

# DRAFT AGENDA



**AFRICA  
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# 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

**December 3, 2020**

“ The Role of Economic Zones in Supporting the Implementation of the AfCFTA and Regional Integration ”

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**TANGER MED**   
SPECIAL AGENCY

GMT+1 Time Zone

08:45 – 09:00	Get Together ceremony   AEZO Best-off video (Achievements 2019 – 2020)				
09:00 – 09:30	<p><b>OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Mr Fouad Brini</b>, Chairman   Tanger Med Group  <b>Mr Mehdi Tazi Riffi</b>, President   Africa Economic Zones Organization  <b>H.E. Wamkele Mene</b>, Secretary General   AfCFTA Secretariat</p> <p><b>SPECIAL ADDRESS</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Albert M. Muchanga</b>, Commissioner for Trade and Industry   AUC  <b>Dr Mukhisa Kituyi</b>, Secretary General   UNCTAD  <b>Dr Akinwumi Adesina</b>, President   AfDB</p> <p><b>GUEST OF HONOR TESTIMONIAL VIDEO</b></p> <p><b>Dr Vera Songwe</b>, Executive Secretary   UNECA  <b>Prof. Benedict Oramah</b>, President   Afreximbank  <b>H.E Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki</b>, CEO   NEPAD  <b>Dr Yonov Frederick Agah</b>, Deputy Director General   WTO</p>				
09:30 – 10:30	<p><b>PANEL 1: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AfCFTA: CONTRIBUTION OF THE ECONOMIC ZONES, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Mrs Treasure Maphanga</b>, Executive Director   AeTrade Group</p> <p><b>EXPERT PANEL:</b></p> <p><b>Mr Robert Bob Koopman</b>, Chief Economist   World Trade Organization (WTO)  <b>Mr Willie Shumba</b>, International Expert   African Union Commission (AUC)  <b>Mr Stefano Inama</b>, Chief, Division for Africa,   UNCTAD  <b>Mrs Dorsaf Labidi</b>, Industrial &amp; Trade Development Manager   African Development Bank (AfDB)</p>				
Break	AEZO Corporate video				
10:40 – 11:20	<p><b>PANEL 2: SEZs' SUCCESS FACTORS TO GENERATE GROWTH &amp; ENCOURAGE REGIONAL INTEGRATION</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Mr Jacopo Dettoni</b>, Editor   fDi Magazine - Financial Times</p> <p><b>PROJECT LIVE DEMONSTRATION:</b></p> <p><b>Mr Richard Bolwijn</b>, Director Investment Research   UNCTAD  <b>Mr Ahmed Bennis</b>, Secretary General   Africa Economic Zones Organization (AEZO)</p>				
Break	AEZO members corporate videos				
11:30 – 12:10	<p><b>PANEL 3: SEZs SUPPORTING REGIONAL VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT &amp; AFRICA INTRA-TRADE INITIATIVE</b></p> <p><b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>Mr Gokhan Akinci</b>, Technical Leader, IFC Advisory   World Bank Group</p> <p><b>EXPERT PANEL:</b></p> <p><b>Mr Victor Djemba</b>, Chief regional div Africa   UNIDO  <b>Mr Stephen Karingi</b>, Director, Regional Integration   UNECA  <b>Mr Edem Adzogenu</b>, Co-chair   AfroChampions  <b>Mr. Muluaem Syoum</b>, Chairman   AeTrade Group</p>				
12:10 – 12:30	<p><b>AFRICAN SEZs BUSINESS CASES - TESTIMONIALS &amp; REMARKS</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Mr Jaafar Mrhardy</b> Tanger Med Zones II MOROCCO</td> <td><b>Mrs Lelise Neme Sori</b> Ethiopian Investment Commission II ETHIOPIA</td> <td><b>Prof. Adesoji Adesugba</b> Nigeria Export Processing Zones Authority II NIGERIA</td> <td><b>Mr John Rocha</b> Department of Trade and Industry II SOUTH AFRICA</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Mr Jaafar Mrhardy</b> Tanger Med Zones II MOROCCO	<b>Mrs Lelise Neme Sori</b> Ethiopian Investment Commission II ETHIOPIA	<b>Prof. Adesoji Adesugba</b> Nigeria Export Processing Zones Authority II NIGERIA	<b>Mr John Rocha</b> Department of Trade and Industry II SOUTH AFRICA
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CLOSING PANEL	<p><b>KEY NOTE FINAL ADDRESS</b></p> <p><b>Mr Ahmed Bennis</b>, Secretary General   AEZO</p>				
14:00 – 14:50	<p><b>MEET THE EXPERT SESSION 1   BEST PRACTICES IN INNOVATION &amp; DIGITIZATION</b></p> <p><b>Mr Frank Grozel</b>, Coordinator, Business Facilitation Program   UNCTAD</p>				
Break	AEZO members corporate videos				
15:00 – 15:50	<p><b>MEET THE EXPERT SESSION 2   TRADE FACILITATION &amp; SMART LOGISTICS CONNECTING SEZs</b></p> <p><b>Mr Abiyu Berlie</b>, Senior Advisor, Logistics and Fulfillment   AeTrade Group</p>				
16:00 – 17:30	AEZO GENERAL ASSEMBLY				



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