-Africa relations to focus on 10 major cooperation plans covering the areas of industrialization, agricultural modernization, infrastructure, financial services, green development, trade and investment facilitation, poverty reduction, public health, people-to-people exchanges, and security.*

**Xi met with leaders from 17 African countries.**

*Equatorial Guinea, Chad, Senegal, Liberia, Benin, Mauritania, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger, Cape Verde, Malawi, Guinea-Bissau, Zambia, Algeria, the Central African Republic, Sudan, Sierra Leone and Burundi.*

**Xi flew back to Beijing.**

**Dec 4**

**Xi spoke at the opening ceremony of a summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in Johannesburg, South Africa.**

*Full text of the speech (in Chinese).*

**Xi addressed the China-Africa high-level business leaders dialogue and the China-Africa enterprises conference.**

**Xi met with leaders of 13 African countries in Johannesburg, South Africa.**

*Included Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Comoros, South Sudan, Morocco, Rwanda, Botswana and others.*

- Xi met with Namibian President Hage Geingob in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Xi met with Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Xi met with President of Mali Ibrahim Keita in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Xi met with Union of Comoros President Ikililou Dhoinine in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Xi met with Egyptian Prime Minister Sherif Ismail in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Dec 3** Xi held talks with African Union Commission Chairperson Nkosanzana Dlamini Zuma in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Xi met with President of Mozambique Filipe Nyusi in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Xi met with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Xi and Peng Liyuan attended a welcome banquet for the China-Africa Cooperation Forum in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Xi had a message published in an album reflecting the joint fight against Fascists by the Chinese and Russians during WWII.
- Dec 2** Xi held talks with South African President Jacob Zuma in Pretoria, South Africa.
- Xi and Peng Liyuan visited a wildlife sanctuary in Harare, Zimbabwe.
- Xi flew from Zimbabwe to Pretoria, South Africa.
- Dec 1** Xi held talks with Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe in Harare, Zimbabwe.
- Xi flew from Paris to Zimbabwe.
- Xi sent a congratulatory letter to the China-Russia Ruling Parties Dialogue being held in Beijing.
- Xi sent a congratulatory letter to the China-Africa Media Summit.
- Xi sent a letter to General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Choummaly Sayasone to congratulate him on 40 years of rule.
- Xi had an article published in the South African local press.

- Nov 30**    **Xi attended and spoke at the opening ceremony of the United Nations conference on climate change in Paris, France.**  
*Full text of his speech (in Chinese).*
- Xi met with United States President Barack Obama in Paris.**
- Xi met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Paris.**
- Xi met with Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff in Paris.**
- Xi had an article published in the Zimbabwean local press.**
- Nov 29**    **Xi met with French President Francois Hollande in Paris, France.**
- Xi left Beijing to attend the United Nations conference on climate change in Paris, France.**
- Nov 27-28**    **Xi chaired a conference of the Poverty Relief Working Group.**  
*The conference focused on methods for lifting the remaining 70 million poor above the poverty line by 2020, including ensuring that people have enough to eat and wear, access to compulsory education, access to health services, and housing.*
- Nov 26**    **Xi met with leaders attending the China, Central and Eastern European Countries Summit.**
- Xi met with Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić.**
- Xi met with Czech Republic Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka.**
- Nov 25**    **Xi held talks with Polish President Andrej Duda.**
- Xi sent a written instruction to a ceremony honoring work done in prevention of Ebola.**
- Nov 24**    **Xi made a speech at the Central Military Commission Leading Small Group for Reforming the Armed Forces.**
- Xi sent a congratulatory message to the United Nations meeting marking the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.**
- Xi sent a written instruction to the organizers of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games.**
- Nov 23**    **Xi chaired a meeting of the Politburo.**  
*The meeting heard a report on inspections at 55 SOEs and deliberated measures related to poverty reduction and Party schools.*

**Xi led a study session of the Politburo.**

*The session focused on Marxism in China's political economy. Xi gave a lecture.*

**Xi sent a congratulatory message to the opening of an international robotics forum in Beijing.**

Li Keqiang	Dec 3	Li chaired a meeting of the leading small group on education, science and technology.
	Dec 2	<p><b>Li chaired an executive meeting of the State Council.</b></p> <p><i>The meeting discussed issues of financial reform and opening up after the inclusion of the renminbi in the IMF's special drawing rights basket, regional tests of financial reforms, lowering emissions of coal-fueled power plants and the amendment of the family planning law.</i></p> <p><b>Li chaired and spoke at a symposium on economic work.</b></p>
	Dec 1	Li sent a written instruction for a video and teleconference meeting on relocation in Beijing.
	Nov 30	<p><b>Li attended a symposium of leading post-doctoral talents.</b></p> <p><b>Li published a written instruction on AIDS prevention work in honor of World AIDS Day on December 1.</b></p>
	Nov 27-28	<b>Li attended and gave a speech at the Poverty Relief Working Group conference.</b>
	Nov 27	<b>Li held talks with Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka.</b>
	Nov 26	<b>Li held talks with Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vučić.</b>
		<b>Li met with Croatian Parliament Speaker Josip Leko.</b>
		<b>Li met with Latvian Prime Minister Laimdota Straujuma.</b>
		<b>Li met with Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama.</b>
		<b>Li met with Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov.</b>
		<b>Li met with Macedonian Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski.</b>
		<b>Li met with Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina Denis Zvizdic.</b>
		<b>Li sent a written instruction to a meeting on infectious disease prevention.</b>

	Nov 25	<p>Li met with Lithuanian Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevicius in Suzhou, China.</p> <p>Li met with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban in Suzhou, China.</p> <p>Li had an inspection tour in the Shanghai Free Trade Zone.</p> <p>Li and Central and Eastern European leaders attending the China, Central and Eastern European Countries Summit rode the high-speed rail from Suzhou to Shanghai.</p>
	Nov 24	<p>Li attended and spoke at the China, Central and Eastern European Countries Summit in Suzhou, China. <i>Full text of his speech (in Chinese).</i></p> <p>Li made remarks at the opening ceremony of the China, Central and Eastern European Countries Economic and Trade Forum in Suzhou, China. <i>Full text of his speech (in Chinese).</i></p> <p>Li met with Slovenian Prime Minister Miro Cerar in Suzhou, China.</p> <p>Li met with Polish President Andrzej Duda in Suzhou, China.</p> <p>Li met with Estonian Prime Minister Taavi Rõivas in Suzhou, China.</p> <p>Li flew from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to Suzhou, China.</p>
	Nov 23	<p>Li made a speech at the China-Malaysia High-Level Economic Forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. <i>Full text of the speech (in Chinese).</i></p> <p>Li held talks with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.</p> <p>Li met with Malaysian business representatives in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.</p>
	Dec 2	<p>Zhang attended a grand reception to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Laos in Vientiane, Laos.</p> <p>Zhang met with Lao Vice President Pounnhang Vorachith in Vientiane, Laos.</p> <p>Zhang attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction on the China-Laos railway.</p>
	Dec 1	<p>Zhang met with President and General Secretary of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party Choummaly Sayasone in Vientiane, Laos.</p>
Zhang Dejiang		

		Zhang met with President of the National Assembly of Laos Pany Yathotou in Vientiane, Laos.
	Nov 27-28	Zhang attended the Poverty Relief Working Group conference.
	Nov 27	Zhang met with speaker of Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia Wiesley Simina.
		Zhang met with Croatian Parliament Speaker Josip Leko.
	Nov 26	Zhang met with Polish President Andrezej Duda.
	Nov 25	Zhang held talks with Argentine Vice President and head of the Senate Amado Boudou.
Yu Zhengsheng	Dec 4	Yu met with a Japanese delegation led by Secretary General of the Liberal Democratic Party Tanigaki Sadakazu and Secretary General of the Komei Party Yoshihisa Inoue.
	Dec 3	Yu chaired a bi-weekly consultation session of the CPPCC. <i>The meeting focused on the development of generic drugs and establishing tougher standards to assess their quality.</i>
	Nov 27-28	Yu attended the Poverty Relief Working Group conference.
	Nov 24	Yu met with delegates of the conference on the united front work in universities.
Liu Yunshan	Dec 4	Liu attended and spoke at a “One Belt One Road” educational work forum.
	Dec 1	Liu attended the China-Russia Ruling Parties Dialogue.
		Liu attended and spoke at a meeting on high-level think tank building.
	Nov 30	Liu met with representatives from BRICS media organizations.
	Nov 27-28	Liu attended the Poverty Relief Working Group conference.
	Nov 25	Li attended a symposium marking the 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday of Deng Liqun.
Wang Qishan	Nov 27-28	Wang attended the Poverty Relief Working Group conference.
Zhang Gaoli	Nov 29-Dec 1	Zhang went on an inspection tour in Guangdong.

**Nov 27-28**     **Zhang attended the Poverty Relief Working Group conference.**

**Nov 26**        **Zhang spoke at a meeting of the Yangtze River Economic Belt working group.**

#### **About CPW**

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