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AFRICA FREE ZONES ORGANIZATION WORKSHOP

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Africa Free Zones Organization and Ghana Free Zones Authority organize a Training session that will take place in Alisa Hotel, Accra - GHANA



This training session will bring together international experts to discuss : " Management, Development and Sustainability Mainstreaming into Economic Zones and Free Zones "

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AFRICAN FREE ZONES LATEST NEWS



Addis Ababa – This article is about a meeting of African experts at #AIW2018. In this paper:

- An industrialization that "guarantees social integration": Naha Mint Hamdi, Mauritanian Minister of Industry.
- "Millions of jobs at stake in 2025": Helen Hai, Chinese industrial, investor in Africa.
- "Searching investors with environmental requirements": Ahmed Bennis, representative of Morocco, describes the green industrialization in the Tangier economic zone.
- "Ethiopia seizes the opportunity": Fetlework G / Egziabher, Ethiopian Minister of Industry discusses the clarity of regulatory and political environments.

Djibouti - Representatives of AFZO received a warm welcome from DPFZA's managers.



The Africa Free Zones Organization, the representative organization of the Economic Zones and Free Zones across the continent, represented by its General Secretary Ahmed Bennis paid a courtesy visit to [Djibouti Ports and Free Zones Authority - DPFZA](#). Representatives of AFZO received a warm welcome from DPFZA's managers. Discussions focused on the latest achievements of AFZO and its 2019 Action Plan.

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES



### Ghana- [Ghana to receive \\$100M to establish tractor assembly plant](#)

The Ministry of T&I in collaboration with the Government of Poland, will receive a \$100M concessional credit facility to establish an assembly and manufacturing plant for tractors and modern agricultural equipment. The facility is under the African-Polish Cooperation Framework. The tractor manufacturing plant would serve both the Ghanaian and ECOWAS markets geared towards supporting the Government's Industrial Transformation Agenda in respect of rural industrialisation.



### Tanzania- [Monitoring Policies to Support Industrialisation in Tanzania/ Harnessing SEZs](#)

EconTransform launches two briefings written by Josaphat Kweka:

- "Monitoring policies to support industrialisation" explores recent progress made against the FYDP II and offer policy suggestions for overcoming some of the constraints that have emerged.

- "Harnessing SEZs" provides illustrative examples of industrial developments in SEZs, regulatory reforms that could support their development and effectiveness, and again offers policy reforms that could drive further progress.



### Kenya- [Kenya eyes more Chinese investments to boost its industrial capacity/ SEZs & EPZs/ China-Kenya Industrial Capacity Cooperation Expo](#)

Kenya eyes more Chinese investments to boost its industrial capacity. We are actively pursuing Chinese investors who can benefit from the opportunities presented in the SEZs and EPZs to help Kenya expand its industrial base said a Kenyan official during the China-Kenya Industrial Capacity Cooperation Expo. The event has attracted 81 mega-enterprises from China. Some 400 Chinese businesses are operating in the country.

## INVESTMENTS IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES





Gabon - [Gabon/ WB / NKOK SEZ / \\$100M / Training](#)

**Centers**

The Training Support Project (Prodex) to benefit from \$ 100 Million from World Bank to build two vocational training centers in Nkok SEZ, dedicated to ICTs.



Senegal - [Senegal / Diamniadio International Industrial Platform/ Special Zone status/](#)

President Macky Sall inaugurated the Diamniadio International Industrial Platform in Dakar's suburbs. This modern park, having special zone status with tax and customs incentives, has attracted foreign and Senegalese investment and has created thousands of jobs. The second phase is planned in partnership with the PRC.



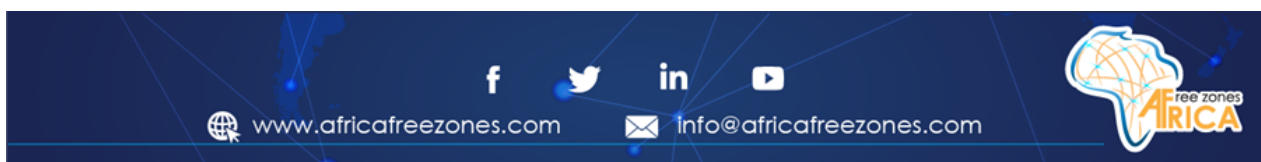
**Regional Complementarity**



SEZs have been used extensively as mechanisms for employment creation, accelerating FDI, increasing export earnings and facilitating diversification and industrialisation.

Successful **integration** of SEZs into wider national economic structure is often challenging but must be addressed fully.

**Complementarities** in economic terms must also be planned, particularly in countries with several SEZs.



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