

# DRAFT AGENDA



**AFRICA  
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# 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

December 3, 2020

“ The Role of Economic Zones in Supporting the Implementation of the AfCFTA and Regional Integration ”

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SPECIAL AGENCY

**DRAFT AGENDA** (Guests and speakers under confirmation)

09:00 – 09:10	Get Together ceremony   AEZO Best-off video (Achievements 2019 – 2020)
09:10 – 09:20	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> <b>Mr Fouad Brini</b> , Chairman   Tanger Med Group <b>Mr Mehdi Tazi Riffi</b> , President   Africa Economic Zones Organization
Transition (10mn)	<b>Guest of Honor Testimonial video</b> <b>H.E. Albert M. Muchanga</b> , Commissioner for Trade and Industry   AUC <b>Dr Akinwumi Adesina</b> , President   African Development Bank (AfDB) <b>Prof. Benedict Oramah</b> , President   Afreximbank <b>H.E Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki</b> , CEO   NEPAD <b>Dr Mukhisa Kituyi</b> , Secretary General   UNCTAD <b>Dr Vera Songwe</b> , Executive Secretary   UNECA <b>Dr Yonov Frederick Agah</b> , Deputy Director General   WTO
09:30 – 10:30	<b>PANEL 1: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFCFTA: CONTRIBUTION OF THE ECONOMIC ZONES, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES</b> <b>KEYNOTE SPEECH: H.E. Wamkele Mene</b> , Secretary General   AfCFTA <b>MODERATOR: Mrs Treasure Maphanga</b> , Director of the AeTrade Group, former Director Trade and Industry of the African Union Commission (AUC) <b>INTERNATIONAL EXPERT PANEL:</b> <b>Mr Solomon Quaynor</b> , Vice President, Private Sector, Infrastructure & Industrialization   AfDB <b>Mr Robert Bob Koopman</b> , Chief Economist   World Trade Organization <b>Mr Gokhan Akinci</b> , Technical Leader, IFC Advisory   World Bank Group <b>Mr Ahmed Bennis</b> , Secretary General   AEZO
Transition (10mn)	AEZO Corporate video
10:40 – 11:20 Interview (15min) + Q/A (10min)	<b>PANEL 2: SEZs' SUCCESS FACTORS TO GENERATE GROWTH AND ENCOURAGE REGIONAL INTEGRATION</b> <b>PROJECT LIVE DEMONSTRATION: Mr Richard Bolwijn</b> , Director Investment Research   UNCTAD <b>MODERATOR: Mr Tom Butterly</b> , International Expert
Transition (10mn)	Video animation: compilation of AEZO members corporate videos
11:30 – 12:30	<b>PANEL 3: SEZs SUPPORTING REGIONAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT AND AFRICA INTRA-TRADE INITIATIVE</b> <b>MODERATOR: Mr Jonathan Le Henry</b> , Director PWC Strategy <b>INTERNATIONAL EXPERT PANEL:</b> <b>Mr Victor Jemba</b> , Chief regional div Africa   UNIDO <b>Mr Stephen Karingi</b> , Director, RI   UNECA <b>Mr Edem Adzogenu</b> , CEO   AfroChampions <b>SEZs LEADERS TESTIMONIALS &amp; REMARKS (20MIN)</b>
CLOSING PANEL	<b>KEY NOTE FINAL ADDRESS</b> <b>Mr Ahmed Bennis</b> , Secretary General   AEZO
14:00 – 14:50	<b>MEET THE EXPERT SESSION 1   BEST PRACTICES IN INNOVATION &amp; DIGITIZATION</b> <b>Mr Frank Grozel</b> , Coordinator, Business Facilitation Program   UNCTAD
Transition (10mn)	Video animation: compilation of AEZO members corporate videos
15:00 – 15:50	<b>MEET THE EXPERT SESSION 2   Trade Facilitation &amp; Smart Logistics connecting Special Economic Zones</b> <b>Mr Abiyu Berlie</b> , Senior Advisor, Logistics and Fulfillment   AeTrade Group
16:00 – 17:30	AEZO GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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