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## South Africa - <u>SA / Industrial Parks can be turned into</u> <u>SEZs</u>

The DTI said that the 26 approved Industrial Parks across SA can be turned into SEZs that can contribute immensely to the economy and create jobs in future If given proper infrastructure, utilities, and management. Speaking at the opening of the two-day Industrial Parks Symposium in Midrand, director-general of the dti Lionel October said all the challenges that have been faced by the Industrial Parks in the forme homelands areas can be sorted out and made more productive, and attract other businesses.



Botswana - <u>State of the Nation address/ President/</u> <u>Operationalisation of the SEZs</u> Delivering the state of the Nation address, President <u>Mokgweetsi E. K. Masisi</u> said that preparations for operationalisation of the SEZs is nearing completion with regulations and incentives for the <u>#SEZs</u> being planned by <u>#Government</u> this financial year. He noted that the first company to operate in one of <u>#Botswana</u>'s SEZs will start production during the fourth quarter of this year with the potential of making the country the largest exporter of processed poultry meat in the whole of Africa.

Gabon - Afreximbank signs EUR30m grant to CDC GabonSpecial Economic ZoneThe Afreximbank signed an agreement granting an EUR 30

million revolving trade financing facility to CDC Gabon



to support the operations of the tenants of the Gabon Special Economic Zone and to help them process timber and make it ready for export. Speaking during the signing ceremony, the President Prof. Benedict Oramah said that the facility will indirectly support the SEZs to succeed as the first and largest industrial park in Gabon.

# **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT** IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES





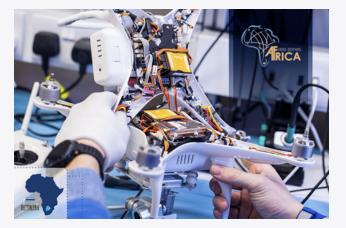
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#### Namibia - <u>Namibia / PSA boost vehicle production in</u> <u>Africa</u>

Namibia - Production of Opel's Grandland X and the Peugeot 3008 from semi-knockdown (SKD) kits will begin at the PSA group's new assembly plant in Walvis Bay, Namibia, before the end of this year. PSA's plant is part of a production and marketing drive in Africa the OEM is undertaking with a view to producing 70% of group vehicles sold on the continent there.

#### Morocco - <u>Germany's Kromberg & Schubert Inaugurates</u> <u>Plant in Kenitra</u>

German automotive wiring producer Kromberg & Schubert inaugurated a new plant in Kenitra's Free Zone, near Rabat. The project, part of Morocco's Industrial Acceleration Plan, cost MAD 450 million. and will offer 3,000 job opportunities. The pioneering German firm specializes in the supply of electrical systems, cables, and plastic components.



#### Botswana - Botswana to produce electronic gadgets

Botswana is set to produce and export electronic gadgets as plans are at an advanced stage to set up an electronic <u>manufacturing</u> laboratory. Work has begun on procuring systems and components of the electronics <u>plant</u> in Kanye village, about 70 km from Gaborone. The plant will be a fully functional factory of printed circuit boards, key inputs in the consumer electronics <u>industry</u> in Botswana.



#### Nigeria - <u>Dangote Sinotruk Automobile expands to</u> enhance local content, provides more jobs.

As the budding automobile company, <u>DANGOTE</u> <u>SINOTRUK WESTAFRICA LTD</u> entered another phase in its expansion. drive; the Company has said that it was increasing its local input into the assembling plant to up to 60%, even as it plans to roll out commercial vehicles soon.

# **INVESTMENTS** IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES





CONGO - DRC - <u>Multi-Purpose Bridge to Link Two</u> <u>Capitals / SEZs on either side of the bridge</u> The world's two closest capitals, Kinshasa and Brazzaville, will be linked by a bridge across River Congo. The 1,575metre route will enable the two nations to develop <u>#SEZs</u> on either side of the bridge.



## Cameroun - <u>The Kribi Port Authority / Logistics hub</u> <u>coupled with the industrial park</u>

The Kribi Port Authority (Port de Kribi) plans to build a logistics hub coupled with the industrial park of the eponym port, allowing investors to have tax and customs benefits. "This platform will host logistics bases to cover sub-Saharan Africa and capitalize the <u>synergy</u> effects created through a single customs area."



## Tanzania - <u>Geita region plans diversification into SEZ</u> investment vehicle and industrial park

Geita region plans diversification into SEZ investment vehicle, in a bid to diversify its sources of revenue from over-reliance on mining sector. The SEZ will incorporate an international trade exhibition centre and industrial park targeting the bigger East African Community market.









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