



## GASEZ SDG Model Zone Partner Initiative

2023

### 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).

### SDG Model Zone Partners

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 SDG model zone partners for sustainable development. 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 best practices by SEZs that can serve as an inspiration and be replicable by other zones.

## 2023 list of GASEZ SDG Model Zone Partners

(Alphabetical order of country names and zones)

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