Africans seek help to compete with Chinese

1. All from China, the quality is better than before and the prices are low. China is helping us by making these products we can afford.

2. The bilateral trade pattern which sees mainly raw materials flowing out from Africa and finished goods coming back is not sustainable.

3. African manufacturers insist not enough is being done. In some countries, notably South Africa and Kenya, cheap Chinese wares have forced local factories to close.

4. I cannot blame the Chinese – our own government policies must be strong on counterfeits and come up with minimum standards for imports, so that we guide and protect the manufacturing industry in Africa in order to add value to our own raw materials.

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