



Great Power Competition and Potential in Africa in the 118th Congress


This Congress, the House Foreign Affairs Committee has passed significant legislation to counter the growing threat of Russia and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in Africa. Africa is among the most contested spaces in the great power competition. Recent trends indicate that the United States is losing influence while our adversaries, including China and Russia, are gaining ground. Coups and conflict have recently erupted across the Sahel while Coastal West African states have become the frontlines in the fight against terrorism. The HFAC Africa subcommittee is holding the administration accountable by conducting rigorous oversight of its uncoordinated “All in” on Africa strategy.

ENACTED INTO LAW:

H.R. 8105, the Elie Wiesel Genocide Prevention Extension Act (Rep. Wagner)

 Improves U.S. efforts to prevent mass atrocity crimes.

President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Extension

 Extends PEPFAR for a one year period through March 25, 2025, ensuring proper oversight and continuation of lifesaving aid (enacted as part of FY 2024 appropriations).


HOUSE-PASSED:

H.R. 7256, the U.S.-South Africa Bilateral Relations Review Act (Rep. James)

 Requires a full review of the U.S.-South Africa bilateral relationship through the national security lens (passed as part of the House FY25 NDAA).

COMMITTEE-PASSED:

H.R. 6727, the United States Foundation for International Conservation Act of 2023 (Chairman McCaul)

 Establishes the U.S. Foundation for International Conservation to promote long-term management of protected and conserved areas via public-private partnership. This will counter China and Russia by increasing stability and economic opportunity through conservation, strengthening African nations’ — and the U.S.’ — national security. Additionally, this bill counters China’s practices of illegal poaching and wildlife trafficking in Africa.



H.R. 6087, the Young African Leaders Initiative Act of 2023 (Rep. Kim)

-  Establishes a comprehensive U.S. government initiative to build the capacity of young leaders and entrepreneurs in Africa.

H.R. 8926, the DFC Modernization and Reauthorization Act of 2024 (Chairman McCaul)

-  Reauthorizes the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) for seven years and modernizes the Corporation to ensure that it can properly fulfill its developmental and national security mandates (e.g. countering China's Belt and Road Initiative).


H.R. 8310, the BRIDGE to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) Act of 2024 (Rep. James)

-  Requires the administration to produce a strategy to support and promote democracy, peace and stability in the DRC and on the DRC's Critical Mineral sector.

H.R. 3042, the Millennium Challenge Corporation Candidate Country Reform Act (Rep. Kim)

-  Modernizes the statutory criteria for Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) country partnerships to increase the number of countries that can become "candidate countries" and receive assistance from the MCC. This will enable MCC to partner with more countries on large infrastructure projects which offers an alternative to China's debt-trap diplomacy through the Belt and Road Initiative.

H.Res.1328, Recognizing the actions of the Rapid Support Forces and allied militias in the Darfur region of Sudan against non-Arab ethnic communities as acts of genocide (Rep. James)

-  Condemns the atrocities committed by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and allied militia, specifically naming these actions as genocide, and also condemns the atrocities committed by the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and allied militia.