



SEZs embracing blockchain and automation to remain competitive

Special Economic Zones around the world are upgrading their practices and processes to remain competitive in the global market by embracing blockchain and automation, as the vice-chairman of the World Free Zones Organization (WFZO) Martín Ibarra Pardo explains. [Read more ...](#)

How customs agencies can help special economic zones succeed

How customs agencies can help special economic zones succeed? When agencies have a seat at the table and participate in areas such as governance and stakeholder relations, these zones have the best chance of promoting economic growth. [Read more ...](#)

FIVE CRUCIAL STEPS CAN MAXIMIZE THE CHANCES THAT SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES (SEZs) WILL SUCCEED.



AFRICAN FREE ZONES LATEST NEWS



Ethiopia - Ethiopia, China to partner to build Adama's second Industrial Park

Ethiopia - Ethiopia and China are set to partner to build a new \$300m Industrial Park in Adama city. It will focus on attracting firms engaged in equipment manufacturing and will be the second IP in this key commercial hub in central Ethiopia. Its construction could start before the end of 2019. [Read more ...](#)

Liberia - Feasibility Study and Master Plan for the Buchanan SEZ and Special Agro Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZs) in Liberia

Liberia - The Government through the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning received \$1,4m for the Technical and Capacity Building Assistance Project funded by the AfDB. [Read more ...](#)



INVESTMENTS IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES



Gabon - Gabon becomes exporter of furniture made from Kévazingo, locally transformed in Nkok SEZ

Gabon - « This is a historic moment for Gabon. For the first time, we loaded a container of furniture made from Kévazingo transformed in a local production plant in Gabon », said the Minister of Forestry, Sea and Environment, Lee White. [Read more](#)

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Eswatini - Four companies had already expressed interest to be granted SEZ licences. Three of the four were American, Australian and Emirati, the Minister of C.I&T, Manqoba Khumalo, said. He mentioned that a number of Taiwanese companies had also expressed interest. [Read more ...](#)



INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES



Guinea – IFC-WBG, ESC and ADAZZ hand in hand upstream of the development of SEZs

Guinea – The President of the Economic and Social Council (CES) received a mission from the IFC (WBG), accompanied by Mohamed Seinkoun Gassama, GD of the Authority of Development and Administration of SEZs (ADAZZ). [Read more](#)

Angola - IGAPE announces second phase of privatization process in the Luanda - Bengo SEZ (ZEE)

Angola - The Institute of Management of State Assets and Holdings (IGAPE) has completed the selection of the industrial units that will be included in the second phase of privatization in the Luanda - Bengo SEZ (ZEE). [Read more ...](#)



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