

1st African Union Symposium on Special Economic Zones and Industrial Development

Best Western Plus Lusaka Grand Hotel

Lusaka, Zambia

7–10 November 2017

Objective

The objective of the Symposium is to provide a platform for policy-makers, practitioners, financial institutions, multilateral organizations and academia to exchange views and experiences on how special economic zones (SEZs) can be utilized as vehicles for sustainable industrialization in African countries. The Symposium is guided by the African Union's Agenda 2063 and its First 10-year Implementation Plan, the Action Plan for the Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA), the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In particular, the Symposium will:

- Share African SEZ success stories and foster the exchange of lessons learned;
- Identify SEZ development and management needs of African governments;
- Facilitate the exchange of experiences among African SEZ policy-makers, developers and managers as well as interaction with their international counterparts;
- Showcase how SEZs can drive sustainable development in Africa;
- Collect ideas for the development of an Africa SEZ Network and an African Union-China SEZ Study Tour Programme.

AGENDA

DAY 1: 7 November 2017		
TIME	AGENDA ITEM	MODERATOR
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival of participants and registration	
09:00 – 09:30	<p>Opening</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Welcome participants and present objectives and the context of the meeting.</p> <p>9:00-9:15 Opening remarks by Mr. Hussein Hassan, Head of Industry Division, African Union Commission (AUC)</p> <p>9:15-9:30 Keynote speech by Mrs. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia</p>	Mr. Thierry Mutombo Kalonji
09:30 – 10:30	<p>Setting the scene</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Provide an overview of the AUC's work on industrialization and SEZs as well as the history and current state of SEZs on the African continent</p> <p>9:30-9:50 "Africa's industrialization and SEZs promotion as part of the AUC's core mandate" by Mrs. Ron Osman Omar, Senior Policy Officer, AUC</p> <p>9:50-10:10 "SEZs in Africa: Historic development and status quo" by Mrs. Sarah Ruth Ochieng, Senior Private Sector Development Specialist, World Bank Group</p> <p>10:10-10:30 Moderated panel discussion and questions from the audience</p>	Mr. Thierry Mutombo Kalonji
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Session 1: Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and the role of SEZs for industrial development</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Sharing insights from RECs' experiences with SEZs as vehicles for industrial development</p> <p>11:00-11:20 Mr. Georges Ndira, Principal Industrial Economist, East African Community (EAC)</p> <p>11:20-11:40 Mrs. Léa-Elisabeth Sickout, Ingenieur d'affaires, Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)</p> <p>11:40-12:00 Moderated panel discussion and questions from the audience</p> <p>12:00-12:20 Mr. Kemji Ajoku, Department of Industry and Private Sector, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)</p> <p>12:20-12:40 Mr. Innocent Mwakiramiti, Private Sector Development Expert, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)</p> <p>12:40-13:00 Moderated panel discussion and questions from the audience</p>	Mr. Thierry Mutombo Kalonji
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break	

14:30 – 15:45	<p>Session 2: Developing a national SEZs policy/programme: Success stories and lessons learned</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> SEZs policy-makers share experiences from their countries</p> <p>14:30-14:50 “Zambia’s Multi-Facility Economic Zones Programme” by Mr. John Mulongoti, Director Industry, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia</p> <p>14:50-15:10 “SEZs policy and planning in South Africa” by Mr. Maoto Molefane, Director, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa</p> <p>15:10-15:45 Moderated panel discussion with presenters and questions from the audience</p>	Mrs. Léa-Elisabeth Sickout
15:45 – 16:30	Coffee Break and Group Photo	
16:30 – 17:00	DAY 1 wrap-up and closing	Mrs. Léa-Elisabeth Sickout

DAY 2: 8 November 2017		
TIME	AGENDA ITEM	MODERATOR
09:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 3: Developing and managing a SEZ: Insights from Zambia</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> SEZ developers and managers share experiences from Zambia</p> <p>9:00-9:20 Mr. Robert Banda, Manager, Multi Facility Economic Zones (MFEZ), Zambia Development Agency</p> <p>9:20-9:40 Mrs. Mukela Lubasi, Managing Director, Lusaka South MFEZ</p> <p>9:40-10:00 Mr. Phesto Musonda, Director, Sub-Sahara Gemstone Exchange Industrial Park</p> <p>10:00-10:20 Mr. Shaun Davey, Director, Roma Industrial Park</p> <p>10:20-11:00 Moderated Panel discussion and question from the audience</p>	Mr. Georges Ndira
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Session 4: Developing and managing a SEZ: Insights from Ethiopia and Gabon</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> SEZ developers and managers share experiences from Ethiopia and Gabon</p> <p>11:30-11:50 Mr. Belay Hailemichael Tessesma, Managing Director, Hawassa Industrial Park, Ethiopia and Mr. Murado Abdo, Legal Advisor, Ethiopian Investment Commission</p> <p>11:50-12:10 Mr. Gabriel Ntougou, General Administrator, NKOK SEZ, Gabon</p> <p>12:10-13:00: Moderated Panel discussion and question from the audience</p>	Mr. Kemji Ajoku
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Session 5: Multilateral and bilateral support for SEZ development in African countries</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Enhance understanding of available support options for SEZ development</p> <p>14:30-14:45 Mrs. Mary Monyau, Resident Representative Zambia Field Office, African Development</p> <p>14:45-15:00 Mr. Ni Kan, Representative Zambia Office, China-Africa Development Fund</p>	Mr. Innocent Mwakiramiti

	15:00-15:30 Moderated panel discussion with presenters and questions from the audience	
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Session 6: How can Africa benefit from China’s experiences with designing, developing and managing SEZs</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Share insights from Chinese researchers and SEZ managers</p> <p>16:00-16:15: “China’s experience with SEZs development and management at home and abroad” by Mr. Tang Xiaoyang, Associate Professor, Tsinghua University</p> <p>Insights from Chinese SEZ managers operating in African countries:</p> <p>16:15-16:30 Mr. Ding Yonghua, Managing Director, Lekki Free Zone Development Company, Nigeria 16:30-16:45 Mr. Wang Xingshang, Managing Director, Lusaka East MFEZ, Zambia 16:45-17:00 Mr. Wang Xingshang, Representative, Chambeshi MFEZ, Zambia</p> <p>17:00-17:30 Moderated panel discussion with presenters and questions from the audience</p>	Mr. Dauda Foday Nsuma,
17:30 – 18:00	DAY 2 wrap-up and closing	

DAY 3: 9 November 2017		
TIME	AGENDA ITEM	MODERATOR
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 7: Contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through SEZs</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Present examples on how SEZs address environmental and social aspects of sustainable development</p> <p>9:00-9:20 “Advancing sustainable SEZs: Examples from China” by Mr. Tang Xiaoyang, Associate Professor, Tsinghua University</p> <p>9:20-9:40 “Ethiopia’s Hawassa Industrial Park as an example for a sustainable SEZ” by Mr. Ameha Tegegn, Director of Environment and Social Safeguards, Industrial Parks Development Corporation, Ethiopia</p> <p>9:40-10:00 “Advancing sustainable SEZs in Africa” by Mr. Dauda Foday Nsuma, Program Coordinator, Global Green Growth Institute</p> <p>10:00-10:30: Moderated panel discussion with presenters and questions from the audience</p>	Mr. Themba Khumalo
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 8: Training on green SEZs and green industrialization</p> <p>Mr. Dauda Foday Nsuma, Program Coordinator, Global Green Growth Institute</p>	
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 – 14:45	<p>Session 9: Developing an African SEZ network and an African Union-China SEZ Study Tour Programme</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> Exchanging ideas for an African SEZ network and an AU-China SEZ Study Tour Programme</p>	Mr. Themba Khumalo

	<p>14:00-14:15 “South Africa’s experience with the establishment of an association of industrial parks” by Mr. Themba Khumalo, Department of Trade and Industry, South Africa</p> <p>14:15-14:30 “Sharing experiences from the participation in previous SEZs study tours to China” by Mr. Robert Banda, Manager, Multi Facility Economic Zones (MFEZ), Zambia Development Agency</p> <p>14:30-14:45 “Ideas for an African SEZ network and African Union-China SEZ Study Tour Programme” Mr. Moritz Weigel, Founding Director, The China Africa Advisory</p>	
14:45 – 16:00	<p>Parallel working Groups</p> <p>Working Group 1: African SEZ network Working Group 2: African Union-China SEZ Study Tour Programme</p>	<p>Mr. Moritz Weigel</p> <p>Mr. Robert Banda</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 – 17:00	Reporting back form the working groups to the plenary	
17:00 – 18:30	<p>Closing</p> <p>17:30-18:00 Read out and discussion of key messages from the Symposium</p> <p>18:00-18:15 Closing remarks by speech by Mrs. Kayula Siame, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia</p> <p>18:15-18:30 Closing remarks by Mr. Hussein Hassan, Head of Industry Division, AUC</p>	

DAY 4: 10 November 2017

	<p><i>Closed meeting</i></p> <p>Industry Division Knowledge Management Reference Group</p> <p>AUC, RECs and Consultants</p>	
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