

US Treasury secretary Janet Yellen to visit China to build 'healthy' ties with Beijing

Yellen heads to Beijing this week in move one expert calls an attempt to 'put some floor' under strained economic ties

US Treasury secretary Janet Yellen will visit Beijing this week, marking the second trip by a cabinet official to China since ties between the world's top two economies deteriorated earlier this year.

Yellen is expected to discuss with her counterparts the importance for both countries "to responsibly manage our relationship, communicate directly about areas of concern, and work together to address global challenges", said the Treasury Department in a statement on Sunday.

Yellen's planned trip from 6-9 July comes just weeks after secretary of state Antony Blinken met President Xi Jinping and foreign minister Qin Gang in Beijing in June.

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