



## Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones

3rd GASEZ Annual Conference Programme

Xiamen, 8 September 2024

General programme for SEZs visiting the 24th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT), September 7-11, 2024, Xiamen, China

### 7 Sept

13:00 - 18:00

Conference registration, check-in

18:00 - 20:00

Welcome Dinner

### 8 Sept

9:30 - 12:00

CIFIT Opening Ceremony and Main Forum (Optional attendance)

12:00 - 13:30

Working Buffet

14:00 - 17:30

The 3rd GASEZ Annual Conference

18:00 - 20:00

Gala Dinner

### 9 Sept

Networking  
Morning

Matchmaking sessions between SEZs and Chinese enterprises with intentions to expand

Visits  
Afternoon

Visits to local SEZs in Xiamen

### 10-11 Sept

2-days visit  
to other provinces

GPIPC will facilitate the selection of visit routes including visits to SEZs in Tianjin, Nanjing or Hefei, or a combined visit of all three in 4 days.



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# 3d Annual Conference of the Global Alliance of Special Economic Zones (GASEZ) 8 September, 2024



Xiamen, China

14:00 - 14:15

## Welcome remarks

**Mr. Ji Ling**, Vice Minister and Deputy China International Trade Representative of the Ministry of Commerce

**Ms. Nan Li-Collins**, Director of Investment and Enterprise, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

14:15 - 15:05

## Opening Summit by GASEZ Founding Members: The role of associations in catalyzing investment in innovation and sustainability

Introductory remarks and moderator: **Mr. James Zhan**, Co-Chair of GASEZ

**Mr. Samir Hamrouni**, CEO of World Free Zones Organization and Co-Chair of GASEZ

**Ms. Yuyan Song**, Executive Director of the Secretariat of the Green Partnership of Industrial Parks of China (GPIPC)

**Mr. Ayoub R'Mili**, Director and Senior Expert, African Economic Zones Organization (AEZO) and Technical and Operations Director, Tanger-Med Zones, Morocco

**Mr. Julio Rodriguez**, Executive Director, Ibero-American Free Zones Association (AZFA)

**Mr. Juan Torrents**, World Free and Special Economic Zones Federation (FEMOZA)

**Mr. Herbert Chen**, Former President of the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP), Deputy Director of TusPark, China

**Mr. Jeffrey Taffel**, President, National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones, United States of America (NAFTZ) (virtual)

15:05 - 15:25

## Key note Addresses:

**Mr. Fengtao Zhao**, Vice Chairman, China International Development Cooperation Agency,

**Mr. Zhang Zhengwei**, ISSB Beijing Office Director and Special Advisor to ISSB Chair

15:25 - 15:35

## Remarks from GASEZ partner

**Mr. Ismail Ersahin**, Executive Director and CEO of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)

15:35 - 15:45

## GASEZ SDG Model Zone Partnership Initiative: How are SEZs contributing to sustainable development?

**Ms. Stephania Bonilla-Feret**, Senior Economic Officer, UNCTAD

15:45 - 15:50

## Promotional video: "Action 2030: The Sustainable Development of National Economic and Technology Development Zones in China"

15:50 - 15:55

**The Guidance and Reports Release by GPIPC:** "Sustainable cities and communities - Industrial Parks - Guidance for practical local implementation of ISO 37101" & Reports on the sustainable development of industrial parks



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16:00- 16:45

2 Parallel panels:

### Panel 1: Discussion: New Global Challenges and Opportunities for SEZs

The landscape of foreign direct investment (FDI) and international trade is undergoing significant transformation. Cascading global crises persist as geographical and investment relationships are becoming more uncertain. SEZs face the urgent task of adapting to broader economic shifts, changing investment trends and global trend patterns. Panelists representing SEZs from across the globe will share their different perspectives on the key, urgent issues for the SEZ community and innovative strategies to address them.

*Moderator:* **Mr. Samir Hamrouni**, CEO of World Free Zones Organization and Co-Chair of GASEZ  
**Ms. Kelli-Dawn Hamilton**, CEO, Jamaica Special Economic Zones Authority  
**Mr. Julio Rodriguez**, Executive Director, AZFA  
**Mr. Vitalis Uchenna Obidiaghaa**, Enyimba Economic City Special Economic Zone, Nigeria  
**Representative from Suzhou Industrial Park**

### Panel 2: Global Green Trade and Investment

Experts and representatives from SEZs will share their practical experiences and insights on promoting green trade and investment within these zones, aiming to drive economic growth, technological innovation, and environmental protection.

*Moderator:* **Dr. Bo Bai**, Executive Chairman and Co-Founder of MVGX Holdings, Executive Chairman of Asia Green Fund  
**Ms. Yuyan Song**, Executive Director, Secretariat of the GPIPC  
**Mr. Rafal Zelazny**, President of the Board, Katowice Special Economic Zone, Poland  
**Mr. Stanley C. Ezeilo**, Executive Manager, FEMOZA  
**Representative from Hefei Economic and Technological Development Zone, China**

16:45 - 17:30

2 Parallel panels:

### Panel 3: Facilitating sustainable linkages between SEZs and domestic economies

The panel will focus on the practices and lessons learned by SEZs in attracting investment and fostering linkages with the local economy. Experts and practitioners will share insights on facilitating collaboration between foreign investors and domestic businesses, aiming to enhance economic growth, technology transfer and sustainable development within host countries.

*Moderator:* **Ms. Stephania Bonilla-Feret**, UNCTAD  
**Mr. Ayoul R'Mili**, Technical and Operations Director, Tanger Med Zones, Morocco  
**Mr. Herbert Chen**, Senior-Executive VP, TusHoldings Co. Ltd, Deputy Director, TusPark, China  
**Ms. Ambar Ruiz Chaperon**, Executive Director, A de Ambar, former director of free zones of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Panama  
**Representative from Nanjing Jiangning Economic and Technological Development Zone**

### Panel 4: Development Path of Industrial Parks: International standards and ESG

Experts and practitioners will discuss the integration of national and international standards and the benefits and challenges of these practices. They will also share experiences on how the adoption of standards in SEZs can drive innovation, attract investment and contribute to environmental and wider sustainability goals.

*Moderator:* **Dr. Han Shi**, Senior Fellow, University of Hong Kong, Centre on Contemporary China and the World Founding Director of the ESG Centre, HKU Institute for China Business  
**Mr. Molid Houssein**, Senior Adviser to the Government of Djibouti  
**Mr. Jonghwan Kim**, Director-General, Incheon Free Economic Zone Authority, South Korea  
**Mr. Olufemi Ogunyemi**, Managing Director, Nigeria Export Processing Zones Authority  
**Representative from Tianjin Economic Technological Area**

17:30

Closing of conference



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