



## **Establishment of a Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones (GAZES)**

The signing ceremony for the establishment of the Global Alliance on Special Economic Zones (GASEZ) took place on the first day of the annual conference of the world Free Zones Organization AICE 2022 in Jamaica.

The GASEZ seeks to pool the resources, experience, and commitment of the United Nations and global, regional, and national organizations to support SEZs in contributing to resilient, inclusive development. Joining the initiative for the future establishment of a global alliance were: the World Free Zones Organization (WFZO), the World Free and Special Economic Zones Federation (FEMOZA); the Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO); the Free Trade Zones Association of the Americas (AFZA); the International Association of Science Parks (IASP); the National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ) from the United States; the Association of Clusters, Technology Parks and SEZs of Russia; and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA).

We are honored to join this initiative and looking forward to a mutually beneficial partnership within the framework of the GAZES initiative in support of SEZs worldwide!

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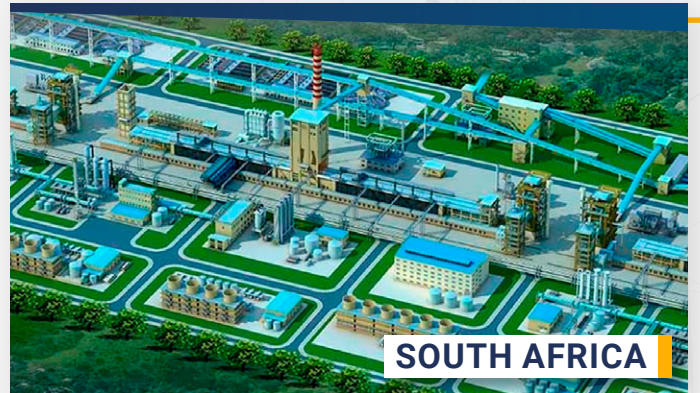
e-Tariff Book

AFRICA

## The AfCFTA Website, the Rules of Original Manual and the e-Tariff book have officially been launched

The AfCFTA, the world's largest free trade area bringing together all countries of the African Union (AU) and eight (8) Regional Economic...

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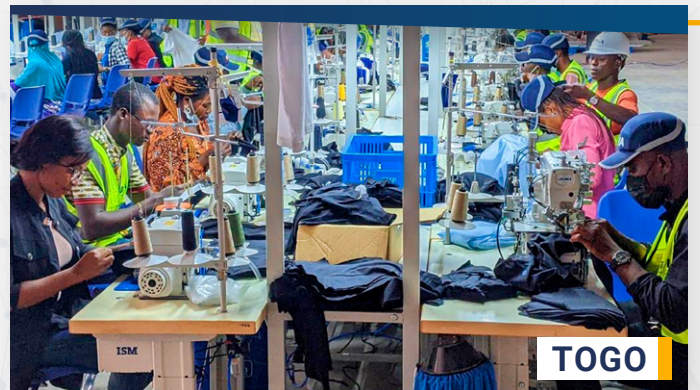


TANZANIA

## Afreximbank supports Elsewedy Electric to establish industrial zone in Tanzania

The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), according to its head of research Frederick Seidu, will assist Elsewedy Electric in creating an industrial zone in Tanzania...

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The Togolese government wants to introduce free zone status in the textile and clothing sector. Draft legislation in line with these policies...

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Prime Minister Dr. Mostafa Madbouly witnessed, yesterday the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the localization of the automotive industry and its feeding industries...

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### Signature Of Contract Between Sipi-Benin And Africa Jutes Bags: A Jute Bag Factory Set Up At GDIZ

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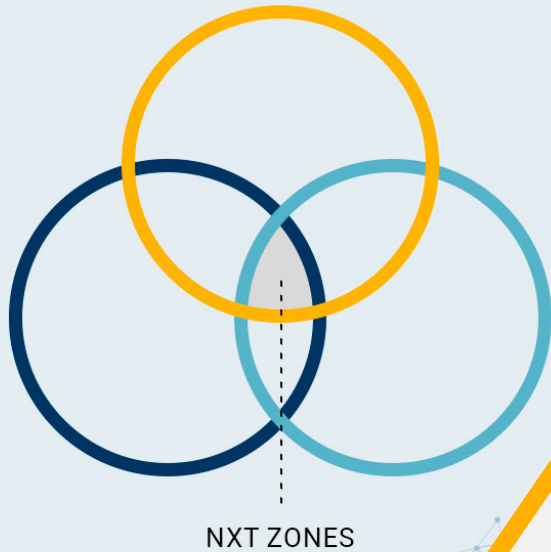


### NEPZA Secures \$100m Investment For Lekki Special Medical/Pharms Free Zone

The Nigerian Export Processing Zones Authority (NEPZA) has secured a \$100 million investment at the Medical/Pharmaceutical Special Free Zone in Lekki, Lagos, for the production...

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## ARTICLES OF THE WEEK



### A model for successful economic zones

The Covid-19 has had a significant impact on special economic zones, resulting in a shift in attitudes toward incentives. The question here is how they will thrive in the future. Dr Douglas Van Den Berghe provides an answer in the form of a model he developed.

The model depicts the "sweet spot" where future zones should ideally be positioned and operated. It is at the crossroads of three dimensions: the UN Sustainable Development Goals, high-quality infrastructure and services, and maximizing economic development impact.

[Discover the model](#)

### The role of industrial zones in SME growth in emerging markets

Industrial parks and special economic zones (SEZs) are emerging as significant enablers of the development of small and medium-sized firms (SMEs) as governments throughout Africa seek to boost their economic potential...

In emerging markets, where they account for 90% of all firms and 50% of all jobs created, SMEs constitute the backbone of the global economy. The impact is greater in Africa, where SMEs employ almost 80% of the labor force on the continent. Although SMEs are a substantial economic force, there is still a lot of room for expansion.

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## VIDEO OF THE WEEK



### **SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES: DJIBOUTI - Great lakes countries our priority**

Djibouti, a small African country located on the southern entrance of the Red Sea, adjacent to some of the world's busiest shipping lanes, is now focusing on easing the burden of logistical challenges impeding the growth of the great lakes countries of Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, and Rwanda, among others.

Aboubaker Omar Hadi, chairman of the Djibouti ports and free trade zones authority, also believes that countries must work to eliminate physical barriers to trade across the continent.

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## TESTIMONIAL VIDEO



### SECONDS with Luanda-Bengo Special Economic Zone



We are pleased to present to you the fifth episode of the "60 seconds with African Economic Zones Leaders" series.

For this episode, we are joined by Dr António Henriques Da Silva, the President of the Board of Directors of the Angola's Luanda-Bengo Special Economic Zone (ZEE), as he talks about how the country's only Special Economic Zone has shown outstanding growth over the last few years.

Many great investment opportunities reside in the Luanda-Bengo Special Economic Zone (ZEE), which offers various quality services, generating an excellent business environment for investors. He also confirmed that the Luanda-Bengo Special Economic Zone plays a vital role in attracting domestic and foreign investment and encouraging the development and diversification of the Angolan economy.

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