

On 20 December 2022, Tanzania [signed a contract](#) with two Chinese companies to build the final section of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) line, which will link the country's main port with its neighbours. This section, corresponding to 506 kilometres of railway tracks, will link the port of Dar es Salaam to the city of Mwanza on the southern edge of Lake Victoria, with eventual stretches to Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Rwanda and Uganda.

The Tanzania SGR is a railway system, which is being built in phases, that aims at linking the Dar es Salaam port to the landlocked Rwanda and Uganda, with plans of expansion to Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), as part of [East African Railway Master Plan](#). At the moment, the line reaches the city of Morogoro, located 196 kilometres west of Dar es Salaam, with other phases still under completion. These include the Morogoro-Makutupora section (completion status: 91.32%), Makutupora-Tabora (3.26%), Tabora-Isaka (0.49%) and Isaka-Mwanza (19.70%). In the end of January 2020

Tanzania, Burundi and DRC also signed an MoU for the construction of a

["Tripartite" railway](#)

line that will connect three countries from Uvinza, in Tanzania, to Kindu, in Eastern DRC, through the cities of Musongati, Gitega, Bujumbura and Uvira. The MOU, which was revised on Mar 7, 2022, was followed on

12 June 2022 by the approval by t

he Ministers of Transport of the 3 States of the report of the steering committee for the implementation of the project. Plans

are to connect the 3 countries with trains that will travel up to a speed of 160 km/h (for passenger transport) and 120km/h (for cargo).

