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The session shined a spotlight on the several African SEZs and shared inputs on their various achievements, and underlined challenges and opportunities for the African continents in supporting the implementation of the AfCFTA.





EXPERT OUTLOOK & INDUSTRIAL PROSPECT SESSIONS

EXPERT OUTLOOK 1 | FOCUS REPORT ON SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN AFRICA

The first expert outlook session was chaired by Mr Bernando Bruzonne, Africa regional editor of Oxford Business Group.

His presentation covered a report on the SEZs, focusing on the continent's special economic zones (SEZs), analyzing key data across a wide range of metrics ,such as trade volumes, business models, regulatory frame works and access to finance.

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INDUSTRIAL PROSPECT SESSION 1 | FROM DESIGN TO ASET MANAGMENT OF SPECIAL ECONO-MIC ZONE

The first industrial prospect session brought experts from Tanger Med Engineering (TME) who provided guidance on technical challenges and comprehensive solutions that drive the development and the implementation of special economic zones. This session addressed key technical issues related to design, constructions, facility management and operations and started out by a short animation presented by the Managing Director of TME, Mr Nasser Tlassellal.

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INDUSTRIAL PROSPECT SESSION 2 | DEVELOP-MENT PERSPECTIVE ON SPECIAL AGRO-INDUS-TRIAL PROCESING ZONES (SAPZs) IN AFRICA

"Some of the principles are linked to legal, regulatory and institutional framework, to ensure strong legal regulatory, institutional framework for SEZs, we need to anticipate early what regulations and certification do we need for SAPZs, there is also a need to strategically integrate SAPZs into national development plans. Governments must resist temptation to corrupt and politicize zones. Long term and strong government commitment is crucial for the success of the zones. The infrastructure in SAPZs in general, power, gas, roads, ports, and telecom are key constraints and governments and developers need a PPP approach to solve the constraints "

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EXPERT OUTLOOK 2 | SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES SUPORTING REGIONAL INTEGRATION

The second expert outlook session was chaired by Prof. Hafsa El Bekri, Professor of International Economics at EuroMed University .

Her presentation covered the SEZs Regional Integration and focused on how African Special Economic Zones can contribute in improving intra-African trade, economic inclusion, and regional integration.





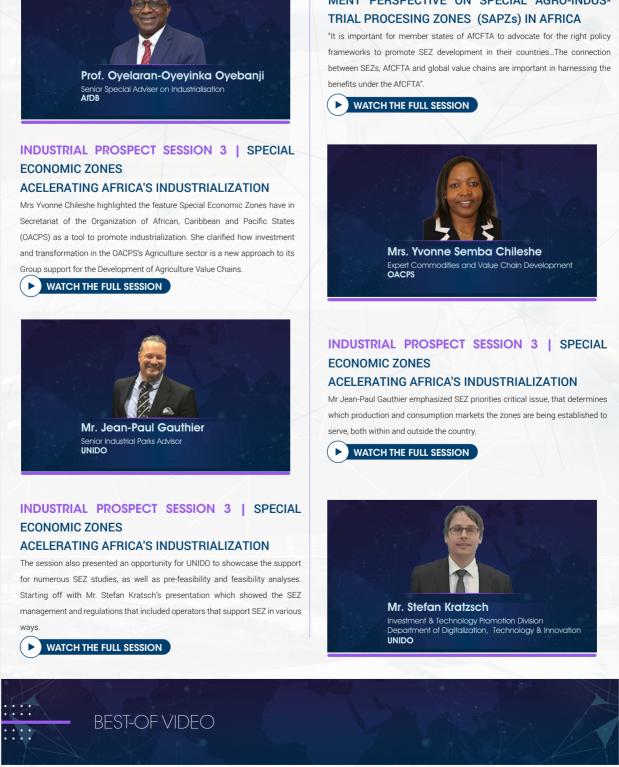
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Mr Ayoub Rmili, Director of Infrastructure, Industry and Logistics at Tanger Med Engineering (TME), joined along by declaring that in order to ensure the compliance of the infrastructure to be achieved with our objectives, with our rules and also cost effective activities, there are important steps to materialize this project and allow it to be pursued.

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AEZO 6TH ANNUAL MEETING BEST-OF VIDEO

Check out the best-of video and major highlights of the Africa Economic Zones Organization 6th Annual Meeting held on n November 25th, 2021, at the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat in Accra – Ghana under the theme"Connecting African Special Economic Zones to Global Value Chains at the era of the African Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)". This year's edition brought together 120 delegates who attended the event in person and more than 1500 participants followed live-streaming channels. Additionally, more than 54 African SEZs, Investment Promotion Agencies and government authorities have been represented.



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