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## UNIDO and AEZO joined hands in conducting an online survey soon for African SEZs

We are pleased to announce to the African Economic Zones Community that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO) have joined forces!

UNIDO and AEZO decided to join hands in conducting an online survey soon, where African SEZs will be requested to complete a questionnaire made up of two clearly demarcated sections: the first is focused on collecting relevant, public information which will populate the Invest-in-ACP Platform, and the second is focused on eliciting confidential feedback on the African SEZs' support requirements concerning their own institutional digitalization objectives as well as the relative successes in bringing new SEZ tenants with advanced digital production (ADP) technologies to establish inside African SEZs.

UNIDO and AEZO would be very glad to have your cooperation on this important initiative. Stay tuned, more updates coming soon!

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### The Ivorian government aims to make Côte d'Ivoire an attractive pole for investors

This desire for industrialization aims to contribute to the structural transformation of the economy for the creation of direct and indirect jobs but especially about a billion euros of foreign direct investment...

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### A Free Trade Zone to be Established in Dire Dawa, IPDC

The industrial Parks Development Corporation (IPDC) has announced that a Free Trade Zone called Dire Dawa Free Trade Zone will be established in the Dire Dawa Industrial Parks...

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Some sections of the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on effective tax administration between The Nigeria Export Processing Zones Authority (NEPZA)...

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The legislation made under the Uganda investment law currently requires 80%...



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### Emirates Logistics Inaugurates New Site in Morocco's Tangier Automotive City

The UAE-based freight and logistics chain Emirates Logistics today inaugurated its second site in Morocco's Tangier Automotive City. The new logistics center in the Tanger Med industrial...

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#### MozParks Topuito and Kenmare Moma Mining Shape Business for SMEs in Nampula

The state government welcomed the creation of the MozParks Topuito Agro-Industrial Park (MozParks Topuito), an innovation center to support start-ups...



#### **INVESTMENTS IN AFRICAN ECONOMIC ZONES**





## Africa's Largest Asset Manager PIC Leads Pension Funds Investing in Continent's Infrastructure via Africa Finance Corporation

PIC has given formal notification to make a US\$100 million equity investment in the AFC. The approved investment from the South African pension...

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#### SCZONE Signs MOU with Indian "Renew Power" for 220,000 Tons of Green Hydrogen Production, \$8B Investment

Signing this MOU with the Indian company "ReNew power", which is working in the field of clean energy is a preliminary agreement...

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#### Official opening of Naivasha Special Economic Zone that will help inject 530 million US dollars into the Kenyan economy annually

The construction of the Naivasha Special Economic Zone (SEZ) officially started...

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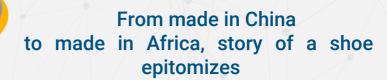


## Afreximbank, Ecobank Togo, and BIA Togo finance the construction of the Adétikopé Industrial Platform

The African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) as Lead Manager, the Togolese subsidiary of the Ecobank Group and BIA Togo...

#### **ARTICLES OF THE WEEK**





The development of industrial zones has also greatly facilitated local employment. Currently, about 20,000 direct jobs have been created in completed vocational training.

Before 2013, Ethiopia's shoes and other daily necessities were mainly imported from countries such as China due to insufficient domestic production capacity. But in 2013, Chinese shoemaker Huajian Group expanded its operations in Ethiopia, two years after setting up its first factory.

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#### Partnership can boost rural industrialization in Africa

Africa remains the world's least-industrialized region, despite the continent's ongoing infrastructure development. Its economies still rely on raw materials, so its share of global manufacturing is only around 1.9 percent, according to the African Development Bank.

In order to promote sustainable rural industrialization as part of Sino-African cooperation, the two partners need to leverage China's competitive industries and Africa's potentially high capacity for industrialization, in order to create diversified and balanced economies, especially within the rural areas of the continent.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS OF THE WEEK**





#### BNEW will celebrate its third edition from 3-6 October 2022

The Barcelona New Economy Week (BNEW) will celebrate its third edition from 3–6 October 2022 in Barcelona. The hybrid B2B event – 100% professional – created by the Consorci de la Zona Franca de Barcelona (CZFB) will focus this edition on the opportunities of the new economy.

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#### **World FZO AICE 2023**

World FZO delighted to announce its 9th Annual International Conference & Exhibition, Theme: Ecosystem of trust driving prosperity, on May 9-10, 2023, in Dubai, UAE.

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#### **TESTIMONIAL VIDEO**





We are pleased to present to you the seventh episode of the "60 seconds with African Economic Zones Leaders" series.

For this episode, we are joined by Mrs Alice Schultz, Manager-Corporate Affairs of Lusaka South Multi Facility Economic Zone (LSMFEZ).

As she speaks about the LSMFEZ, developed as a mixed-use facility and designed to drive economic diversification and development.

She also mentioned that the opening of the unified continental market will certainly create more opportunities for the zone to become regional hub, surrounded by 8 countries with the market of 400M people and coupled with the free movement of labour and the investment would put the zone in advantage for knowledge transfer and job creating.

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