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“Eco-Industrial Parks & Industrial Policy”



AEZO REGIONAL WORKSHOP:
*SEZs: Drivers of Economic Growth and
Sustainable Industrialization*
-The Mozambican Experience -

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UNIDO'S INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR INDUSTRIAL PARKS



1. The “International Guidelines for Industrial Parks” is a comprehensive reference framework to guide the development of competitive, inclusive and sustainable parks.

2. The guidelines serve as a useful guide and reference tool by the different stakeholders, including industrial park regulators, developers, operators, tenants, partners and financial institutions.

3. The guidelines are relevant to both existing and new industrial parks in various international contexts, with a focus on the needs and challenges developing countries and middle-income economies face.

4. The guidelines are free of charge and can be downloaded from UNIDO's website in English, French and Chinese:
<https://www.unido.org/news/unido-publishes-international-guidelines-industrial-parks>





AN INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR ECO-INDUSTRIAL PARKS: IMPLEMENTATION EXPERIENCES

5. **SEZs, so-called “islands of excellence”** are part of countries strategy to fast-track readiness for participation in GVCs, quite often with undesired spill overs of inequality and environmental degradation, e.g., CO2 emissions, plastic, and electronic waste.
6. Since 2017, UNIDO, the World Bank and GIZ are collaborating towards the definition and implementation of a framework for Eco-Industrial Parks (EIPs).

SUPPORTING UNIDO INITIATIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEZ/INDUSTRIAL PARKS ACTIVITIES AND ATTRACTING INVESTMENT DURING THE CRISIS (COVID-19):

7. UNIDO policy response to COVID-19 supporting African industry through the pandemic is being crafted based on surveys to policy makers in Africa, which so far concluded inter alia, that:
 - State budgets were used for more pressing needs, such as social protection the poor, leaving limited scope for industry-saving measures.
 - The dominance of the informal sector in many parts of industry makes it even more difficult to channel business support to firms that are not registered.
8. **Given government limitations to support business affected by the COVID-19 crisis, PPPs and linkages are increasingly pertinent remedies.**



GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENT

9. Industrial policy (IP) is “any policy targeting industry and industrial development”. IP is also regarded as a framework to channel resources into “sectors that Government views as important for future economic growth”.
9. SEZs should play a key role for the achievement of inclusive development. In this context **BIP/SEZ should become the national testing ground for industrial policy reform including improvements to the business environment.**

GUIDELINES FOR BELULUANE INDUSTRIAL PARK & FREE TRADE ZONE MANAGERS AND FOR INDUSTRIALS IMPLEMENTED

11. SEZs can become core to Industrial Policy as catalytic for SDG9 acceleration, and enablers for the overall achievement of 2030 Agenda, and AU Agenda 2063.
11. **BIP/SEZ similarly to its global peers must adjust its value proposition with regards to gender equity, labour, and environmental sustainability standards of their industrial parks, e.g., in line with the Eco-Industrial Parks (EIPs) framework.**



STRATEGIC ISSUES REGARDING MOZAMBIQUE'S INVESTMENT PLANS TO STIMULATE THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH

13. Mozambique's Industrial Policy and Strategy (PEI) is the Government roadmap towards structural transformation of the economy.
14. The strategic approach of Industrial Policy recommends that the public and private sectors, together identify and lift the restrictions that prevent the transformation of the industry.
15. **The BIP/SEZs which is already best practice of PPP, can become a magnet of know-how, technology transfer and normative support to inform the industrial policy.**

SUPPORT TO TENANTS OF INDUSTRIAL PARKS

16. **A common problem of SEZs worldwide is the lack of integration within the local economy, goods are often delivered to the SEZs, processed and shipped out of the country.**
17. **Through the Subcontracting and Partnership Exchange (SPX) UNIDO supports large companies within SEZ finding suppliers locally, reducing the need for importing inputs.**
18. The SPX profiles the local suppliers' capacity and matches their production capacities with the needs to big buyers and facilitates a matchmaking. This has proven an effective measure for integrating local companies in global value chains.
19. SPX Mozambique, housed by APIEX, has done important work on forging backward linkages including but not limited to tenants in Beluluane.



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