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EVENT FACILITATOR Mrs Imane Radouane , Special Economic Zones Consultant	
DAY 1: September 28th, 2020	
11:00 - 11:30 (GMT+3)	OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Amb. Albert Muchanga, Commissioner for Trade & Industry, African Union Commission (AUC) • Mr. Ahmed Bennis, General Secretary, Africa Economic Zones Organization • Mrs. Svenja Ossmann, Head of Project Support to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), GIZ
SESSION 1: SEZs IN AFRICA: BEST PRACTICES AND MAIN LESSONS LEARNED <i>Issues to be addressed:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiences with SEZ policies, governance, planning, development and operation: Success stories and challenges faced • Sustainable financing of SEZs • Main implications of COVID-19 crisis and future of international production within SEZs 	
11:30 - 13:30 (GMT+3)	<p>Moderator: Mrs. Ron Osman, Senior Policy Officer, Trade and Industry Department, AUC</p> INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS PANEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Richard Bolwijn, Head of Investment Research, UNCTAD • Mr. Gokhan Akinci, Lead Private Sector Specialist, Equitable Growth, Finance & Institutions VPU, International Finance Cooperation, World Bank Group • Mrs. Gail Warrander, Senior Investment Advisor, DFID • Mr. Gabriele Liotta, Principal Counsellor, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development TESTIMONIALS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEZ in Ghana Mr. Michael Okyere Baafi, CEO, Ghana Free Zones Authority • SEZs in Morocco Mrs. Ilham Khalil, Managing director, Tanger Free Zones • SEZs in Egypt Mr. Waleid Gamaleldien, CEO, Suez Canal Economic Zone Q&A SESSION

SESSION 2: SEZs AND REGIONAL COOPERATION IN AFRICA: STATE OF PLAY AND MAJOR GUIDELINES	
Issues to be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on SEZs • Cross-border SEZs as vehicles for regional integration • Creating value-chains between SEZs across Africa • Regional cooperation as key response to the COVID-19 implications 	
13:30 - 15:30 (GMT+3)	<p>Moderator: Dr. Halima Noor Abdi, AfCFTA Secretariat</p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Khauhelo Mawana, Senior Expert - Rules of Origin at African Union Commission - Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) • Dr. Kemji Ajoku, Senior Private Sector and Investment Officer, ECOWAS • Mr. Innocent Makwiramiti, Senior Private Sector Expert, COMESA • Dr. Johannes Rutaihwa, Senior Industry Policy Expert, SADC <p>CASE STUDIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benin-Nigeria SEZ Mr. Engr Battah Ndirpaya, Director, Government and External Relations, Nigeria SEZ Investment Company Limited • Burkina Faso-Cote d'Ivoire-Mali SEZ Mr. Abdoulaye Maiga, Director, Agence pour l'Aménagement et la Gestion des Zones Industrielles "AZI-SA" Mali <p>Q&A SESSION</p>
DAY 2: September 29th, 2020	
SESSION 3: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AS DRIVERS FOR SUCCESS OF SEZs	
Issues to be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An International Framework for Eco-Industrial Parks: Implementation experiences • Supporting the development eco-friendly industrial SEZs • SEZs and green industrialization • Economic benefits of environmental sustainability • Labor practices within SEZs: Job creation patterns and considerations 	
11:00 - 13:00 (GMT+3)	<p>WELCOMING REMARKS</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Alexander Demissie, Founding Director, The China Africa Advisory</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Victor Djemba, Chief, Regional Division for Africa, UNIDO • Mr. Anthony Miller, Economic Affairs Officer at UNCTAD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Dauda Foday Suma, Senior Industrial Advisor, Global Green Growth Institute • Mrs. Emily Sims, Senior Specialist, Multinational Enterprises Programme, ILO <p>CASE STUDIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Clare Akamanzi, CEO, Rwanda Development Board, Rwanda • Mrs. Lelise Neme, CEO, Industrial Parks Development Corporation, Ethiopia <p>Q&A SESSION</p>
13:00 - 13:30 (GMT+3)	<p>CLOSING SESSION & CONCLUDING REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Ron Osman Omar, Acting Director, Trade and Industry Department, African Union Commission (AUC) • Mr. Ahmed Bennis, General Secretary, Africa Economic Zones Organization • Mrs. Svenja Ossmann, Head of Project Support to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), GIZ