

# In Photos: Russia Pursues Closer Economic Ties with African Countries at St. Petersburg Summit

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Russia held its second Russia-Africa Summit in St. Petersburg this week as it hopes to foster closer economic ties with African nations. The war in Ukraine, security issues and Russia's exit last week from the Black Sea grain deal loomed large over the agenda. The event was also smaller in size and scope than the inaugural summit in Sochi in the pre-war year of 2019, with just 17 heads of state in attendance compared to the 43 who attended four years ago. Here is a closer look at the two-day event:



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