

Chinese Capital in African Cities: Underground, Overground?

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Context: Chinese capital in Africa

- States and international organizations “give aid for three reasons: strategic diplomacy, commercial benefit, and as a reflection of society’s ideologies and values.” (Bräutigam 2009: 15)
- Chinese ‘aid’ is usually void of conditionality but reflective of commercial interest (economized partnership approach)
- Mounting concerns among traditional donors; discourses focus on geostrategic influence, instrumentalize human rights
- Investments not deliberately city-centric; rural infra-structure projects (e.g., roads, railroads, mining) commonplace

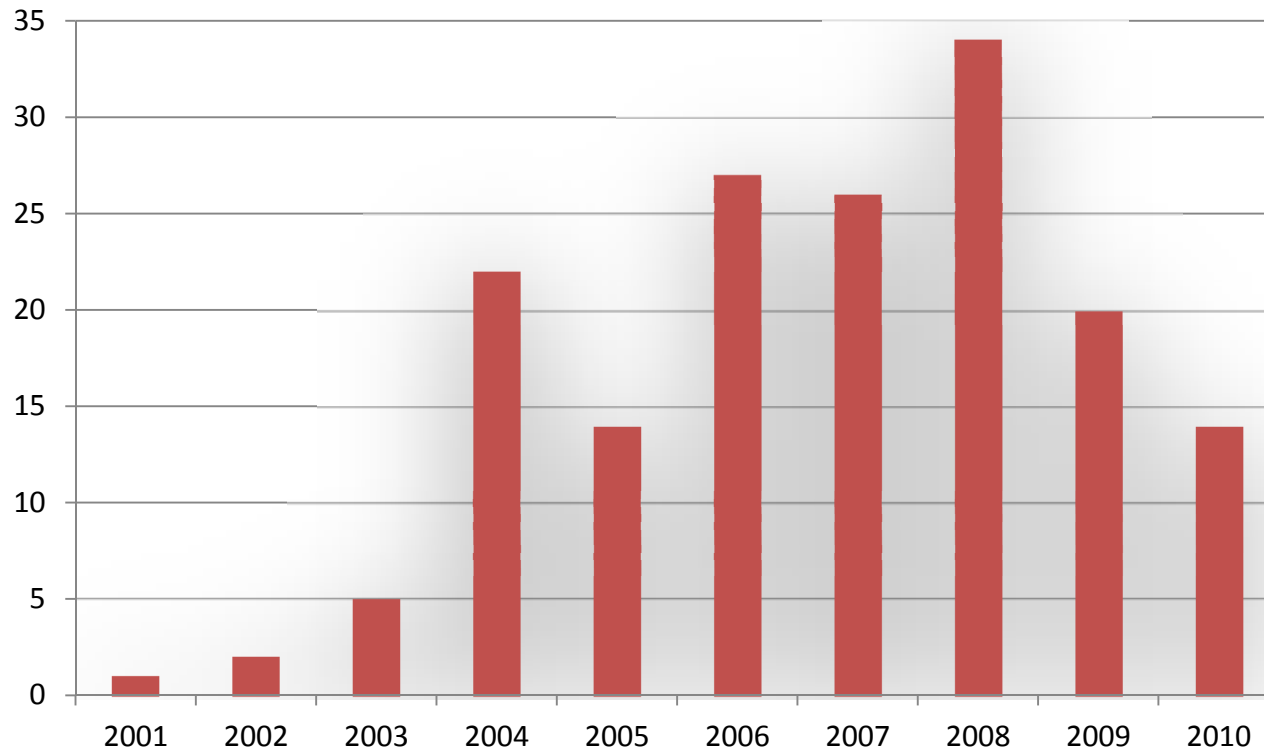
Research strategy and sources

- Researchers 1 and 3 reviewed **English** literature on Chinese investments and aid in Africa for data on urban projects
- Researcher 2 reviewed **Chinese** literature on Chinese investments and aid in Africa for data on urban projects
- Researcher 2 extracted all accessible records of urban projects from PRC's Ministry of Commerce (*MOFCOM*) website, as well as from Chinese embassy websites
- Researcher 2 randomly selected 17 projects (10.3%) for telephone interviews: data verification and complementation
- Researcher 3 coded and analyzed 165 available project records

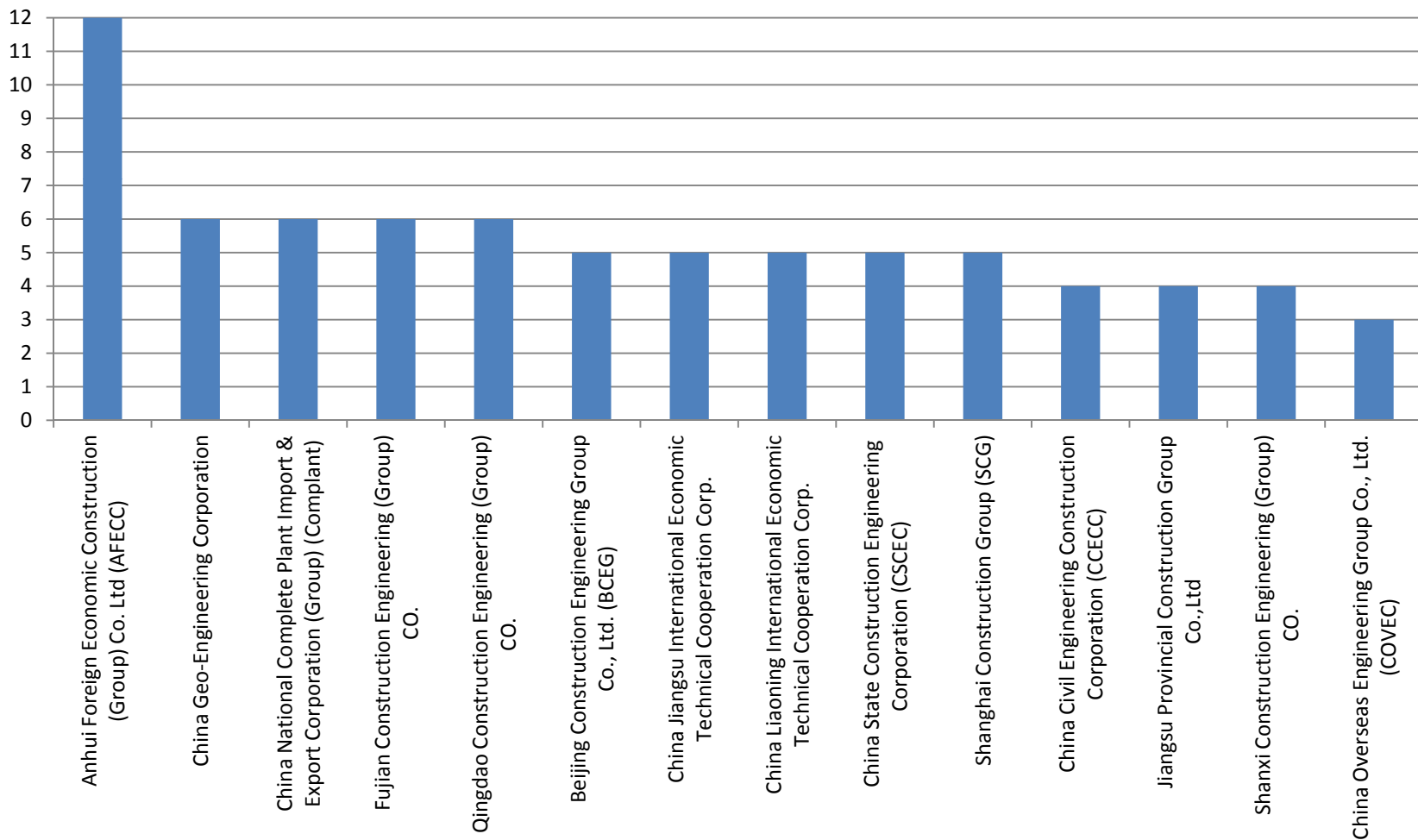
165 projects identified located in at least 44 cities across the African continent

Antaanarivo	Dodoma	Khartoum	N'Djamena
Aomuxiya	Edenvale (Jo'burg)	Kinshasa	Ndola
Baie Lazare	Eraokaipu	Kitwe	Ndola
Banggeweier	Fatick	Lome	Omboue
Bangui	Fianarantsoa	Luanda	Outapi
Bo	Gaborone	Lusaka	Parakou
Canghungo	Gauteng	Malabo	Praia
Chihota	Glass Kapu	Maputo	Rumbek
Cotonou	Harare	Maseru	Suez SAR
Damazin	Kaolack	Mbour	Tamatave
Dar es Salaam	Khartoum	Nairobi	Zanzibar

Majority of Chinese-financed urban projects launched during the past 7 years



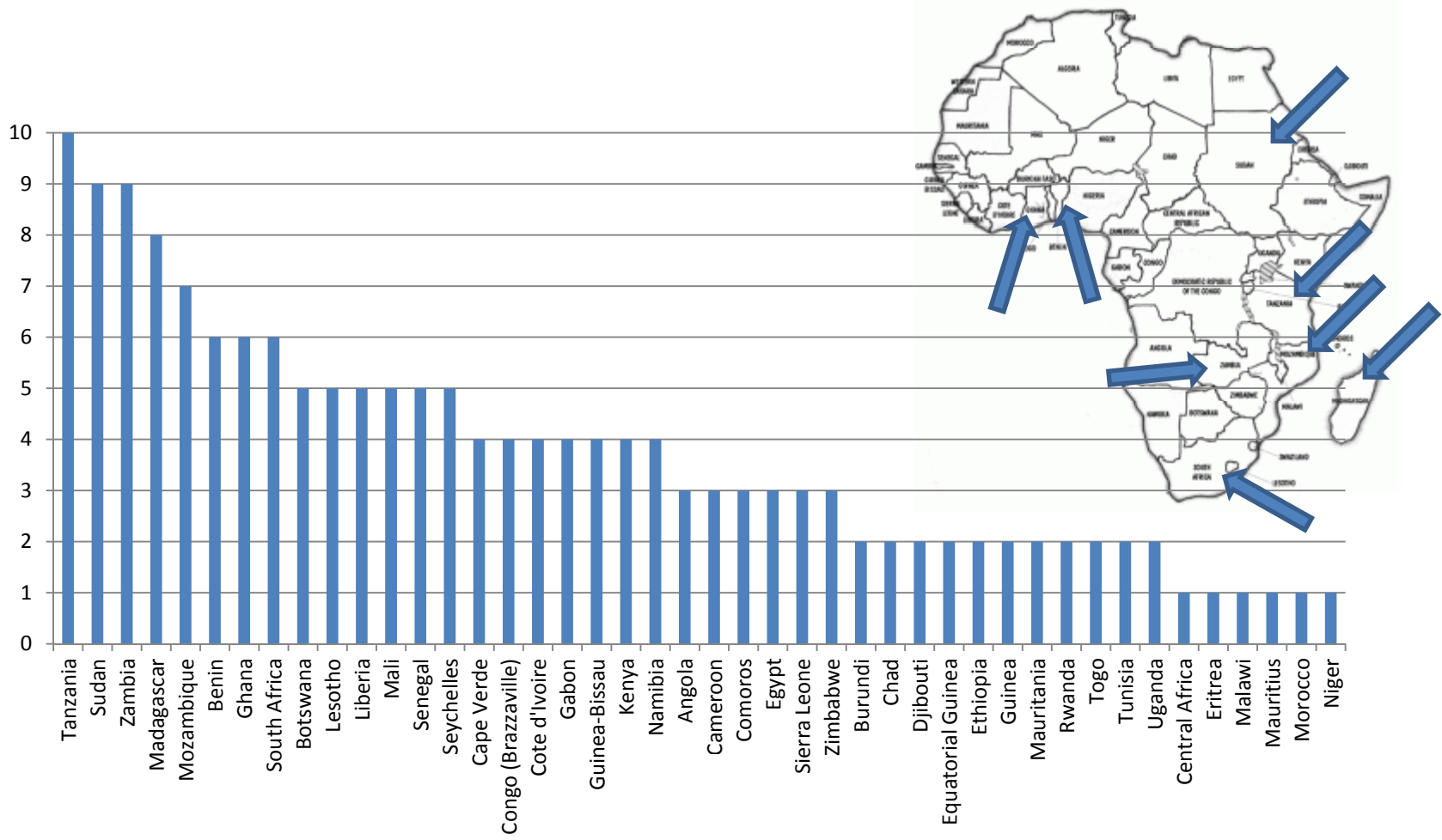
Over a dozen Chinese SOEs and private firms have at least 4 projects in African cities



Plethora of companies with either 1 or 2 projects illustrates scale and scope

Anhui Construction Engineering Group
Beijing International Economic and Technical Cooperation
Beijing Municipality AL Group
China Broadcasting International Economic and Technical Cooperation
China Building Technique Group Co., Ltd. (CBTGC)
China Chongqing International Economic Technical Cooperation Corp.
China Construction International Corporation (CCI)
China International Telecommunication Construction Corporation (CITCC)
China National Corporation For Overseas Economic Cooperation
China National Machinery Import & Export (Group) Co., Ltd.
China National Pharmaceutical Group Corporation (SinoPharm)
China National Service Corporation for Chinese Personnel Working Abroad
China Railway No.14 Engineering Group Co., LTD.
China Railway No.4 Engineering Group Co., LTD.
China Railway No.5 Engineering Group Co., LTD.
China Shanxi International Economic Technical Cooperation Corp.
China Shenyang International Economic Technical Cooperation Corp.
China Xinjiang International Economic Technical Cooperation Corp.
China Xinxing Corporation (Group)
China Dalian International Cooperation (Group) Holdings Ltd.
Fuzhou Watermeter Corporation
Guangdong Construction Engineering Group Co., LTD
Guangdong International Cooperation Corporation
Guangdong Xinguang International Group
Hainan Construction Engineering (Group) CO.
Hunan Construction Engineering (Group) CO.
Jiangsu Construction Group Corp.
Jiangsu Jiangdu Construction Group Corp.
Jiangsu Sainty Corp., Ltd.,
Nantong Construction Group Joint-Stock Co., LTD.
Ningbo Construction
NUCTECH
Qilu Construction Engineering (Group) CO.
Qilu Corporation
Shandong Foreign Economic and Technical Cooperation
Shandong Yantai Construction Corporation
Shengli Construction Group
Sichuan Huashi Group Co., LTD.
Sutex/China Construction International Corporation (CCI)
Tianjin Machinery Import & Export Corporation
Weihai International Economic & Technical Cooperative Co., Ltd (WIETC)
Xinjiang Construction Engineering (Group) Co., Ltd.
Zambia Huagang Corporation
Zhengtai Group
Zhongding International Engineering Co., LTD.
ZTE Corporation

Tanzania, Sudan, Zambia are hosts to several urban projects ... yet no spatial concentration detectable



Projects focus on physical infrastructure and cover a wide range of sectors and services

