



ACCRA, GHANA  
**A E Z O** | **6<sup>TH</sup>** ANNUAL  
MEETING  
**NOV 25<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

IN PERSON ONLINE

CONNECTING AFRICAN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES  
(SEZs) TO **GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS** (GVCs) AT THE ERA OF  
**THE AFRICAN FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA)**

# AGENDA



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# DAY 1

09:30 - 10:30

## A Message from the AfCFTA

**H.E. Mr Wamkele Mene**

Secretary General - AfCFTA Secretariat

## Executive Keynote (Testimonial Videos)

**Dr Akinwumi Adesina**

President - AfDB

**H.E. Albert Muchanga**

Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Industry and Mining - African Union Commission

**Mrs Angela Paolini Ellard**

Deputy Director General  
World Trade Organization

**Dr Ciyong Zou**

Managing Director, DPPFC - UNIDO

**Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki**

CEO - AUDA-NEPAD



## Moderator

**Mr Preston Martin**

co-founder - Adrianople Group

“ The plenary session will gather international experts to discuss the potential of “Regional Value Chain and Special Economic Zones: Operationalizing the AfCFTA”. The discussions will highlight the role of Special Economic Zones in increasing the share of value added created locally and promoting value chain complementarity across the continent. ”

12:15 - 12:45

## Expert Outlook 1

Focus Report on Special Economic Zones in Africa

**Mr Bernardo Bruzzone**

Africa regional editor - Oxford Business Group

09:00 - 09:30

## Opening Ceremony

**Mr Fouad BRINI**

Chairman - Tanger Med & Honorary President - AEZO

**Hon. Alan John kwadwo Kyerematen**

Minister of Trade & Industry - Republic of GHANA

**H.E. Mrs Carmen Ndaot**

Minister of Investment Promotion - Gabon

## Official Launch

**Amb. Dr. Michael Aaron Oquaye Jnr Esq**

Chief Executive Officer - Ghana Free Zones Authority

“ Distinguished guests will provide guidance on the contribution of economic zones in supporting the implementation of the AfCFTA and how Special Economic Zones can be a key stakeholder in fostering the attraction of Global Value Chains as well as promoting African economic diversification. ”

10:45 - 12:15

## Plenary Session

Regional Value Chain & Special Economic Zones: Operationalizing the AfCFTA

### Panel Statement

**Mr Mohammed Ali**

Director Trade in Goods and Competition

AfCFTA Secretariat

**Mr Richard Bolwijn**

Head of Investment Research, Division on Investment and Enterprise

UNCTAD

**Dr Souleymane Abdallah**

Chief Economist

UNECA

**Mr Tidiane Boye**

Representative of country office in Côte d'Ivoire

UNIDO

### Keynote Statement

**Mrs. Cécile Billaux**

Head of the Private Sector,

Trade and Investment Unit

European Commission

**Dr Beth Dunford**

Vice President, Agriculture,

Human & Social Development

AfDB

“ This outlook session co-organized with Oxford Business Group (OBG) will shine a spotlight on Africa's special economic zones (SEZs), analysing key data across a wide range of metrics, such as trade volumes, business models, regulatory frameworks and access to finance. ”

12:45 - 13:15

### Expert Outlook 2

Special Economic Zones supporting Regional Integration

**Pr. Hafsa EL BEKRI**

Professor International Economics - EuroMed University



#### Moderator

**Mrs. Farah Hanafi**  
Project Manager - AEZO

“ This Session will showcase major achievements of African economic zones and underlying challenges and opportunities for African SEZs community in supporting the implementation of the AfCFTA. ”

15:00 - 15:30

### Industrial Prospect Session 1

From Design to Asset Management of Special Economic Zone

**Mr Nasser Tlassellal**

Managing Director - Tanger Med Engineering

**Mr Ayoub Rmili**

Director of Infrastructure, Industry and Logistics - Tanger Med Engineering



“The second industrial prospect session co-organized with African Development Bank will cover the establishment of Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones as an integrated development initiative, an investment framework & how it would stimulate private sector interest, to drive a market-oriented agricultural transformation & agro-processing capacity in the continent. ”

16:15 - 16:45

### Industrial Prospect Session 3

Special Economic Zones Accelerating Africa's Industrialization

**Mr Jean-Paul Gauthier**

Senior Industrial Parks Advisor - UNIDO

**Mr Stefan Kratzsch**

Investment & Technology Promotion Division, Department of Digitalization, Technology & Innovation - UNIDO

**Mrs Yvonne Semba Chileshe**

Expert Commodities and Value Chains Development - OACPS

“ This outlook session conducted by EuroMed will focus on how African Special Economic Zones can contribute in improving intra-Africa trade, economic inclusions and regional integration. ”

14:00 - 15:00

### Meet the African Economic Zones

**Mr Abdoulaye Maiga**

Managing Director - Agence pour l'aménagement et la gestion des zones Industrielles - MALI

**Dr António Henriques da Silva**

Chairman - Luanda-Bengo Special Economic Zone - ANGOLA

**Mr Ekue Mivedor**

Managing Director - Togo Invest Corporation - TOGO

**Mr Jaafar Mrhardy**

Managing Director - Tanger Med Zones - MOROCCO

**Mr Kennedy Mwila**

Managing Director - Lusaka SMFEZ - ZAMBIA

**Mr Waleid Gamal El-Din**

CEO - Suez Canal Economic Zone - EGYPT

“Senior expert will provide guidance on technical challenges and comprehensive solutions that drives the development and the implementation of Special Economic Zones. This session will address key technical issues related to design, constructions, facility management and operations. ”

15:45 - 16:15

### Industrial Prospect Session 2

Development Perspective on Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZs) in Africa

**Mrs Atsuko Toda**

Director, Agriculture Finance & Rural Infrastructure Development Dept - AfDB

**Prof. Oyelaran-Oyeyinka Oyebanji**

Senior Special Adviser on Industrialisation - AfDB

“ African SEZs have played a key role economic structural transformation promoting greater participation in global value chains However for every successful projects multiple others have not attracted the expected investments, and some have even ended in costly failure. ”

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## DAY 2

09:00 -12:00

Visit to Tema Export Processing Zone

### Tour Guide

Visit to TEMA Free Zone Facilities

### Visit to Industrial Facilities

Niche Cocoa Industry Ltd

Octoglow Ghana Limited

Ghana Specialty Fats Industries Ltd

12:00 -15:00

Lunch and meeting with Ghana Free Zones  
Authority

15:00 -16:00

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AEZO Members Only



For further information and registration, please follow the links below :

### IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION

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### VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION

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