



**AFRICAN SEZs
ANNUAL MEETING**
TANGIER - MOROCCO
23 - 24 NOVEMBER 2023

AFRICAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES ANNUAL MEETING 2023

AGENDA

“FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND
ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION: A ROADMAP FOR AFRICAN
SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES”

+250 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING AFRICAN
MINISTERS OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

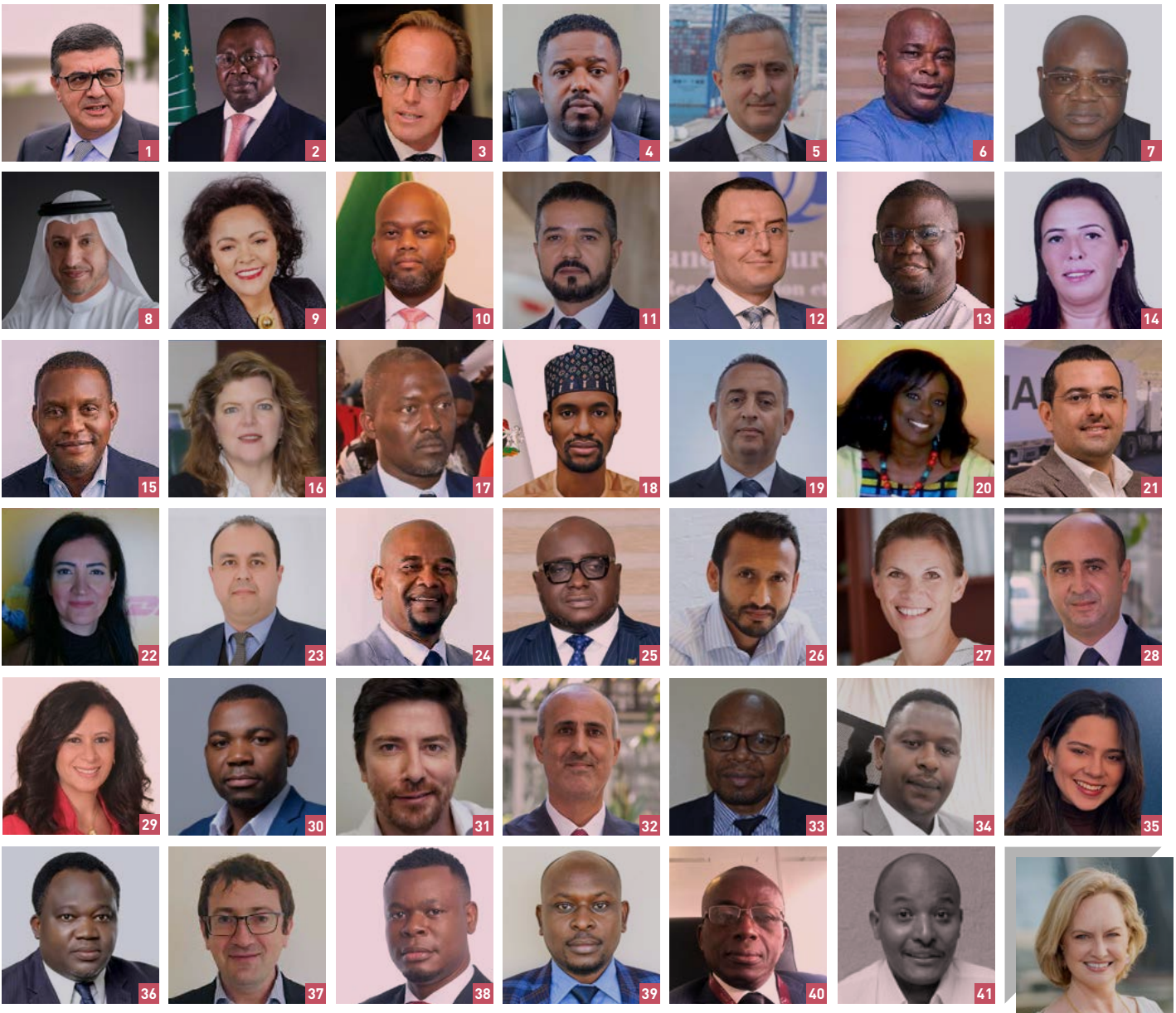
+40 INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS

+60 AFRICAN SEZs



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ECONOMIC
ZONES
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Master of Ceremony
Courtney Fingar
 Founder & Principal,
 Fingar Direct Investment

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| 1 Fouad Brini | 15 Edem Adzogenu | 29 Amany Essawi |
| 2 Albert M. Muchanga | 16 Julianne Furman | 30 Onorio Manuel |
| 3 Richard Bolwijn | 17 Moustapha Cissé | 31 Dario Quaranta |
| 4 Abubakar Hassan Abubakar | 18 Bamanga Usman Jada | 32 Nasser Tlassellal |
| 5 Mehdi Tazi Riffi | 19 Hassan Abkari | 33 Charles CITEMBE |
| 6 Michael Okyere Baafi | 20 Ngone Diop | 34 Tinsae Yimam |
| 7 Kitila Alexander Mkumbo | 21 Otmane Sentissi | 35 Ivette Cano |
| 8 Mohammed Alzarooni | 22 Tina Manoukian | 36 Jasper Eradiri Ebiekure |
| 9 Nardos Bekele-Thomas | 23 Zakaria Laghzaoui | 37 Roger Savage |
| 10 Wemkele Mene | 24 Ali Menza Mbogo | 38 Manuel Francisco Pedro |
| 11 Ahmed Bennis | 25 Michael Aaron Oquaye Jnr Esq | 39 Thomas Mwaengo Emmanuel Mbarga |
| 12 Adil Chikhi | 26 Adarsh Varma | 40 Emmanuel Mbarga |
| 13 Chiza Charles Newton Chiumya | 27 Ebba Lund | 41 Peter Kuria Githinji |
| 14 Dorsaf Labidi Zaygar | 28 Yahya El Amrani | |

DAY 1

Thursday
November
23rd, 2023



08:00 - 09:00

REGISTRATION & BADGING

09:00 - 09:30

Opening Remarks

H.E. Fouad Brini // Chairman of Tanger Med Group & Honorary President of AEZO

H.E. Albert M. Muchanga // Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining of African Union Commission (AUC)

09:30 - 10:30

High-Level Panel

“African Special Economic Zones: Driving Sustainable Economic Development”

Keynote Address

Dr. Richard Bolwijn // Director, Investment Research Branch, UNCTAD

Panelists

Hon. Abubakar Hassan Abubakar // Principal Secretary -State Department for Investment Promotion, Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, Kenya

Mr. Mehdi Tazi Riffi // CEO, Tanger Med

Hon. Michael Okyere Baafi // Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry, Ghana

H.E. Prof. Kitila Alexander Mkumbo // Minister for Investment and Planning, Tanzania

10:30 - 11:00

Special words from guests of honor

H.E. Mohammed Alzarooni // Executive Chairman, Dubai Integrated Economic Zones Authority, Chairman, the world free zones organization

H.E. Nardos Bekele-Thomas // CEO, AUDA-NEPAD

H.E. Wemkele Mene // Secretary General , AfCFTA Secretariat



11:00 - 11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 - 12:30

Panel discussion I

“Industry: What lies ahead for African Special Economic Zones”

Discussant

Mr. Ahmed Bennis // Managing Director of Tanger Med Zones, Secretary General of AEZO

Panelists

Mr. Adil Chikhi // Director and Head of Corporate for North Africa Region, EBRD

Mr. Chiza Charles Newton Chiumya // Ag. Director for Industry, Minerals, Entrepreneurship, and Tourism, African Union Commission

Mrs. Dorsaf Labidi Zaygar // Division manager - Industrial Development Division at the African Development Bank

Dr. Edem Adzogenu // Co-chair, AfroChampions

Mrs. Julianne Furman // General Manager, Polydesign System

African SEZs Experience

Mr. Moustapha Cissé // Managing Director, Special Economic Zones, APIX, Senegal

Mr. Bamanga Usman Jada // Managing Director, CEO of the Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority

12:30 - 13:15

Panel discussion II

“Performant Logistics: Catalyst For Competitive and Sustainable SEZs Development in Africa”

Discussant

Mr. Hassan Abkari // Managing Director, Tanger Med Port Authority

Panelists

Mrs. Ngone Diop // Director, Director, Sub-Regional Office for West Africa, UNECA

Mr. Otmane Sentissi // Maghreb Head of Customer Experience and Executive Representative Morocco, Maersk

Mrs. Tina Manoukian // Country Manager, DHL Logistics Morocco SA

Dr. Zakaria Laghzaoui // Senior Advisor to the Secretary General , AfCFTA Secretariat

African SEZs Experience

Mr. Ali Menza Mbogo // Chairman, LAPSSET

Amb. Michael Aaron Oquaye Jnr Esq // CEO of Ghana Free Zones Authority (GFZA)



13:15 - 14:30

LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 15:30

Technical Session I

“Digitalization: Roadmap for African SEZs”

Experts

Mr. Adarsh Varma // Director, WSP

Mrs. Ebba Lund // Chief Executive Officer, International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP)

Mr. Yahia El Amrani // Managing Director, Cires Technologies

African SEZs Experience

Mrs. Amany Essawi // International Relations Advisor, Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZone)

Mr. Onorio Manuel // General Manager, MozParks

15:30 - 16:30

Technical Session II

“Sustainable Facility Management and Environmental Excellence.”

Panelists

Mr. Dario Quaranta // Senior Climate Solutions Expert, World Bank Group

Mr. Nasser Tlassellal // Managing Director, Tanger Med Engineering (TME)

African SEZs Experience

Mr. Charles CITEMBE // Managing Director, Export Processing Zones Authority, Tanzania

Mr. Tinsae Yimam // Managing Director, Bole Lemi Industrial Park, Ethiopia



16:30 - 16:45

COFFEE BREAK

16:45 - 17:45

Technical Session III

“Go to markets business value proposition for SEZs”

Panelists

Mrs. Ivette Cano // CEO, Adrianople Group

Dr. Jasper Eradiri Ebiekure // Secretary General, AAASME

Mr. Roger Savage // Group Director Cities Consulting, BurroHappold

African SEZs Experience

Mr. Manuel Francisco Pedro // Chairman, Luanda-Bengo SEZ

Mr. Thomas Mwaengo // SEZ Operations Manager, Tatu City

DAY 2

Friday
November
24th, 2023

08:30 - 09:30

African SEZs consultation I
"AfCFTA Ministerial Regulation on SEZs"

Mr. Emmanuel Mbarga // Principal Officer-Market Access , AfCFTA Secretariat

09:30 - 10:30

African SEZs consultation 2
"Presentation of Preliminary Results from the Validated Study on a Sustainable SME Business Ecosystem in Africa (conducted by AEZO & UA & AFD)"

Mr. Peter Kuria Githinji // Consultant Entrepreneurship and Processing, African Union Commission (AUC)



10:30 - 10:45
COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 12:30

General Assembly of AEZO (AEZO Members Only)

12:30 - 13:30

Departure to Tanger Med Port



13:30 - 14:30
LUNCH BREAK

14:30 - 15:30

Guided Tour of the Port
Tanger Med Group Presentation // Group Picture

15:30 - 17:00

Visit to Tanger Automotive City (TAC)
Visit of Industrial Facilities
Valeo | TE Connectivity | Furukawa

17:00 - 18:00

Departure back to Hilton Hotel

19:30 - 21:00

GALA DINNER // African SEZs Awards



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Date

November 23rd – 24th



Venue

Hilton Tangier Al Houara Resort & Spa



Event Host

TANGER MED



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About AEZO

Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO) is a continental association representing leading public and private institutions in charge of the development, management and promotion of Economic Zones in Africa.

AEZO includes today 85 Special Economic Zones across 45 countries.

Founded in November 2015 by Tanger Med Group - Morocco, Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO) is striving to support African Economic Zones projects and strengthen relationships within its ecosystem.

Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO) is guided by its strategic orientations to foster collective knowledge sharing, provide strategic and technical assistance, connect with international business network and promote sustainable economic models and practices.

For 2023, the steering committee members are SEZs representing Gabon, Nigeria, Senegal, Ghana, Eswatini and Morocco.

AGENDA

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