



AGENDA



26th November 2025

10:15 - 16:15 AFRICAN SUSTAINABILITY INVESTMENT SUMMIT (ASIS)

A high-level platform for investors, policymakers, and partners to explore sustainable, inclusive investment opportunities across Africa.



17:30 - 19:00 AEZO Opening Cocktail | Epic Sana Rooftop

27th November 2025



09:00 - 09:10 WELCOME SESSION

09:10 - 10:00

ANGOLA ROOM

MASTER OF CEREMONY : Fifi Peters, Senior Anchor - CNBC Africa

ANGOLA AND SADC ANTHEMS

OPENING REMARKS

H.E. Francisca Tatchouop Belobe

African Union Commissioner for Economic Development, Trade, Tourism, Industry, and Minerals (TBC)

Ahmed Bennis

Secretary General, Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO)

Manuel Francisco Pedro

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Luanda-Bengo SEZ (ZEE)

SPECIAL ADDRESS BY GUESTS OF HONOR

H.E. Claver Gatete

Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa

H.E. Nardos Bekele-Thomas

CEO of AUDA-NEPAD

H.E. Wamkele Mene

Secretary General of the AfCFTA Secretariat

OFFICIAL OPENING

H.E. Rui Miguêns de Oliveira

Minister of Industry and Commerce of Angola

OFFICIAL PHOTO SESSION

10:00 - 10:15

ANGOLA ROOM

SPOTLIGHT INSIGHTS : Unlocking Africa's Industrial Potential through SEZs: Pathways to Sustainable Growth

Courtney Fingar (Moderator)

Founder & CEO, Fingar Direct Investment

Andreas Jahn

Senior International Policy Advisor

10:15 - 10:30

ANGOLA ROOM

HIGHLIGHT PRESENTATION : AEZO Outlook 2025 & UNIDO Industrial Parks Platform (IPP)

Brian Portelli

Senior Advisor, UNIDO

10:30 - 10:45

COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 11:45

ANGOLA ROOM

PANEL DISCUSSION 1: Africa's Sustainable Growth Imperatives: SEZs Driving Investment and Global Value Chains

Courtney Fingar (Moderator)

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Mark Simmonds (Keynote Address)

Chairman, Invest Africa Advisory Board

Hon. Michael Baafi Okyere

MP and the Ranking Member on Trade, Industry and Tourism of the Parliament of Ghana, Republic of Ghana

Erika Magder

Executive Vice President of consultancy, ResearchFDI

11:45 - 12:15 ANGOLA ROOM	BUILDING BRIDGES (BB) TALK : Business of the Future in African SEZs: Balancing High-Tech Leapfrogging and Sustainable Traditional Manufacturing Andrés Ibarra Executive Vice President, World Trade Center Association (WTCA)
12:15 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00 - 15:00 ANGOLA ROOM	PANEL DISCUSSION 2 : Innovative Financing, Investment, and Partnerships – New Pathways for SEZ Development in Africa Fifi Peters (Moderator) Senior Anchor - CNBC Africa Ian Richards (Keynote Address) Economist, Digital Government Transformation, UNCTAD Constant N'ZI Deputy Group CEO & Group Chief Risk Officer, African Guarantee Fund Nasser Tlassellal Managing Director, Tanger Med Engineering, TME Stefan Kratzsch Head, Sustainable Investments and Responsible Business Unit, UNIDO
15:00 - 15:15	COFFEE BREAK
15:15 - 16:30 BRAZIL ROOM	AFRICAN SEZs DIALOGUE : Leaders' Perspectives on Services, Competitiveness and Shared Growth Courtney Fingar (Moderator) Founder & CEO, Fingar Direct Investment Ayoub R'Mili Technical and Operations Director, Tanger Med Zones, (TMZ) Bamanga Usman Jada CEO/MD, Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority, Nigeria Bolanda Menga Auguy Managing Director, SEZ Agency – RDC Greg Binkert Board Director, ASEZA/MozParks, Mozambique Kenneth Chelule CEO, Kenya Special Economic Zones Authority (SEZA) Mary Awusi CEO, Ghana Free Zones Authority (GFZA) Mohamed Seinkoun Gassama Managing Director, Special Economic Zones Development & Administration Authority, Republic of Guinea Serge Samy BIVEGHE General Administrator of the Nkok Special Investment Zone (ZIS) Authority, Gabon Stieneke Jensma Chief Operations Officer, Industrial Zones Programme, South Africa
16:30 - 16:45	CLOSING REMARKS
17:00 - 19:00	AEZO GENERAL ASSEMBLY (AEZO MEMBERS ONLY)
20:30 - 23:00 ANGOLA ROOM	GALA DINNER Dress code : Traditional attire

09:30 - 11:00

BRAZIL ROOM

TECHNICAL SESSIONS, INDUSTRIAL ZONES VISIT

Chidinma Cynthia Udeogu (Moderator)

SEZ Consultant - Nigeria Economic Zones Association (NEZA)

**TECHNICAL SESSION 1: SEZs Attracting Investments from the Pharmaceutical Sector :
Guide-lines for an African Model**

Bruno Casella

Senior economist, Division of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

**TECHNICAL SESSION 2: Smart & Green SEZs: Leveraging Technology and Renewable
Energy to Unlock Sustainable Investment Opportunities**

Nasser Tlassellai

Managing Director, Tanger Med Engineering (TME)

Amine Malti

Senior Project Manager, Tanger Med Engineering (TME)

**TECHNICAL SESSION 3: Equipping Africa's Workforce for Smart-Green SEZs: Skills and
Capacity for Global Value Chain Participation**

Toru Homma

Senior Advisor to the CEO, AUDA-NEPAD & Senior Advisor on Private Sector Development, JICA

Kiyonori Matsushima

Special Economic Zone Development Advisor, JICA Expert

George Murumba

Principal Programme Coordinator, Industrialization, Trade and Markets AUDA-NEPAD

11:00 - 11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 18:00

DEPARTURE TO LUANDA-BENGO SEZ (ZEE) & SITE TOUR

Visit of Embalvidro – Industry, Ltd. 

 Embalvidro

Visit of EMADEL – Wood Company, Ltd. 

 EMADEL

Visit of Gulkis Commerce and Industry, Lt 

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19:00

FAREWELL DRINKS



AEZO Speakers



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Moderator of Technical Sessions

AFRICAN SEZS DIALOGUE SPEAKERS



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