



AEZO 6TH ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

"Connecting African Special Economic Zones to Global Value Chains at the era of the African Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)"

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We are pleased to publish our post event report, summarizing the discussion that took place during the AEZO 6th Annual Meeting on November 25th, 2021.

Hosted in a hybrid format by the African Continental Free Trade Area Secretariat (AfCFTA), this conference was organized under the theme: "Connecting African Special Economic Zones to Global Value Chains at the era of the African Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)" with the contribution of Tanger Med Group, African Development Bank (AfDB), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and Ghana Free Zones Authority (GFZA).

If you weren't able to join us this time, we hope you will be with us next year.

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AFRICAN ECONOMIC ZONES LATEST NEWS



GHANA - The GFZA and the Ministry of Trade and Industry are in the process of developing three separate industrial cities in the country

Known as the Special Economic Zones Project, the industrial cities are being developed in the Ashanti, Western and Eastern regions to serve as additional industrial hubs that could facilitate...

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EGYPT - The Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZone) witnessed the signing of the establishment of an integrated industrial complex for the production of methanol and ammonia

The project will be built on an area of 2 million square meters within the geographical site of the Main Development Company "MDC", one of the most important industrial developers...

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LIBYA - The creation of new Wadi Harir Special Economic Zone in western region

The Libyan government published decree (2021/7) dated 22 December 2021 regarding the establishment of a free investment zone of a special nature called (the Special Economic Zone, Wadi Al-Harir, Libya) with legal personality and independent financial...

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KENYA - Special Economic Zones Authority Board Lauds Kenya's First 'One-Stop Shop' At Tatu City

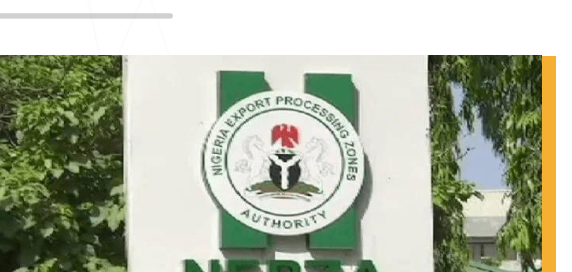
The board of directors of the Special Economic Zones Authority (#SEZA) has lauded the efforts by Tatu City to set up Kenya's first-ever "One-Stop-Shop" facility at the ~5,000-acre new city...

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NIGERIA - Special Economic Zone Fund: NEPZA Enforces Due Process Compliance

Nigerian Export Processing Zones Authority (NEPZA) has said its attention has been drawn to news report on request of the Auditor General of the Federation for more details on the 2017 to 2019 financial transactions on the development...

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BENIN - 1000 textile jobs within GDIZ !

The GDIZ wants to be a main vector of economic and social development in Benin.

This also involves employability and it starts today: in collaboration with APIEx BENIN and ANPE BENIN, 1000 jobs are to be filled in the textile industrial units of the GDIZ!

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MOZAMBIQUE - The African Development Bank grants US\$ 47 million for the development of the Pemba-Lichinga Special Agro-Industrial Zone

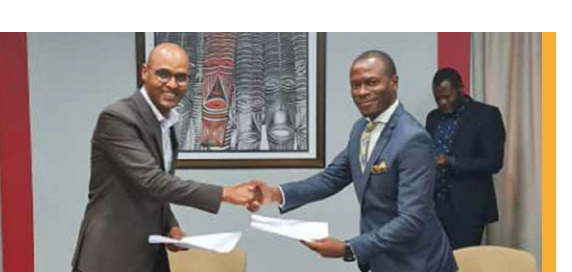
This support from the African Development Bank will help improve agricultural productivity and agribusiness development in the northern province of Niassa by building institutional capacity...

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ZAMBIA - Lusaka South Multi Facility Economic Zone signs Power Purchase Agreement to reduce load on Zesco

The 25Mega Watts Lusanje solar project has achieved a major milestone by signing a 25year power purchase agreement with the Lusaka South Multi-Facility Economic Zone (#LSMFEZ)...

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SOUTH AFRICA - Atlantis Special Economic Zone hopes to create 1 000 jobs with investments in manufacturing exceeding R3bn

In this game-changing for the Western Cape, the Atlantis Special Economic Zone will become the focal point for investment in green technologies with local businesses and residents who will benefit...

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This outlook serves as a database of experiences, lessons learnt and best practices in the process of considering and deploying SEZs.

It provides an objective assessment of the effectiveness of Economic Zones in the delivery of expected and achieved economic benefits, as well as their drawbacks and limitations.

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ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



Vehicle manufacturing and food processing could reap billions from African free trade zone

Vehicle manufacturing and food processing have been touted as the next big drivers of intra-African trade as the single largest world market, AfCFTA, readies to enter its second implementation phase in less than a month.

A new report, Reaping the potential benefits of the African Continental Free Trade Area for inclusive growth, by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) shows vehicles have the largest untapped export potential of \$1.4 billion, followed by sugar (\$1.3 billion) and fish and crustaceans (\$1.1 billion) processing.

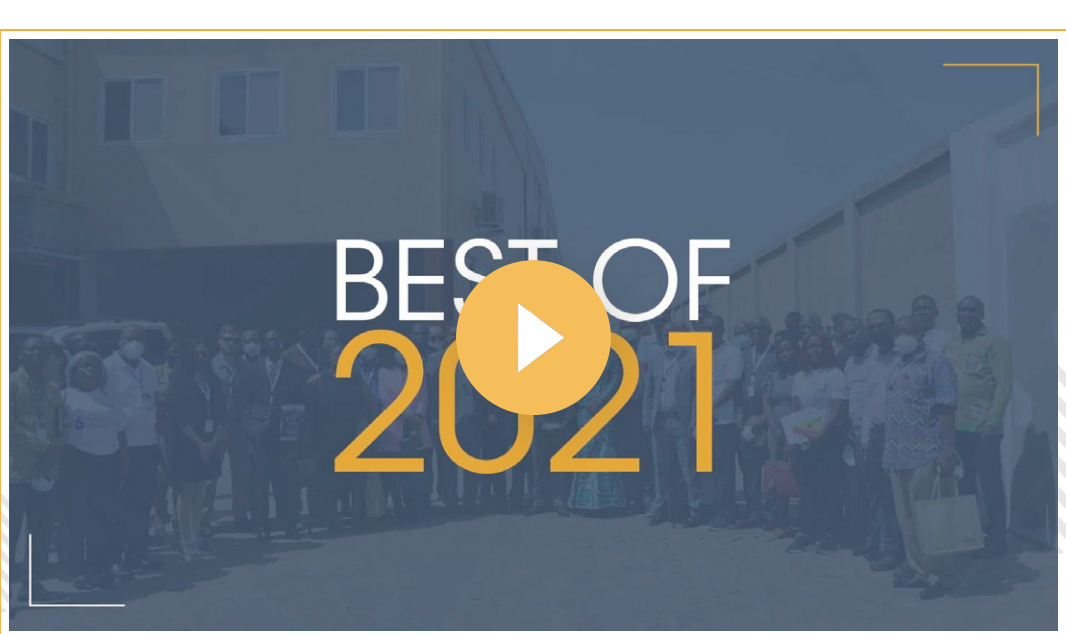
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AEZO 2021 in review

Africa Economic Zones Organization is elated to share with you a glance of highlights of 2021.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to the achievements and activities reported in the Best of Video below.



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