



After two first editions in Tangier, Morocco, in 2015 and 2016, the 3rd Annual meeting of Africa Free Zones Organization has successfully concluded its work on Saturday 22nd September 2018, in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. This meeting gathered 100 C-Level participants, 18 international experts, and 35 Economic Zones and Free Zones to discuss "Economic Zones and Free Zones contribution to sustainable Economic development in Africa". The participants had the opportunity to develop network and business alliances with Economic Zones and Free Zones community.

More than 30 countries were represented during this event: Burkina Faso, Botswana, Chad, Uganda, Djibouti, Egypt, Kenya, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Sudan, Senegal, Togo, etc.

## DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT IN AFRICA FREE ZONES




### Morocco - Tanger Med is confirmed as the leading industrial platform of the continent.

Beyond its port leadership in #Africa, Tanger Med is confirmed as the leading industrial platform of the continent. The dynamism, the complementarity and the potential of its competitive and attractive 6 areas of activity, strongly boost the industrial emergence of Morocco.



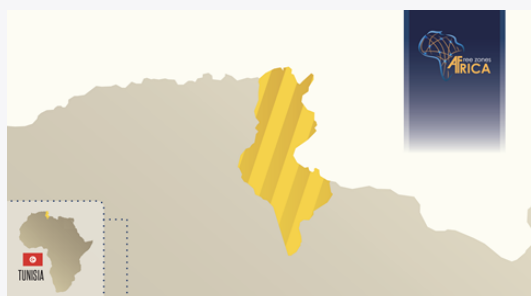
### Gabon - GSEZ - The creation of the GSEZ - Gabon Special Economic Zone has increased the national capacity of industrial wood processing by 29%.

This figure was announced on the sidelines of the meeting for the restitution of the study on the sustainable industrialization of the timber sector in the Congo Basin countries, organized by the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Libreville, contributing to make it one of the main drivers of the transformation of their economies.



### Egypte - Suez Canal Economic Zone is expected to attract ~USD 30 billion in FDI.

Egypt is evolving as one of the major trading nations, and creates a wide range of opportunities for the logistics service providers. Egypt - Suez Canal Economic Zone is expected to attract ~USD 30 billion in FDI for its infrastructure and logistics hubs in the next five years. More than 10% of world trade volume happens through the Suez Canal.



### Tunisia - Soon a new free trade zone in Ben Guerdane

Tunisia - The Tunisian government is currently considering the creation of a new FTZ in Ben Guerdane, the 3rd of its kind in Tunisia, after the Zarzis and Bizerte poles, said the Minister of Industry and SMEs, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Bizerte FTZ, which provides 4,300 jobs, mobilized 600 MD of investments and whose export value reached 700 MD.

# INVESTMENTS IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES



## [Ethiopia - IMF projects Ethiopian economic growth rising to 8.5 pct in 2018/19](#)

Ethiopia's economy is forecast to expand 8.5 percent in the July 2018-June 2019 period, from 7.5 percent in the previous fiscal year. As part of advancing regional economic integration, the leaders of Ethiopia and Eritrea signed an agreement to establish joint special economic zones.



## [Gabon - Greenply Industries to invest 4 mn euros to scale up Africa plant](#)

Greenply Industries said it is investing four million euros to scale up the manufacturing capacity at Gabonese Republic (Gabon) in West Africa. The Gabon veneer manufacturing facility, which was set up with an initial investment of 11 million euros and has an annual processing capacity of 96000 cubic meters (cbm) of Okoume timber, will get the fresh infusion to scale up its processing capacity from 3,000 cbm per month to 8,000 cbm by March 2019.



## [Kenya - Kenya drew Sh740bn in inflows in last five years](#)

Foreign firms have injected about Sh740 billion into the country over the past five years, according to the Kenya Investment Authority. The amount reflects to 1,068 projects set up and 154,786 jobs created during the period. According to Keninvest MD Moses Ikiara the most active investors on a global scale are China and India while in Africa there has been an increase in investment from South Africa, Mauritius and Nigeria.



## [Ghana - German company Redavia is top foreign investor in Ghana's services sector](#)

The highest investor in the services sector in Ghana is German company Redavia, an alternative and renewable energy business, which invested about \$155.5 million in sales, marketing and other support services. Ghana's total foreign direct investments (FDIs) in 2017 generated 6,056 jobs across all sectors of the Ghanaian economy.



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