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## AFRICAN FREE ZONES LATEST NEWS



**SEZ important for reform (Interview with ZIMSEZA CEO, Edwin Kondo)**

Zimbabwe - The new dispensation led by President Mnangagwa views SEZs as an important part of its reform process. The Zimbabwe Special Economic Zones Authority (ZIMSEZA), which has been I [Read more...](#)

**Tanger Med 2 was officially launched in #Tangier.**

Morocco - The new extension of the Tanger Med Port, which hosts state-of-art facility SEZs, indicative of the success of policies being implemented in a range of FZs [Read more](#)



**AFZO leading an African SEZ delegation at the AICE2019 held in Barcelona**



The Africa Free Zones Organization (AFZO), the representative organization of the Economic Zones and Free Zones across the continent, led a delegation to attend the 5th Annual International Conference and Exhibition of the World Free Zones Organization - WFZO - (AICE2019) in Barcelona, Spain. Opening day program included a dedicated session discussing African SEZ challenges.



The Africa Free Zones Organization (AFZO) took part in the closing session' work of the 5th Annual International Conference and Exhibition of the World Free Zones Organization - WFZO - (AICE2019) in Barcelona, Spain. The African delegation led by AFZO took, on this occasion, a souvenir photo with WFZO chairman, Dr. Mohammed Al Zarooni.

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES



**Kigali SEZ home to Rwandan first-ever gold refinery**

Rwanda - Rwanda has acquired its first-ever gold refinery. The \$5m plant is located at the Kigali Special Economic Zone in Gasabo District. It has capacity to process gold from around the continent [Read more...](#)



**Revamped Rivatex to provide 3,000 new jobs, support farmers in 24 counties**

Kenya - President Kenyatta commissioned the revamped Rivatex textile factory in Eldoret town, with a promise of at least 3,000 direct jobs. The processing plant, modernized at a cost of Sh3 bn, will change the fortunes of thousands of cotton farmers in over 24 [Read more](#)



**German pharmaceutical company B. Braun is setting up its first plant in Africa at Athi River EPZ**

Kenya - Industry, Trade and Cooperatives Cabinet Secretary (CS), Peter Munya, toured Athi River EPZ to officially welcome German pharmaceutical company, B. Braun is setting up its first infusion plant in Africa. [Read More](#)

## INVESTMENTS IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES



**Towards the creation of special agro-industrial zones with support of the AfDB**

DR Congo - The DRC is engaged in a process of creation of agro-industrial zones. The project is under study and high-level discussions are underway between the National Executive and the African Development [Read more...](#)



**APIEx is preparing an Economic and Trade Cooperation Zone with China**

Benin - To carry out its SEZ development program, Benin wants to capitalize on the experience of Shenzhen, where went the GM of the APIEx. He spoke of an Economic and Trade [Read more...](#)



**Imminent launch of the Ben Guerdane FTZ project exterior development work**

Tunisia - The Ben Guerdane FTZ project exterior development work will be launched in a few weeks, announces the Tunisia Trade Office (OCT). Developed on 150 hectares in [Read more...](#)



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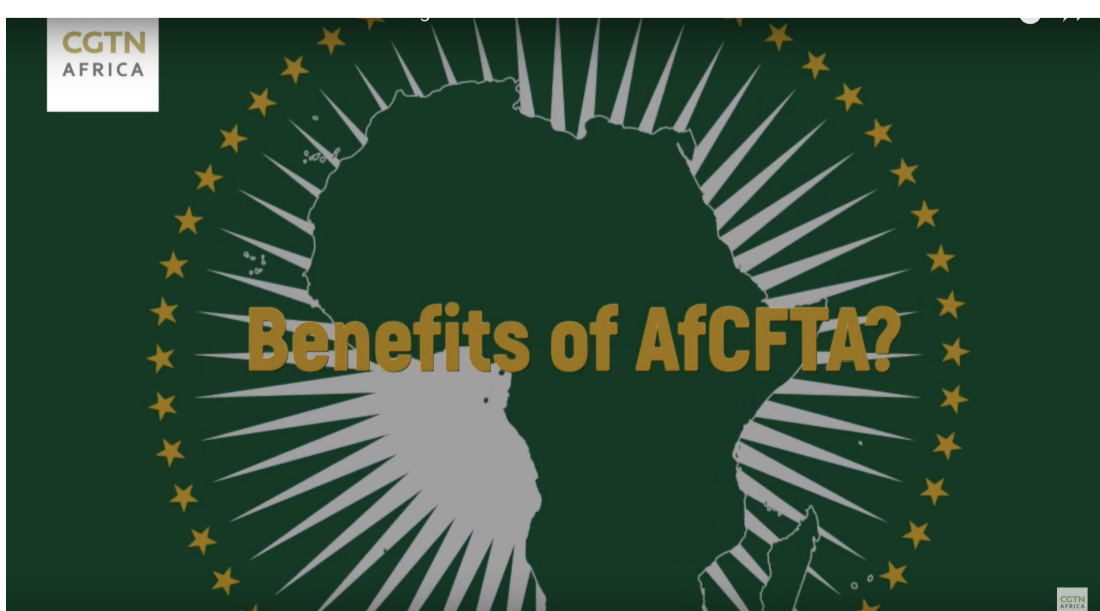
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The AfCFTA is expected to create a market for over one billion people, with a GDP of approximately US\$2.6 trillion. According to Dr. Carlos Lopes, an AUC High Representative, the AfCFTA will pull the continent closer to the levels hit by Europe, Asia and the Americas.



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