

GLO-DJIGBE INDUSTRIAL ZONE

A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF BENIN

PRESENTATION OF BENIN



Area 114.763 km²



Population 11,5 Millions (2018)

Official language French **Currency** CFA Franc



Nominal GDP 7922 billions CFA Franc GDP Growth 6.5 %

A STRATEGIC **GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION**

Sharing its borders with Togo, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Niger, Benin, a country of 114.763 square kilometers, has 121 kilometers of coastline along the Gulf of Guinea.

60% of the estimated Beninese population, 11,5 million (2018) is in the young and dynamic working age group of 15 and 35 years.

Benin, which official language is French and the currency the CFA Franc (pegged with Euro at 655.957), remains the gateway to the market of 320 million consumers in ECOWAS and UEMOA regional group of countries, which has free-trade treaties. Cotonou port is strategic with respect to positioning on the criteria of the trading economics in the West African sub-region.



A COUNTRY WITH HIGH AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL

Benin presents many advantages in terms of agriculture. Its humid climate which waters the country for several months out of the year allows it to develop many crops that are popular on international markets. Leading cotton producer in West Africa, Benin has significantly increased its production of Pineapple, Cashews, Soya and Shea.



in West Africa

COTTON **T**st

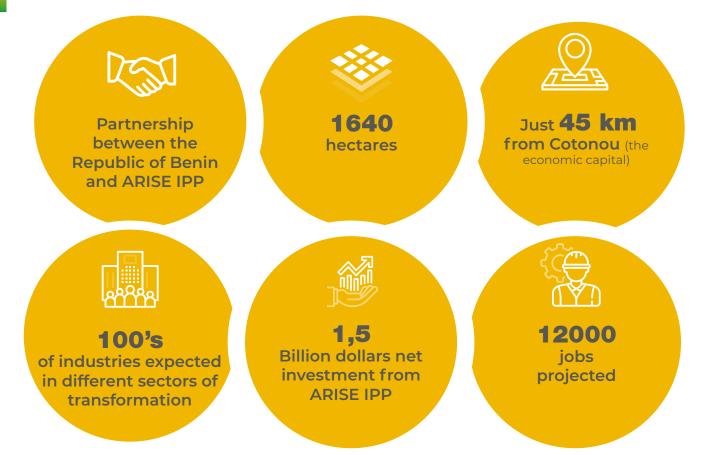
PINEAPPLE

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in West Africa

Largest producer in West Africa

#2 PRESENTATION OF GDIZ



PHASE 1

333 Ha

INFRASTRUCTURE AND AVAILABLE SERVICES

The industrial infrastructures include :

- A terminal market
- An industrial plot as well as Build-up Space
- A warehousing facilities
- A container terminal To function like a dry-port
- A truck terminal/logistic hub
- A commercial area
- A residential area
- A Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP)

The industrial zone developed on the model of an Integrated Business City and concept of WORK-LEARN-LIVE & PLAY

- Fire station
- Medical dispensary
- Hotels, restaurants...
- Shopping centers
- Vocation training schools

#3 INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES ON THE GDIZ

GDIZ will create a conducive framework to attract FDIs from international companies in the Zone for their interests in export of transformed agro-products to niche market in Europe & US as well as the companies to tap-in un-explored potentials in the local and regional markets of UEMOA and ECOWAS.

GDIZ's ambition is to maximize the local transformation of the raw agro-commodities and also balancing the huge trade deficit in the national economy of Benin besides creating enormous social benefits to the people of Benin by creating hundreds of direct and indirect job opportunities.

GDIZ vows to set up an industrial ecosystem with highly efficient cogs for specific products such as cotton, cashew, pineapple.

#4 AVANTAGES

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVANTAGES



CUSTOM ADVANTAGES

Regime n°1 : Export regime

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Total exemption from customs duties on machinery, equipment, tools and detailed parts related to the production program as well as on inputs Simplified procedure for transfers of imported goods to the GDIZ

Regime n°2 : Intra-community trade promotion regime

Customs duties exoneration

(levy of customs duties on the import of raw materials and inputs but exemption from entry fees on machinery, equipment, tools and detailed parts related to the program of production) Simplified procedure for transfers of imported goods to the GDIZ

03 Offers the benefit of a certificate of community origin

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COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGES

Freedom of sale on customs territory

> No quotas for imports

Freedom of fund transfers through approved financial institutions

SOCIAL ADVANTAGES

Employer's exemption on wages Freely negotiated employment contract Facilitation of the issuance of entry visas and economic resident cards



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