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"Chinese Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Guinea: The Prospect of Sustainable Development"

In recent years, the world has contended with the fact of China's rise as a major locomotive of the global economy being a new economic superpower. Whereas much of China’s economic clout which is reshaping the way the global economy functions has been attributed to its wide domination of world trade and investment. It is widely accepted that little attention has been paid to the country’s ‘going-out’ strategy that was officially made public at the beginning of this millennium. This paper seeks to examine the determinants and policies of Chinese FDI in Guinea in the prospect of sustainable development. Factors such as the country’s landlockedness, weak infrastructure, lack of policy transparency, red-tape tendencies by government agencies, language and cultural differences, corruption and weak governance structures and promotion policies poorly designed investment are identified as responsible for the prior poor record in terms of attracting Chinese FDI in the country compared to its West African counterparts. This study used mainly qualitative and quantitative research techniques. Data, variables and analytical ex-post factors are used. Data collected for this study was based on resultant sources of data and comparative analysis from different sources. The study stresses the need for more trade and investment cooperation between China and Guinea in sectors that will lead to a win-win situation. It also argues that Guinea should pay more attention to the improvement of relations with existing investors and offer them incentives to assist in domestic marketing investment opportunities to potential Chinese investors in Guinea for her sustainable economic development.