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# Regional Focus Group Special Economic Zones and Local Entrepreneurship Development

Tanger Med Zones hosted the first session of Regional Focus Group under the theme **"Promoting Local Entrepreneurship in African SEZs: Case Study of Tanger Med Zones"**, with the contribution of Africa Economic Zones Organization, UNCTAD and Club des Dirigeants.

The event organized for the dissemination of the conclusions of the survey on Special Economic Zones and Local Entrepreneurship, aim to better understand how Special Economic Zones (SEZs) can promote local entrepreneurship and establish productive links with micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in and around the zones.

If you missed it, here is the replay.

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Luanda-Bengo Special Economic Zone (ZEE) has shown remarkable growth over the last few years. The country's only Special Economic Zone plays a vital role in attracting domestic...

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#### Announcement of a new Special Economic Zone

The Gabonese government has announced the construction of a new Special Economic Zone (SEZ) the Mpassa-Lebombi, in the south-eastern province of Haut-Ogooué...

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#### Construction of Phase 2 of Tshwane Automotive Special Economic Zone to start this year

The special economic zone has already attracted billions in investments by suppliers to Ford Motor Company of Southern Africa...

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ZIMBABWE and ZAMBIA are working to establish a joint agroindustrialpark , which will improve the availability of goods and services for the bilateral market and broader intra-regional trade of manufactured products...



# **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN ECONOMIC ZONES**



# Meters factory has the capacity to produce 500,000 prepaid handsets annually

Frederico Makilanda, Chairman of the Board of Directors (PCA) of Hengye Electronics - Industria S.A. - factory of prepaid electricity and water meters -, informed that the unit has the capacity...

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#### Kenya's export processing zones' 2021 sales hit 787 mln USD, up from 700 mln in 2020

The jump in sales was due to rising demand from key export markets, said Benjamin Chesang, manager of research at the Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA)...

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# Limpopo's special economic zones expected to create 21,000 jobs

Limpopo premier M. Stan Mathabatha states that setting up special economic zones (SEZs) will salvage the province's economy. When the projects got off the ground, the SEZs...



#### Ben Guerdane Free Trade Zone, A Development Engine for Tunisia's Southern Region

The Ben Guerdane Free Trade Zone project to be set up some 11km from the Ras Jedir crossing point and 22km...

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#### Ministry of Industry Inaugurates "Bouznika Park Industries" Extension Project

The local authorities have inaugurated the extension project of the "Bouznika Park Industries." The extension project, which covers an area of 25 Ha in Bouznika...

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#### Lagos Free Zone Investment to Hit \$3.5 Billion In 2024

Owners of the Lagos Free Zone (LFZ) have stated that its investment in the LFZ is expected to hit over \$3.5 billion in 2024. According to them, the move is a clear demonstration...



The Lusaka South Multi Facility Economic Zone attracts \$100 million investment in the 1st quarter of 2022

South Lusaka Multi-Facility Economic Zone attracted an additional investment of US\$100 million in the quarter of 2022...

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### Why do countries experience diverging job growth trajectories in global value chains?

Structural change, a process in which resources are shifted from less to more productive activities, has historically been a driver of economic growth and development. Structural transformation has been particularly successful in Asia, but more recently also in sub-Saharan Africa. One important underlying driver...

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### Why 'Made in Morocco' Could Be Africa's Leading Automotive Label

Ranked 19th globally and over 200 automotive suppliers based in Morocco, the country's automotive sector is making it a leading player and exporter in the global and African markets... The country of North Africa has established a solid reputation as a reliable partner on the global stage, making it an exciting and appealing market for foreign automotive investors.



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# The Free Trade Zone Business – Taking Nigeria To The World

Dinesh Rathi, CEO, Lagos Free Zone, pens down an insightful article for Port Wings. He shares his vision for West Africa, and how LFZ is lowering the barriers for businesses with world-class infrastructure and facilities. With the sole exception of Eritrea, the other 54 African nations are signatories...

# **VIDEO OF THE WEEK**



#### CNN Connecting Africa captures Tanger Med Engineering (TME) success story

Tanger Med Engineering (TME) is an engineering company specializing in the planning, design, construction management and port asset management, maritime facilities, as well as logistics and industrial building zones.

With a team of more than 100 employees with different technical expertise, TME provides engineering design for mega infrastructure projects: Ports, industrial areas, dry ports industrial, and logistics buildings.

Thanks to its high-performance tools and the continuous personal development of its teams, TME Offers the most innovative and optimal solutions tailored to suit the clients needs

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Held annually, the World FZO AICE is the world's "must attend" event for free zones and associated entities. In 2022, the World FZO AICE is heading to Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica, from 13th to 17th of June at the Montego Bay Convention Centre.

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