



**GDIZ**

GLO-DJIGBÉ INDUSTRIAL ZONE  
ZÈ-BÉNIN

**GLO-DJIGBE INDUSTRIAL ZONE**

**A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE  
INDUSTRIALIZATION OF BENIN**



**Area** 114.763 km<sup>2</sup>



**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.



**CASHEW NUTS**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Largest producer in West Africa



**PINEAPPLE**

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Largest producer in West Africa



**SHEA**

**6<sup>th</sup>**

Largest producer in West Africa



**COTTON**

**1<sup>st</sup>**

Largest producer in West Africa



Partnership  
between the  
Republic of Benin  
and ARISE IPP



**1640**  
hectares



Just **45 km**  
from Cotonou (the  
economic capital)



**100's**  
of industries expected  
in different sectors of  
transformation



**1,5**  
Billion dollars net  
investment from  
ARISE IPP



**12000**  
jobs  
projected

## 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

**PHASE 1**  
**333 Ha**



## #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

Facilitators in  
day-to-day  
business operations

Single-window operations - One  
stop solution for investors

Long term  
land rights

Simplified procedure for transfers of  
imported goods to the GDIZ

### FISCAL ADVANTAGES

Exemption from all taxes:

- Corporate tax
- 
- Dividend tax
- 
- VAT
- 
- Property tax on buildings  
and unbuilt land
- 
- Registration and transfer rights
- 
- All tax withholding

100%

- Freedom to repatriate income
- 
- Freedom to distribute dividends
- 
- Refund of VAT credits within 30 days

## CUSTOM ADVANTAGES

Regime n°1 : Export regime

01

Total exemption from customs duties on machinery, equipment, tools and detailed parts related to the production program as well as on inputs

02

Simplified procedure for transfers of imported goods to the GDIZ

Regime n°2 : Intra-community trade promotion regime

01

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)

02

Simplified procedure for transfers of imported goods to the GDIZ

03

Offers the benefit of a certificate of community origin

## 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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