**List of select Belt and Road Initiative agreements**[[1]](#footnote-1)\*

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Note: China is a party to all agreements listed. For state parties, these agreements could be concluded by governments, administrative agencies, or courts, depending on the agreement. Where available, the year in which the agreement was concluded and a link to its full text are included.

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# Bilateral agreements

Memorandums of understanding (MOU) with subnational government

* Victoria, Australia (2018), <https://www.vic.gov.au/victorias-china-strategy>

Framework agreement with subnational government

* Victoria, Australia (2019), <https://www.vic.gov.au/bri-framework>

Bilateral MOUs with countries

* Albania (2017)
* Algeria (2018)
* Antigua and Barbuda (2018)
* Bahrain (2018)
* Barbados (2019)
* Bolivia (2018)
* Bosnia and Herzegovina (2017)
* Bulgaria (2015)
* Cameroon (2018)
* Chile (2018)
* Costa Rica (2018)
* Cote d’Ivoire (2018)
* Croatia (2017)
* Czech Republic (2015)
* Egypt (2016)
* Ethiopia (2018)
* Fiji (2018)
* Ghana (2018)
* Greece (2018)
* Grenada (2018)
* Guyana (2018)
* Hungary (2015)
* Italy (2019), <https://www.corriere.it/economia/19_marzo_12/via-seta-testo-dell-intesa-l-italia-cina-versione-inglese-traduzione-italiano-9ea09020-44c2-11e9-b3b0-2162e8762643.shtml>
* Jamaica (2019)
* Kenya (2018)
* Lebanon (2017)
* Luxembourg (2019)
* Madagascar (2017)
* Malaysia (2017)
* Malta (2018)
* Mongolia (2017)
* Montenegro (2017)
* Morocco (2017)
* Myanmar (2018)
* Nepal (2017)
* Niue (2018)
* Oman (2018)
* Panama (2017)
* Pakistan
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* Romania (2015)
* Rwanda (2018)
* Samoa
* Serbia (2015)
* Seychelles (2018)
* Sierra Leone (2018)
* Singapore (2017)
* Slovakia (2015)
* Somalia (2018)
* South Africa (2015)
* Trinidad and Tobago (2018)
* Tunisia (2018)
* Turkey (2015)
* Vanuatu (2018)

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* Senegal “Cooperation Document” (2018)[[4]](#footnote-4)

Bilateral agreements with international organizations

* MOU
	+ United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (2017), <https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/MoU_between_UNECE___the_NDRC_in_China_2017-05-14.pdf>
	+ United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) (2019), <https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/20190426-CHN-MOFA-BRI-ENG.pdf>
	+ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (2016)
	+ African Union (AU)[[5]](#footnote-5)
	+ United Nations Environment Programme (2016), <https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/25336/MOU%20-%20Belt%20and%20Road%20Strategy%20-Dec%202016.pdf?sequence=20&isAllowed=y>
* Letters of intent
	+ ESCAP (2016)
* Agreements
	+ World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (2017)

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	+ Joint Communique of the Leaders Roundtable of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (2017), <https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1462012.shtml>
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	+ Arab States (2018), <http://www.chinaarabcf.org/chn/lthyjwx/bzjhywj/dbjbzjhy/P020180726404036530409.pdf>
* MOU
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	+ MOU on Collaboration on Matters to Establish the Multilateral Cooperation Center for Development Finance (2019) (with eight MDBs) <https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/partnership/_download/collaboration-on-matters.pdf>
	+ MOU on the Establishment of the BRITACOM, <https://www.aotca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Memorandum-of-Understanding-on-BRITACOM.pdf>?
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	+ Guiding Principles on Financing the Development of the Belt and Road (2017), <http://www.mof.gov.cn/zhengwuxinxi/caizhengxinwen/202007/t20200724_3555773.htm>
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* Initiative
	+ “The Belt and Road” Digital Economy International Cooperation Initiative (2017), <http://finance.jrj.com.cn/tech/2017/12/04073823734129.shtml>
	+ Initiative on Promoting Unimpeded Trade Cooperation along the Belt and Road (2017), <http://english.mofcom.gov.cn/article/newsrelease/significantnews/201705/20170502578235.shtml>
	+ Common Initiatives for Strengthening Cooperation Between Countries Along the "Belt and Road" in the Field of Intellectual Property (2017), <https://www.ccpit-patent.com.cn/node/3445>
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	+ France Joint Declaration on the partnerships in third-party markets (2015)
* MOU
	+ Austria (2019)
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5. *China Signs MOUs with 37 African Countries, AU on B&R Development*(2018), *available at* https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn/qwyw/rdxw/65620.htm. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
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