



GDIZ Newsletter

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GDIZ SPARKS THE INTEREST OF FRENCH ENTREPRENEURS



On August 29 and 30, 2022, in Paris Longchamp, the French Entrepreneurs Conference (REF) organized by the French National Federation of Businesses (MEDEF - Mouvement des Entreprises de France) was held, with over 150 speakers, 30 discussion items and keynotes.

The advantages of the Industrial Zone of Glo-Djigbé Zè - BENIN (GDIZ) as well as the state-of-the-art infrastructures developed within this zone were presented to the participants in our dedicated GDIZ booth.

This event was marked by the presence of H.E. Patrice Talon, who presented to more than 100 French companies, the investment opportunities

available in Benin thanks to the reforms taking place since April 2016. These pivotal aspects were showcased as the pillars of Benin's current and future economic success.

"Investing in Benin gives access to quality electricity at a lower rate than China, with price negotiation possibilities. Benin has established the special economic zone of Glo-Djigbé (GDIZ). I invite businesses and entrepreneurs to come witness the efforts and progress happening in GDIZ."

H.E.M. Patrice Talon

President of the Republic of Benin

[Click here to read the full speech of the President of Benin at the REF 2022 Conference](#)

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GDIZ KEY FIGURES



100%

completion of the development works of phase 1(400 ha)



36

investors setting up within the zone



98 000 m²

warehouses already available



+ 1 000

trainees in the Garment Training Center



NEW CONTRACTS SIGNED

From August to December 2022, Société d'Investissement et de Promotion de l'Industrie - SIPI-BENIN S.A., in charge of managing GDIZ, has signed several contracts.



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED BETWEEN SBPE AND SIPI-BENIN S.A. FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WITHIN GDIZ

This memorandum of understanding will enable the supply of electrical power to the investors of GDIZ at a preferential rate in accordance with the instructions by the Government of the Republic of Benin.

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THE BENINESE COMPANY OF COSMETICS (SOCIÉTÉ BÉNINOISE DE COSMÉTIQUE - SOBECO) IS ESTABLISHING ITSELF IN GDIZ

The 36th company to be established in GDIZ, SOBECO will build on three (03) hectares, a factory for cosmetics production based on shea, avocado and mango and will employ about one hundred people.

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SIPI-BENIN S.A. BECOMES PARTNER OF DYNAMO FOOTBALL CLUB D'ABOMEY

Aware that football is a vector for the development and unification of people, SIPI-BENIN S.A. has officially become a partner of Dynamo Football Club of Abomey (Dynamo FC of Abomey) for a period of one (01) year.

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SIPI-BÉNIN S.A. AND FENAPAB PARTNER TO ENSURE CASHEW AVAILABILITY IN GDIZ

With this partnership, GDIZ wants to promote the agricultural sector, facilitate access to financing for producers, and make this sector a real source of creation of the national wealth of our country !

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GDIZ'S OFFICIAL VISITS



NEW WORKING SESSION WITH MINISTER BIO TCHANÉ AT GDIZ

Four main topics were discussed with the Minister: the establishment of social housing for workers in the Zone, the interconnection between GDIZ and the Autonomous Port of Cotonou (PAC) and the safety of employees, as well as the protection of goods within GDIZ.

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THE MINISTER OF ENERGY VISITS GDIZ

On October 14, Mr. Jean-Claude HOUSSOU, Minister of Energy, visited the industrial zone. The Minister was able to witness the state of progress of the construction of the electrical substations designed to supply the zone. Discussions were centered around the quality, quantity and cost of energy in GDIZ.

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THE AMBASSADOR OF BENIN TO THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA DISCOVERS GDIZ

Together with investors from North America, Mr. Boniface VIGNON, ambassador of the Republic of Benin to the Republic of Cuba, visited GDIZ. The delegation discovered the investment opportunities offered by GDIZ.

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VISIT OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BENIN

Various themes were at the core of the discussions. To mention some; the availability of electrical power within the zone, the measures taken for the well-being of the employees of GDIZ (housing, transportation, etc.), the involvement of the neighboring communities, and the total duration of the project.

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"Benin is about to embark on an important journey in its history by going further with serious project developers who will process raw materials and create jobs for the youth of Benin".

Mr. Gaston DOSSOUHOU,
Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Benin

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES OF BENIN, SATISFIED WITH OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Two years after the signing of the memorandum of understanding for the launching of GDIZ, the Minister proudly observed the mechanism put in place in the zone to achieve the ambitions of the

Government regarding the processing of agricultural raw materials in the country.

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I am very impressed. My whole team is as well. The site is incredible, clean and we feel an emulation.

M. Gwendal EUZEN,
GM Benin Control



BENIN CONTROL VISITS GDIZ

Mr. Gwendal EUZEN, General Manager of BENIN CONTROL, along with a delegation of technical directors and heads of departments, visited GDIZ to discover the industrial zone to further strengthen collaboration with SIPI-BENIN S.A., and develop a strategy adapted to the needs of the investors established in the zone.

The company BENIN CONTROL is the technical body of the Beninese customs service and is specialized in customs clearance and good removal procedures.

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A DUTCH DELEGATION DISCOVERS GDIZ!

Ms. To Tjoelker KLEVE, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Benin and a delegation of the Dutch Economic Mission in Benin, visited GDIZ.

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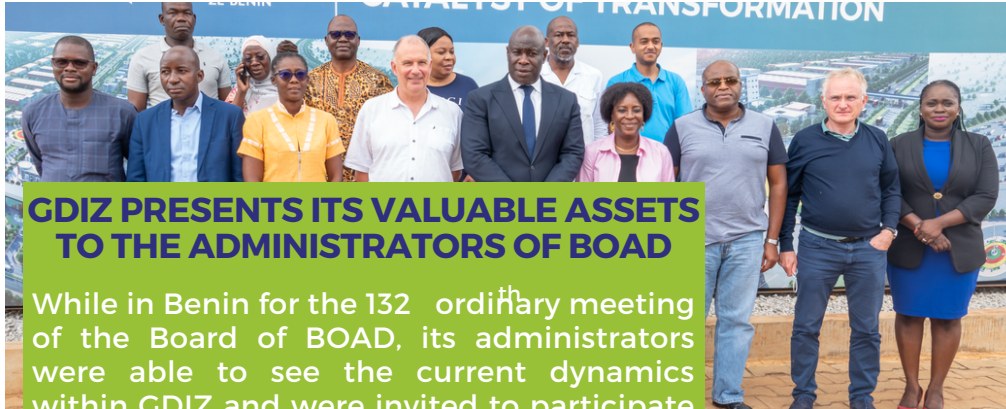




THE CONGOLESE MINISTER DENIS CHRISTEL SASSOU NGUESSO VISITS GDIZ

A Congolese delegation, led by Mr. Denis Christel Sassou Nguesso, Minister of International Cooperation and Promotion of Public-Private Partnership, was given a tour of our zone.

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GDIZ PRESENTS ITS VALUABLE ASSETS TO THE ADMINISTRATORS OF BOAD

While in Benin for the 132nd ordinary meeting of the Board of BOAD, its administrators were able to see the current dynamics within GDIZ and were invited to participate in an immersive walkthrough of our industrial facilities within the zone.

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THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION (IFC) VISITS GDIZ !

We received a highly awaited visit from an IFC delegation composed of Mrs. Ronke-Amoni Ogunsulire, IFC Regional Representative in the Caribbean, Mr. Kyle F. Kelhofer, Senior Country Representative (Benin, Ghana, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Togo), and Mr. Cyndo Obre, country manager in Benin.

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THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF THE DISTRICT OF TANGBO DISCOVER THE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY GDIZ

The head of the district and the members of his council were able to see the development in progress in the district of Tangbo thanks to GDIZ's efforts.

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A WORD FROM OUR ESTEEMED VISITORS

"This visit to GDIZ gave us the opportunity to see the materialization of a real economic vision that should inspire all our leaders on the continent to enable wealth creation, and especially direct and indirect jobs generation."

Mr. Denis Christel SASSOU NGUESSO

Minister of International Cooperation and Promotion of Public-Private Partnership

"This project is extremely ambitious, due to its size, its strong impact in terms of job creation, its high value-added at the local level..."

Mr. Jean Philippe Prosper

Administrator of BOAD
Representative of ADB

"GDIZ is an innovative project that could transform Benin's economy and export base over the next decade. The proposed value chain holds great potential."

Mr. Samir Gadio

Head of Africa Strategy,
Standard Chartered Bank

"Massive congratulations to Benin and ARISE IIP. This is an instrumental and unconventional project that will transform Benin forever from a socioeconomic point of view."

Mr Zephania NIYONKURU

Deputy CEO
Rwanda Development Board





A MAURITANIAN DELEGATION VISITS GDIZ

This November 02, 2022, a delegation from Mauritania led by Mrs. Aïssata LAM, General Manager of the Mauritanian Investment Promotion Agency (APIM), visited GDIZ.

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THE SPAIN'S AMBASSADOR IN BENIN VISITS GDIZ

Mr. Juan Ignacio Sell Sanz, the Spanish Ambassador in Benin and his delegation were welcomed by Mr. Létondji BEHETON, General Manager of SIPI-Benin S.A and Mr. Laurent GANGBES, General Manager of APIEx Benin.

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INTERNATIONAL ACTORS AT GDIZ

On November 15, GDIZ welcomed Mr. Jean Van Wetter, CEO of Enabel, Mr. Rémy RIOUX, CEO of AFD - The French Development Agency and Mr. Manuel TONNAR CEO of LuxDev.

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THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADF) VISITS GDIZ

Mr. Désiré GUEDON, ADF's Group Executive Director and his delegation visited GDIZ including its cashew processing plant and its Garment Training Center.

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VISIT OF A DELEGATION FROM CONGO

On November 22, Mr. Jean Marc Tchystère TCHICAYA, the Congolese Minister in charge of Special Economic Zones and Economic Diversification and his delegation visited GDIZ,

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BURUNDI VISITS GDIZ

Dr. François HAVYARIMANA, the Minister in charge of National Education and Scientific Research of Burundi and his delegation visited GDIZ on Friday, December 02.

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TRAINING IS AT THE HEART OF THE GDIZ PROJECT

Mrs. Eleonore YAYI LADEKAN, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, visited the zone with a delegation of teachers and executives. Her visit will contribute to the deployment of qualified human resources for the companies established in GDIZ.

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THE REGIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE (BRVM) OF BENIN VISITS GDIZ



Mrs. Pauline ATIQUKPE HOUNTONDJI, Country Director of BRVM in Benin and her delegation discussed the different investment opportunities available within GDIZ with the management of SIPI-BENIN S.A.

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LIONEL ZINSOU VISITS THE GDIZ

"All countries are looking for a development model. My feeling is that Benin has found its own!" said the economist and former Prime Minister of Benin, Mr. Lionel ZINSOU, at the end of his visit.

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A DELEGATION FROM CHAD'S NATIONAL INVESTMENT AND EXPORT AGENCY (ANIE) AT THE GDIZ



The objective of this visit is to discover the project of Glo-Djigbé Industrial Zone Zè-Benin (GDIZ) and to be inspired by it.

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GDIZ EVENTS



DISCUSSION SESSION WITH CASHEW INDUSTRY ACTORS

On Tuesday, September 20, SIPI-BENIN S.A. held a meeting with the National Federation of Cashew Producers of Benin (FENAPAB). This meeting was attended by partners such as Pro-Cashew (Cashew industry support project), ATDA (Territorial Agency for Agricultural Development) and Enabel (Belgian Development Agency).

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GDIZ, FULLY COMMITTED TO CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IN BENIN

On October 26, SIPI-BENIN S.A. and its partners donated 2,800 school kits to the children of the Public Primary Schools (EPP) of Anavié, Agbodjèdo, Djitin-Aga, Houézè and to the students of the Secondary School of Tangbo. SIPI-BENIN S.A. Committed to providing a growing positive impact, SIPI-BENIN S.A. donated twice the number of school kits offered in 2021.

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SIPI-BENIN S.A. RAISES AWARENESS ON BREAST CANCER

As part of the Pink October month, SIPI-BENIN S.A. organized from the 27th to the 29th of October a series of awareness and screening sessions on breast cancer conducted by specialists and occupational physicians.

Approximately two thousand (2,000) women, including employees of SIPI-BENIN S.A., trainees of the Textile Industry Training Center, as well as women from the villages of Anavié, Agbodjèdo, Djitin-Aga and Houézèze were present. All the participants received free screening tests afterward.

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GDIZ SNAPSHOTS

Discover through the following images, the state of progress of the construction works of the zone (pictures taken in December 2022)



Welcome Gate



Single Window Clearance



Water Tanks



Garment Training Center (GTC)



Zonal substation N°01



Panoramic view of the zone

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MODERN WAREHOUSES COMPLYING WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

98 000 m²
of warehouses

- Eight (08) warehouses of 5,000²
- One (01) warehouse of 8,000²
- Five (05) warehouses of 10,000 m²

These warehouses can be partitioned as needed and their heights are between 8 and 10 meters.

WAREHOUSING KEY FEATURES

- Drying surface
- Running water
- Thermal insulation
- Video surveillance system
- Ventilation area
- Electrically operated roller shutters
- Fire safety system
- Electrical power

Forklifts and other lifting equipment will also be available.



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