



Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones

GASEZ Annual Conference Montego Bay, Jamaica, 13 June 2022

Programme

10:00-10:40

Opening Summit

- Welcome remarks by **Mr. James Zhan**, Director, Division of Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD and Co-Chair of GASEZ, and by **Mr. Samir Hamrouni**, CEO of the World Free Zones Organization and Co-Chair of GASEZ
- Opening statement by **H.E. Dr. Horace Chang**, Deputy Prime Minister of Jamaica
- Keynote address by **Mr. Abdulla Shahid**, President, United Nations General Assembly
- Speech by **Mr. Ricardo Trevino**, Deputy Secretary General, World Customs Organization (WCO)
- Remarks from **Ms. Annette Mark**, President, Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (CAIPA)
- Promotional video of GASEZ

10:40-11:00

Coffee Break and Networking

11:00- 12:30

Key Emerging Issues for Special Economic Zones

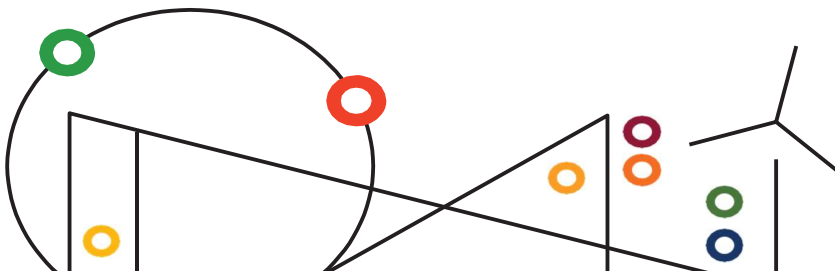
Panel Session

Presentation of UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2022 by **Mr. James Zhan**, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD and Co-Chair of GASEZ

- **Ms. Courtney Fingar**, Editor-in-Chief, Investment Monitor
- **Ms. Ambar Ruiz**, General Director of Free Zones, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Panama
- **Mr. John Tanui**, CEO, Konza Technopolis Development Authority, Kenya, and President of the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP), Africa Division
- **Mr. Ainsley Brown**, Senior Director, Regulations, Policy, Monitoring and Enforcement, Jamaica Special Economic Zone Authority
- **Mr. Mohan Guruswamy**, Chief Knowledge Officer, World Free Zones Organization (WFZO)

12:30-14:30

Lunch Break





14:30-15:45

SDG Model Zones

Parallel
Workshops

This workshop will discuss the transition of SEZs to model SDG zones in their strategic focus, design, governance, and operations with best practices in attracting investment in SDG-projects, in reducing emission and waste, in the provision of ESG-related services and in promoting linkages.

Moderator: **Mr. Paul Wessendorp**, Chief, Investment Promotion Section, UNCTAD

- **Mr. Gustavo González de Vega**, President, Free Trade Zones of the Americas (AZFA)
- **Ms. Diane Edwards**, President, Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO), Jamaica
- **Mr. Carlos Wong**, General Director, Coyoil Free Zone, Costa Rica
- **Mr. Juan Pablo Rivera**, CEO, Zona Franca Bogotá, Colombia
- **Ms. Jacqueline Sutherland**, President and CEO, Contax360 BPO Solutions Inc., Jamaica

Working Together to Facilitate Investment in the Recovery

This workshop will discuss cooperation between SEZs, IPAs, TPOs, the private sector, and other stakeholders in promoting sustainable investment in new priority areas and the role of SEZ and IPA/TPO associations in facilitating the exchange of experiences.

Moderator: **Ms. Stephania Bonilla-Feret**, Economic Affairs Officer, Investment Promotion Section, UNCTAD

- **Mr. Jeffrey Tafel**, President, National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ), USA
- **Ms. Kaye-Anne Greenidge**, CEO, Invest Barbados
- **Mr. Juan Torrents**, President, World Free and Special Economic Zones Federation (FEMOZA)
- **Ms. Maria Camila Moreno**, Executive Director, Free Trade Zone Association of the Americas (AZFA)
- **Ms. Imega Breese McNab**, Executive Director, Private Sector Organization of Jamaica

15:45-16:30

Coffee break and Networking

16:30-17:00

Signing Ceremony for the Establishment of GASEZ

- Statement by **H.E. Andrew Holness**, Prime Minister of Jamaica
- Statement by **Mr. Mohammed Al Zarooni**, Chairperson, World Free Zones Organization, United Arab Emirates
- Video with footage from the online launch of GASEZ
- Official signing ceremony for the establishment of GASEZ

- Closing of the GASEZ Conference. Statement by **Mr. James Zhan**, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD and Co-Chair of GASEZ

