



GASEZ SDG Model Zone initiative

2023-2024

Background of GASEZ

The Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones (GASEZ) is dedicated to advance a new generation of special economic zones (SEZs) for sustainable development. The alliance was launched in Montego Bay, Jamaica, in 2022 by the Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO), the Free Trade Zones Association of the Americas (AZFA), the Green Partnership for Industrial Parks of China (GPIPC), the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP), the National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the World Free and Special Economic Zones Federation (FEMOZA), and the World Free Zones Organization (World FZO).

The SDG Model Zone Initiative

The United Nation's SDG Summit in September 2023 called for immediate measures to scale up efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda, including through SDG investments. In line with this aspiration and GASEZ objectives, the Alliance launched its SDG Model Zone initiative on 18 October 2023 during the UNCTAD World Investment Forum in Abu Dhabi. The GASEZ founding members have jointly identified 50 SEZs from across the world that are nominees for SDG model zones. The criteria used to select the SEZs nominees for SDG Model Zones were derived from UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2019. These criteria are: (i) Commitment to sustainable development; (ii) promotion of investment in the SDGs; (iii) levels of social, environmental and governance standards and compliance; and linkages and spillovers.

The GASEZ SDG Model Zone initiative seeks to achieve 3 main objectives:

- 1) Raise awareness of the contributions of SEZs to sustainable development;
- 2) Recognize the efforts of zones that are leading the way in this space;
- 3) Share elements of best practices by SEZs that can serve as an inspiration and be replicable by other zones.

2023-2024 nominations for GASEZ SDG Model Zones

(Alphabetical order of country names and zones)

Name of SEZ	Country	Name of SEZ	Country	Name of SEZ	Country
Luanda-Bengo SEZ (ZEE)	Angola	Hawassa Industrial Park	Ethiopia	Ulsan Free Economic Zone	Republic of Korea
Lakeside Science and Technology Park	Austria	Sri City Operations	India	Qatar Free Zones Authority	Qatar
Ceará Export Processing Zone	Brazil	Isfahan Science and Technology Town	Islamic Republic of Iran	Technoloski Park Ljubjana	Slovenia
Techno PARQ	Brazil	Adriatic SEZ Puglia-Molise	Italy	DUBE TradePort	South Africa
Cleantech Commons	Canada	Jamaica Special Economic Zone Authority (JSEZA)	Jamaica	Parque Científico y Tecnológico de Bizkaia	Spain
Guangzhou Development District	China	Konza Technopolis	Kenya	Tecnológico de Tenerife (PCTT)	Spain
Suzhou Industrial Park	China	Tatu City	Kenya	Zona Franca Barcelona	Spain
Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area	China	Kaunas Science and Technology Park	Lithuania	Linköping Science Park	Sweden
Zona Franca Bogotá	Colombia	Klaipeda Free Economic Zone	Lithuania	Mersin Free Zone	Türkiye
Zona Franca Santander	Colombia	Parque de Investigación e Innovación Tecnológica (PIIT)	Mexico	Teknopark Istanbul / Deep Technology Center	Türkiye
Coyol Free Zone	Costa Rica	Tanger Med Zones (TMD)	Morocco	Dubai Silicon Oasis	United Arab Emirates
La Lima Free Zone and Business Park	Costa Rica	Green Economic Zone Kaduna	Nigeria	Khalifa Economic Zones Abu Dhabi (KEZAD)	United Arab Emirates
Las Americas Free Zone Park	Dominican Republic	Hattar Special Economic Zone	Pakistan	Masdar City	United Arab Emirates
Zona Franca Multimodal Caucedo	Dominican Republic	National Science and Technology Park (NUST)	Pakistan	Research Triangle Park	United States of America
Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZone)	Egypt	Panamá Pacífico	Panama	WTC Montevideo	Uruguay
American Industrial Park	El Salvador	Poznan Science and Technology Park	Poland	Zonamerica	Uruguay
Royal Science and Technology Park	Eswatini	Magok Industrial Complex	Republic of Korea		