GDIZ
GLO-DJIGBÉ INDUSTRIAL ZONE
ZÈ-BÉNIN

GLO-DJIGBÉ INDUSTRIAL ZONE ZÈ-BÉNIN (GDIZ)

CATALYST OF TRANSFORMATION

ABOUT **BENIN**

AREA
114.763 KM²

POPULATION
14.8 MILLION (2025)

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
FRENCH

CAPITAL
PORTO-NOVO

REGION
WEST AFRICA
(300 MILLION INHABITANTS)

Benin is a West African country that has been experiencing significant economic growth for over 20 years, combining democracy and political stability with reliable economic growth, stable inflation, sound public finances, and the trust of African and international financial institutions.

Located in the heart of ECOWAS, a vast market of more than 300 million consumers, including UEMOA and Nigeria, Benin's geographical position, located 6 hours' drive from Lagos and 24 hours from all major cities in West Africa, remains a significant asset.

In recent years, the country has made significant economic progress, demonstrating good governance by its leaders. In 2019, Benin's growth rate was estimated at 6.3%, which not only attests to Benin's economic health but also to the fact that the government's reforms are bearing fruit.

Over the past decade, Benin has introduced several reforms regarding property rights and transparent tax laws.

Benin is one of the most politically stable countries in Africa with a multi-party democracy and a peaceful transition of power for more than 30 years.

GDP Growth

8.07 %

(Source: Benin GDP Growth Rate | Historical Data | (1961 - 2025)

Nominal GDP

24.5 M $ US

(Source: World Bank Data – Indicators)

Currency

FCFA (XOF)

(1 EURO = 655.957)

Membership

ECOWAS, WAEMU, WTO

Agreements

AGOA (USA), **EBA** (Europe), **ACP/UE**

Notation

Ba3 with a stable outlook

(Moody's, international credit rating agency)

5 REASONS
TO INVEST IN BENIN

With a favorable investment environment due to its strategic geographical location, a constantly improving business environment, and a conducive institutional, macroeconomic, and legal framework for business, Benin presents several competitive advantages that can attract any foreign investor looking to invest in the country.

Here are five good reasons to invest in Benin :

1

A very favorable strategic geographical location for business and investments.

2

A stable political and democratic environment and a growing economy.

3

A clearly stated development vision at the top of the state through an ambitious Government Action Programme (GAP) and structuring investment projects.

4

A favorable business climate that is constantly improving, supported by several business-friendly reforms.

5

Countless business and investment opportunities that are conducive to growth.

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GOUVERNEMENT
DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE
DU BÉNIN

ARISE
INTEGRATED INDUSTRIAL
PLATFORMS

A Public-Private Partnership between The Government of Benin and ARISE IIP

GDIZ, a Public-Private Partnership between the Republic of Benin and ARISE Integrated Industrial Platforms (ARISE IIP), a leading pan-African developer and operator of world-class industrial parks and ecosystems, is an Integrated Industrial Zone located on 1,640 hectares and focused on creating thriving value chains ranging from raw materials sourcing, and resources transformation to export of finished products.

GDIZ aims to provide investors with a gateway to integrate the African landscape by providing them with infrastructure, a business-friendly environment and accompanying them along the entire value chain of their products, through our ecosystem approach. The zone is strategically located on a highway connected to the airport and the Port Autonome de Cotonou (PAC) and will be close to the future railway line.

MAIN VOCATIONS OF THE ZONE

Promote and attract agricultural, industrial, commercial and service investments

Encourage direct investment, both Beninese and foreign

Foster the development of national production and natural resources

Develop the manufacturing industries of first, second and third transformation products

Increase the competitiveness of “Made in Benin” products

Promote job creation

INFRASTRUCTURES AND SERVICES PLANNED IN GDIZ

Developed on the model of an integrated business city based on the WORK – LEARN - LIVE & PLAY concept, Glo-Djigbé Industrial Zone (GDIZ) features an ecosystem made up of state-of-the-art infrastructures:

- Industrial Zone
- Commercial area
- Residential area
- Single Window Clearance (SWC)
- Truck park
- Container terminal to function as a dry port
- Fire station
- Medical dispensary
- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Professional training schools

SERVICES

- Water supply
- Electricity supply
- Waste management
- Provision of optical fiber
- Development of roads
- Development of canals
- Development of pipelines

RELIABLE POWER, GAS & WATER SUPPLY

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

- **Reliable power supply:** Dedicated substation connected to the national and regional high-voltage grid.
- **Multiple power sources:** Connection to the Maria-Gléta Power Plant and the regional interconnected grid.
- **Investor advantage:** Secure and uninterrupted electricity supply for industrial operations.

WATER SUPPLY

- **Reliable industrial water supply:** Water sourced from 7 boreholes, supported by a 17.6 km distribution network.
- **Investor advantage:** Secure and reliable access to industrial water for production and processing activities.

GAS PIPELINES AVAILABLE

- **Reliable natural gas supply:** 30 km, 12-inch-diameter gas pipeline connecting the Maria-Gléta Power Plant to GDIZ.
- **Gas infrastructure:** Two gas terminals and a 25 km internal distribution network within the Zone.
- **On-site PRMS:** Natural Gas Pressure Reducing and Metering Station (PRMS) ensuring reliable gas supply and distribution.
- **Investor advantage:** Secure and reliable access to natural gas for energy-intensive industrial operations.

MODERN WAREHOUSES UP TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

100 000 m² OF WAREHOUSES

- 5 000 m² warehouses
- 8 000 m² warehouses
- 10 000 m² warehouses

These warehouses can be compartmentalized as needed and are built at heights of 8 to 10 meters

FEATURES IN OUR WAREHOUSES

- Drying area
- Running water
- Thermal insulation
- Ventilation area
- Electrical energy
- Fire safety system
- Video surveillance system
- Electrically powered roller shutter

PROCESSING OF BENIN PRODUCTS

AGRO PROCESSING

Harnessing Benin's abundant agricultural resources through local processing and value addition across key sectors, including cotton, cashew, soybeans, shea and pineapple.

COTTON

- Processing of cottonseed into cottonseed oil and cottonseed cake.
- Processing of cotton fiber into yarn, fabrics, garments and home textiles, including towels and bed linen.

CASHEW

- Dedicated cashew processing facilities, including ready-to-use industrial sheds, warehouses and drying areas.
- Processing of raw cashew nuts into high-quality cashew kernels.
- Processing of cashew nut shells into Cashew Nut Shell Liquid (CNSL) and biochar.
- Adoption of a zero-waste processing model, maximising the recovery and valorisation of cashew by-products.

SOYBEANS

Processing of conventional and organic soybeans into soybean oil and soybean meal.

ADDITIONAL AGRO-PROCESSING OPPORTUNITIES

Investment opportunities are also available across a broad range of agricultural products, including pineapple, maize, groundnuts, sesame, rice, palm nuts, avocado and other locally available agricultural commodities.

BUILDING MATERIALS

- Production of “Made in Benin” tiles using locally available resources such as clay, kaolin and granite.
- Processing of wood into doors, windows and furniture.

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

Manufacturing of pharmaceutical products.

SHEA

Processing of shea nuts into shea butter and shea oil.

PACKAGING

- Manufacturing of cardboard packaging and cartons.
- Production of polypropylene bags.
- Other industrial packaging solutions adapted to local and regional market needs.

COSMETICS

Production of cosmetic products : Soaps , ointments and creams, hair care products, colognes and fragrances, talcum powder, massage oils, other personal care and beauty products

ELECTRONIC ASSEMBLY

- Assembly of smartphones and computers.
- Other consumer electronics and technology products.

TEXTILE SECTOR

Benin is West Africa's leading cotton producer, with 647,290 tons of cotton seed produced during the 2025/2026 season, according to the Regional Integrated Cotton Production Programme in Africa (PR-PICA).

Through GDIZ, this locally produced cotton is transformed into high-value "Made-in-Benin" textile products.

GARMENT TRAINING CENTERS

- Training delivered by experts
- Youth employment: thousands of young Beninese talents trained through the AZOLI Programme, with support from the Agence Nationale pour la Promotion de l'Emploi (ANPE).

GARMENT PRODUCTION UNITS

- Manufacturing of "Made in Benin" garments for local and international brands
- State-of-the-art equipment meeting international standards

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN GDIZ

TEXTILE ACCESSORIES

- Thread manufacturing : 70,000 spools/month per factory
- Component manufacturing : buttons, interlinings, linings, zippers, etc.
- Opportunity: garment manufacturing units already operational, with additional facilities under construction.

INVESTMENT COMPONENTS

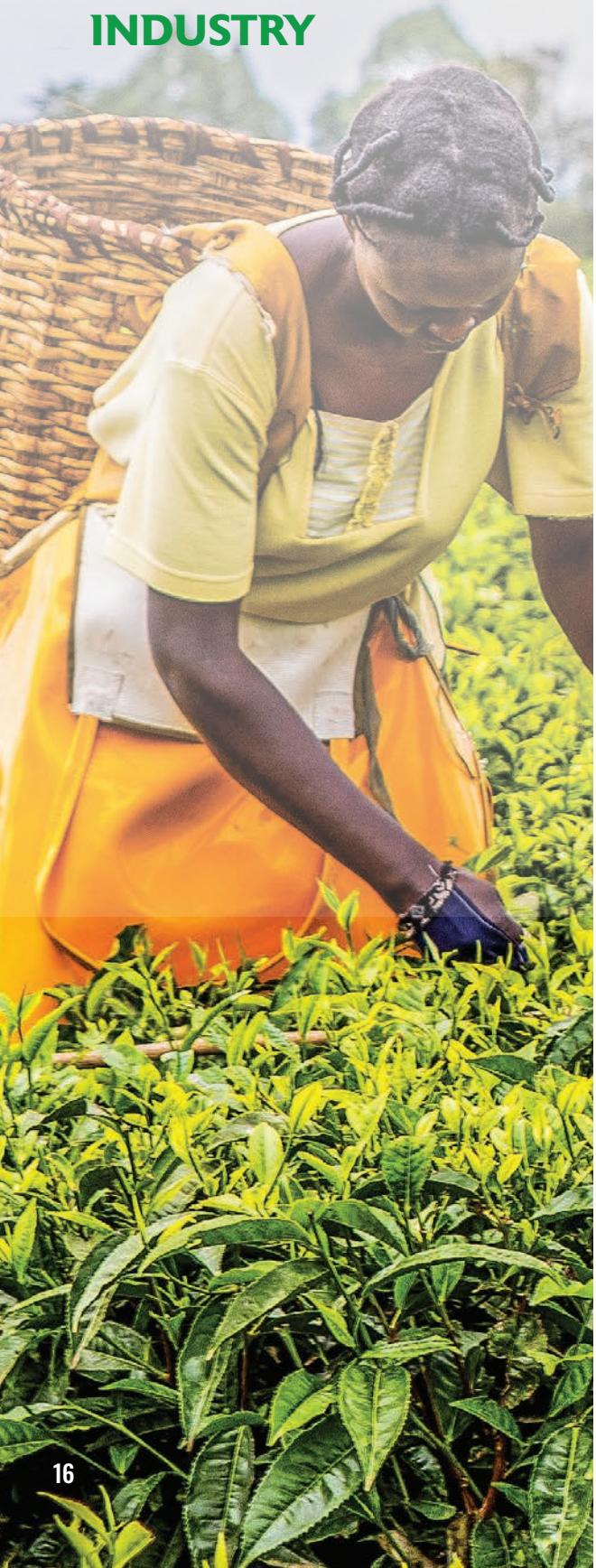
- Opportunities to manufacture, spools buttons, interlinings, linings, zippers and other garment accessories.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

- A growing ecosystem of operational garment manufacturing units, with additional production facilities under development, creating strong demand for locally manufactured textile accessories.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN GDIZ

AGRO-PROCESSING INDUSTRY



Pineapple

- **Finished product**: Juice concentrate for export

Refinery

- Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined
- The derivatives could also be supplied to the cosmetics manufacturing plants within the Zone:
- Palm kernel oil (extracted from palm kernels and rich in saturated fatty acids)
- Palmitic acid (used in the manufacture of soaps, creams and lotions)
- Stearic acid (a thickening agent used in cosmetics and soaps)
- Oleic acid (an emollient used in creams and moisturising balms)

Cassava tuber

Food products

- Cassava chips (a snack made from fried or dried cassava slices)

Industrial products

- Modified starch (used in the food processing and pharmaceutical industries)
- Cassava ethanol (used as a biofuel or in the production of industrial alcohols)
- Cassava starch-based adhesive (used in the paper and textile industries)

Cashew

- Roasted cashew kernels (salted or unsalted)
- Caramelised cashew kernels
- Chocolate-coated cashew kernels
- Cashew butter
- Cashew oil (extracted from the kernel)
- Cashew protein (used in dietary supplements)

RECYCLING INDUSTRIES

Packaging industry

- Aluminium cans and bottles
- Aluminium foil
- Food packaging

Transport and automotive

- Car bodies
- Wheels and automotive components
- Aircraft and railway components

Construction and building

- Aluminium windows and doors
- Roofing and cladding
- Metal structures

Electronics and household appliances

- Computer and phone casings
- Radiators and heat sinks
- Household appliance components containers

Energy and industry

- Solar panels
- Electrical cables
- Industrial equipment

Furniture and everyday products

- Chairs and tables made from recycled plastic
- Toys made from recycled plastic
- Household utensils and storage containers

Automotive and Industrial Components

- Bumpers and dashboard components
- Car interior trim
- Pallets and storage bins

MADE AT GDIZ
READY FOR THE WORLD

TEXTILE

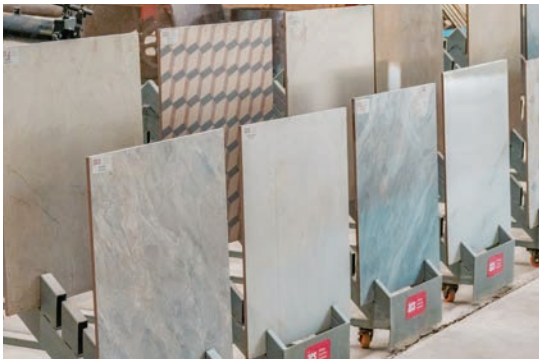
CASHEW

COSMETICS

SHEA

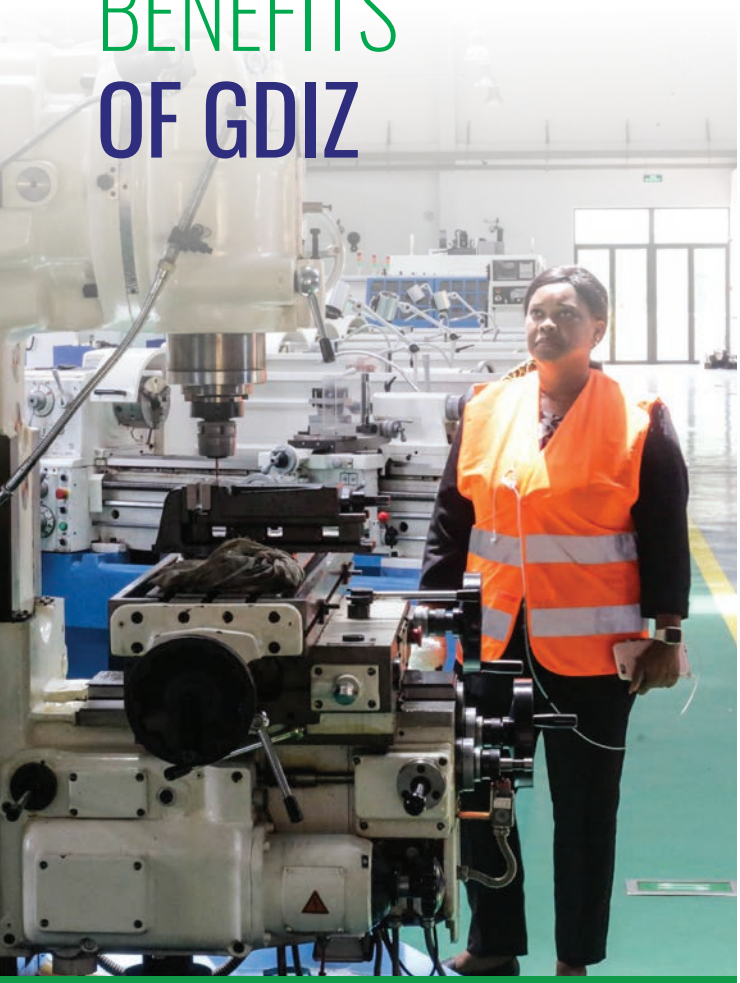
SOYA

TILES



CARDBOARD PACKAGING

BENEFITS OF GDIZ



INVESTMENT PROCESS

Full exemption from import duties and taxes, except for road tax, statistical tax, customs stamp, community levy, community solidarity levy and solidarity levy on:

- equipment, tools and commercial vehicles exclusively for production purposes
- specific spare parts for imported equipment up to an amount equal to 15% of the value of the equipment's insurance and freight cost
- exemption from customs duties on raw materials under the export regime

OPERATIONAL PHASE

Regime 1 : Export regime

0 to 15 years :

- exemption from customs duties on raw materials
- exemption from corporate tax, profit tax installment and flat-rate minimum tax
- exemption from the contribution of business licenses and patents
- exemption from registration duty in case of capital increase
- exemption from employer's contribution to payroll tax

Above 15 years :

- exemption from customs duties on raw materials
- common law regime with 15% corporate tax

Regime 2-A : Regime for intra-community trade promotion

0 to 12 years :

- exemption from corporate tax, profit tax installment and flat-rate minimum tax
- exemption from the contribution of business licenses and patents
- 50% discount on the amount of the employer's contribution to payroll tax

Above 12 years : common law regime with 15% corporate tax.

OPERATIONAL PHASE

Regime 2-B : Regime for intra-community trade promotion

0 to 15 years :

- exemption from corporate tax, profit tax installment and flat-rate minimum tax
- exemption from the contribution of business licenses and patents
- 80% discount on the amount of the employer's contribution to payroll tax

Above 15 years : common law regime with 15% corporate tax.

Regime 2-C : Regime for intra-community trade promotion

0 to 17 years :

- exemption from corporate tax, profit tax installment and flat-rate minimum tax
- exemption from the contribution of business licenses and patents
- exemption from employer's contribution to payroll tax
- exemption from registration duty in case of capital increase

Above 17 years : common law regime with 15% corporate tax.

OTHER BENEFITS

- Obtaining of the Community certificate of origin for manufactured products (for regimes 2A, 2B and 2C)
- Freedom of transfer of goods
- Freedom and facilities to repatriate income and dividends
- Freedom and facilities to transfer funds through licensed financial institutions
- Freely negotiated labor contracts
- Availability of production factors at competitive cost
- Single window administrative facilities (including entry visas and resident permits)

SOME OF GDIZ'S PARTNERS AND INVESTORS

BENEFITS OF GDIZ

1st Place

Best Industrial Zone of the Year - Africa Winner
(fDi Global Free Zones of the Year Awards 2025).

+40

investors have signed reservation contracts to set up their production units within GDIZ
(August 2026)

+20

industrial units already operational
(August 2026).

+25 000

jobs already been created within the Zone
(August 2026).

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