



AFRICAN SEZs ANNUAL MEETING
NAIROBI - KENYA | NOVEMBER 27 - 29, 2024



AGENDA



NAIROBI, KENYA



27 - 29 NOVEMBER



H.E Dr William Samoei Ruto C.G.H.
President of the Republic of Kenya
and Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces

09:00 - 10:00 REGISTRATION & BADGING

10:35 - 11:40

Topic 1:

“ Policy and regulatory frameworks for sez: striking the balance between incentives and

Dr. Juma Mukhwana

CBS, Principal Secretary
The State Department of Industry in the Ministry of Investments, Trade, and Industry

David Ontweka

Deputy Commissioner - Policy and International Affairs at the Kenya Revenue Authority KRA

George Olaka CFO - ARISE IIP

Terryanne Chebet - Moderator -
Senior Communications & Stakeholder Relations - CNBC Africa

11:45 - 12:45

Topic 2:

“ Financing SEZs amidst fiscal constraints: innovative solutions for african governments ”

Chris Kiptoo

Principal Secretary
The National Treasury, with expertise in policy development for economic zones & financing

Job Wanjohi, HSC

Senior Program Manager - TradeMark Africa

James Mworia

Chief Executive Officer - Centum Investment Limited

Disha Copreaux - Moderator -
Chief Executive Officer - Red Lands Roses PLC

12:45 - 14:00 BREAK

14:00 - 15:00

Topic 3:

“ The role of SEZs in promoting sustainable industrialization and green growth ”

Solomon Mahinda

Executive Vice President - Tatu City, Vice Chairman of Association of Special Economic Zones

Satoshi Hamano

Deputy Chief Representative - JICA Kenya Office of Japanese International Cooperation, Kenya

Ahmed Farah

HSC – Chief Executive Officer - Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Audrey Mebaley - Moderator -

Senior Communication, Marketing & Public Relations Manager - ARISE IIP

15:00 - 16:00

Topic 4:

“ Skills development and human capital: empowering african youth through SEZs – harnessing the huge potential of gen zs in Africa ”

Dean Christopher Shillaw

Managing Director - Nairobi Gate Industrial Park SEZ, Nairobi County, Kenya

Hon. Nassir Abdullswamad Sheriff

Governor County - Government of Mombasa

Dr. Kipkirui Langat

Director General - TVETA

Philip Coulson - Moderator -

Senior partner & Heads - The Corporate and Commercial Department of Nairobi office

16:00 - 17:00

Topic 5:

“ Orange economy as an economic asset : opportunities for sezs / policy and infrastructure development to support creative hubs in Economic Zones ”

Joy Mboya

Executive director - The GoDown Arts Centre

Timothy Odhiambo Owase

Chief Executive Officer - Kenya Film Commission

Dean Gichuk

Co-Founder & CGO - Fintech

Maina - Moderator -

Trading Bells

08:00 - 09:00	REGISTRATION & BADGING
09:00 - 09:15	WELCOME SESSION
09:15 - 09:45	<p>Keynote address : “ Shaping Africa’s Future : Policy Imperatives for Sustainable SEZ Development ”</p> <p>H.E. Albert Muchanga Commissioner - Economic Development, Trade, Tourism Industry and Mining “AUC”</p> <p>H.E. Wamkele Mene Secretary General – AfCFTA Secretariat</p> <p>Dr. Gunther Beger Managing Director - Directorate for SDG Innovation and Economic Transformation – UNIDO</p> <p>H.E. Dr Mohammed AL Zarooni Chairman – World Free Zones Organization “WFZO”</p>
9:45 - 10:30	<p>Technical Session 1 : “ UNIDO - AEZO Report II Presentation & Results Dissemination Characteristics, trends, and way forward for SEZ in Africa ”</p> <p>Ahmed Bennis Secretary General - Africa Economic Zones Organization “AEZO”</p> <p>Ondrej Simek Deputy Head - Delegation of the European Union</p> <p>Stefan Kratzsch Head – Sustainable Investments and Responsible Business Unit Division – UNIDO</p>
10:30 - 10:45	Signing ceremony : AEZO - UNIDO Memorandum
10:45 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK
11:00 - 12:00	<p>Panel discussion 1 : “ SEZs as Catalysts for Resilient and Inclusive Growth in Africa ”</p> <p>Ron Osman Omar - Keynote Address - Ag. Director - Industry Minerals, Entrepreneurship and Tourism – African Union Commission</p> <p>Peter Donelan Coordinator - Enhanced Integrated Framework Secretariat – World Trade Organization</p> <p>Koffi Elitcha Economist - Sub-regional Office for Central Africa – UNECA</p>
12:00 - 13:00	<p>Official Opening by Chief Guest</p> <p>Kenya and EAC Anthems</p> <p>Fredrick Muteti Chairman - Kenya Special Economic Zones Authority “SEZA”</p> <p>Abubakar Hassan Abubakar Permanent Secretary - State Department of Investment Promotion</p> <p>AEZO Corporate Vidéo</p> <p>Mehdi Tazi Riffi President - Africa Economic Zones Organization “AEZO”</p> <p>Hon Salim Mvurya Cabinet Secretary - Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry - Republic of Kenya</p> <p>Presidential statement : H.E. Dr William Samoei Ruto C.G.H. President of the Republic of Kenya and Commander in Chief of the Defence Forces</p> <p>Official Photo session folowed by Kenya National Anthems</p>

13:00 - 14:30	LUNCH BREAK
14:30 - 15:30	<p>Panel discussion 2 : “ Key Ingredients to enhance African SEZs Competitiveness ”</p> <p>Bruno Casella - <i>Keynote Address</i> - Senior Economist - Chief Intellectual Property Unit – UNCTAD</p> <p>Andrew Mold Officer in Charge - Sub-Regional Office for Eastern Africa – UNECA</p> <p>Dorsaf Labidi Zangar Manager of the Trade and Industrial Development Division – African Development Bank</p> <p>Caroline Khamati Mugalla Director for the East African region - the International Labor Organization “ILO”</p>
15:30 - 16:00	<p>Technical Session 2 : “ Measuring Impacts: How SEZs Contribute to the UN SDGs Agenda ? ”</p> <p>Nasser Tlassellal Managing Director - Tanger Med Engineering “TME”</p> <p>Dario Quaranta Senior Climate Solutions Expert – IFC, World Bank Group</p>
16:00 - 16:15	COFFEE BREAK
16:15 - 17:30	<p>African SEZs Dialogue : “ Developing Cross-border SEZs: Best Practices and Case Studies for the promotion of regional VCs integration and Intra-African trade ”</p> <p>Jan Knoerich - <i>Moderator</i> - Senior Professor - School of Global Affairs, King's College London</p> <p>HON. ALI MBOGO MENZA Chairman - LAPSET Corridor Development Authority</p> <p>Ayoub RMILI Technical & Operations Director - Tanger Med Zones</p> <p>Charles Jackson Itembe Director General - Tanzania export Processing Zone Authority “EPZA”</p> <p>Femi Ogunyemi MD/CEO - Nigeria Export Processing Zones “NEPZA”</p> <p>Manuel Francisco Pedro CEO - Luanda-Bengo SEZ “ZEE” , Angola</p> <p>Mwiza Mseteka Managing Director - Lusaka South Multi Facility Economic Zone</p> <p>Kenneth Chelule CEO - Special Economic Zones Authority “SEZA” – KENYA</p> <p>Serge Samy Biveghe Managing Director - Nkok Special Investment Zone Authority</p>
20:00 - 22:00	GALA DINNER AFRICAN SEZs AWARDS & SPECIAL MILESTONES

09:00 - 09:30	<p>Keynote address : “ How can SEZs in Africa attract FDI from Europe ? ”</p> <p>Holger Bingmann Vice President - International Chamber of Commerce</p>
09:30 - 10:00	<p>AUC Consultation session : “ SEZs Contribution to the SMEs Integration and Local Economic Development ”</p> <p>Sid Boubekeur Lead Expert – African Union Commission “AUC”</p> <p>Peter Kuria Githinji SME Expert – African Union Commission “AUC”</p> <p>Sponsored by :  EXPERTISE FRANCE GROUPE AFD</p>
10:00 - 10:30	<p>AfCFTA Consultation session : “ SEZs as a Catalyst for Accelerating Intra-African Trade and Sustainable Industrialization under the AfCFTA Framework ”</p> <p>Godfrey Walakira Senior Trade Expert - AfCFTA Secretariat</p> <p>Themba Khumalo Principal Advisor - AfCFTA Secretariat</p>
10:30 - 11:00	<p>UNIDO Consultation session : “ Empowering African SEZs in the Digital Age ”</p> <p>H. Tamer Tandogan Policy Specialist and Data Analyst – UNIDO</p> <p>Stefan Kratzsch Head – Sustainable Investments and Responsible Business Unit Division – UNIDO</p>
11:00 - 11:15 COFFEE BREAK	
11:15 - 12:30	<p>AEZO General Assembly (AEZO Members Only)</p>
12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH BREAK	
14:00 - 17:00	<p>Visit to Kenya SEZs Facilities Tatu city SEZ, Konza Technopolis SEZ, North Gate SEZ, Two Rivers International Finance & Innovation Centre.</p>



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