



A great success for AFZO's Webinar held on February 12 - 41 participants, from 24 countries, followed AFZO's last Webinar on the theme "Developing Competitive Advantage: Main driver to attract investment within African Economic Zones and Free Zones". **Special thanks to Dr. John Rutherford** for his outstanding presentation and congratulations to Togo Invest for their wonderful initiative. They set up a workshop connected to this Webinar, which is a remarkable involvement in our Organization' activities.

A SUCCESSFUL WEBINAR !

The slide shows the title 'Developing Competitive Advantage' and 'Drivers to Attract Investment to African Economic Zones and Free Zones'. It features a photo of Mr. John Rutherford and the date '12 February 2019'.

A grid of 41 small video windows showing participants from various countries, with their national flags visible in the background of each window.

- 41 participants from 24 countries
- An outstanding presentation
- Interactive and comprehensive Q&A session

AFRICAN FREE ZONES LATEST NEWS



Kenya - IPs and SEZs to help raising manufacturing sector' share to 20% of the GDP by 2022

As manufacturing is a key cog in his "Big Four agenda", President Kenyatta is looking at having at least five million square feet of industrial sheds established to improve cotton production, and raising the share of the manufacturing sector from the current 9% to 20% of the GDP by 2022. There will be a modern industrial park in Naivasha, apparel industrial sheds in Athi River, and the establishment of the Dongo Kundu SEZ.



Mozambique - Industrial Park / SEZ project as part of bilateral cooperation with Mauritius.

Following the visit of Mozambican President Filipe Jacinto Nyusi to Mauritius, 7 economic cooperation fields have been identified, including the creation of an industrial park / SEZ in Mozambique. It is also about the LNG project and the creation of a regional fishing company.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES



Ghana - Siemens partners WestPark to build first IP in Africa wholly powered by renewable energy.

Siemens signed a MoU with WestPark Enterprises to develop an expandable microgrid solution for the fast-growing industrial and business park based in Takoradi, Western Ghana. Siemens will design the 250Kw microgrid so that the first phase of WestPark can be powered entirely by onsite photovoltaic panels and therefore provide a sustainable and cost-effective solution for tenants. Construction began in December for the first group, including Bosch, Stanbic and DHL.



Senegal - Announcement of Russian GAZ group assembly plant project in Diass Economic Zone

The solid vehicles of the Russian manufacturer GAS will be assembled soon in the economic zone of Diass. "We are going to create more than 1,500 jobs and bring in taxes and currencies," says Chadia Ayache, GS of the Russian industrialists in West Africa. In stages, 3 types of vehicles will be assembled, from refrigerated vehicles, which are in high demand in Senegal due to the developed fishing industry, to buses. With a local partner, the brand was recently launched on the market.

INVESTMENTS IN AFRICAN FREE ZONES



Nigeria - Experienced partners and N19.45 bln to upgrade the FG owned FTZs in Calabar and Kano.

Speaking at a recent investment agreements' signing ceremony, President Buhari said, the FG is implementing a comprehensive plan including: "The invitation of experienced SEZ developers and operators to partner with us to upgrade the FG owned FTZs in Calabar and Kano, to offer world class standards of infrastructure and facilities.



Ethiopia - Ethiopia to commission US\$71m Debre Birhan industrial park by end of February

Ethiopia is to commission by the end of February the Chinese built Debre Birhan industrial park that cost US\$71m. Stretched on 75 hectares of land, it will have eight industrial sheds and will create job opportunities for about 1,000 Ethiopians.

VIDEO OF THE WEEK



In 2013, President Paul Kagame launched the first phase of the Kigali Special economic zone, the facility's main objective being to attract more foreign direct investment, job creation and growth in Rwandan exports. To better understand the contribution thus far, CNBC Africa spoke to Rwanda Development Board's CEO, Clare Akamanzi.



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