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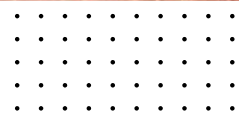
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Message from Mr. Motuma Temesgen

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It is with great pride and a deep sense of purpose that I extend my heartfelt greetings through this annual edition of the Gada Special Economic Zone Development Corporation's Newsletter for the year 2025. This year has been a period of remarkable progress, strategic partnerships, and transformative initiatives that have brought us closer to realising our vision of making GSEZ a premier industrial and investment destination in Ethiopia and beyond.

Guided by the core principles of sustainable development, exclusivity, and innovation, our Corporation has successfully laid the groundwork for integrated infrastructure development, attracted diverse investors, and enhanced institutional collaboration. The commissioning of key projects, including the dedicated 230 MW/h substation, the completion of primary access roads, and the initiation of flagship industrial facilities, signifies our unwavering commitment to creating a globally competitive economic hub.

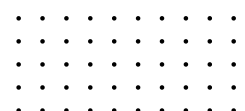
We have also strengthened our promotional efforts, both locally and internationally, by forging meaningful partnerships with stakeholders, appointing visionary ambassadors such as Engineer Derartu Tesfaye, “Miss Tourism Oromia” and embracing modern digital platforms to amplify the visibility of the Zone and its vast potential.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our dedicated team, government partners, investors, and local communities whose valuable support and collaboration have been central to our achievements. As we look ahead, 2026 holds even greater promise. Together, we shall continue building an economic zone that not only drives industrialisation but also empowers communities and fosters national prosperity.

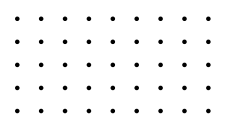
Let us move forward united in purpose and confident in the future.

GSEZDC, July, 2025, Adama, Ethiopia

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1. Introduction

Gada Special Economic Zone (GSEZ) encompasses a vast 24,000 hectares with the strategic vision of emerging as a leading economic hub of Africa. With its strategic location, ambitious development agenda, and growing influx of both domestic and foreign investment, the GSEZ embodies a Glimmer of Hope for catalysing broad-based economic structural transformation in Oromia and Ethiopia at large.



Our Mission

Provide basic infrastructure, efficient service, and develop the area.



Our Vision

We aspire to be the model economic hub of Africa by 2062.

2. Strategic Goals



Foreign Direct Investment:

- To attract of foreign direct investment.



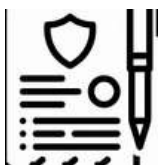
Employment Opportunities:

- To alleviate of widespread unemployment.



Economic Reform:

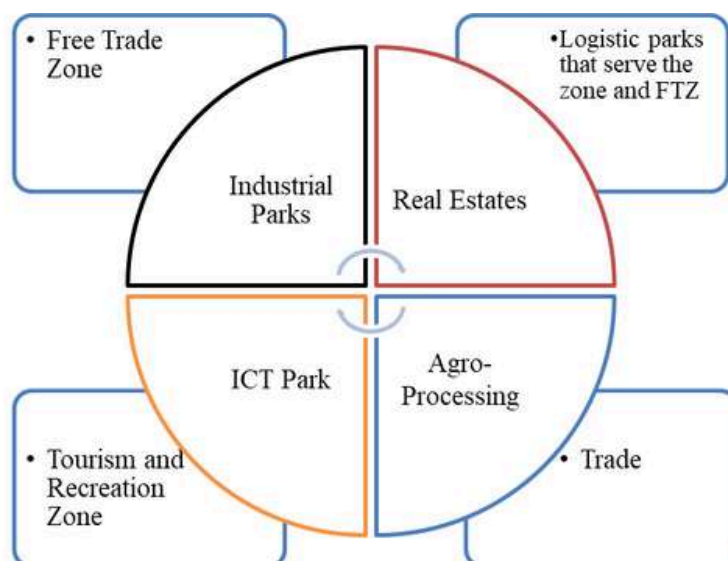
- To support an expansive economic reform strategy.



Policy Testing:

- Sandboxes to “play” with new economic policies.

3. GSEZ Priority Sectors



Poised to emerge as a key economic hub in Africa, GSEZ holds the potential to drive industrialisation, enhance regional competitiveness, and stimulate inclusive growth through improved infrastructure, job creation, and knowledge-based value chains.

4. Ambitious Goals and Strategic Location

- GSEZ aims to become a premier economic hub by 2062.
- Strategically located in the Oromia National Regional State, just 65 km southeast of Addis Ababa, it serves as a vital node for trade and logistics and Industry parks.
- GSEZ is envisioned as a pioneer in free trade zones, logistics services, recreation, and smart industrial city development.

5. Investment and Development

- Currently, GSEZ has secured 23 major investment commitments totaling over USD 259.153 million, aimed at developing a diverse range of industrial sectors.
- The zone is projected to attract growing domestic and international investment, thereby accelerating economic development in Oromia and contributing to national growth.

6. Job Creation & Skill Development

- Estimated to create tens of thousands of jobs, with programs to train youth and integrate local labour into formal industrial employment.
- GSEZ is expected to generate substantial employment opportunities for Ethiopian youth, particularly within the free trade zone.
- It aims to boost exports, establish a trade and logistics hub, and attract foreign investment to further stimulate economic progress.
- The zone is also positioned to advance the industrialisation of Oromia and reinforce Ethiopia's role as a key player in the ongoing industrial revolution.
- Job created: **2,500** youths

7. Infrastructure & Smart Zone Development

- Integrated planning with roads, energy, ICT, and water infrastructure designed to international standards, promoting sustainability and operational efficiency.
- Modern infrastructure is at the core of GSEZ's design, including a dedicated substation with a 230/33 KVA capacity to ensure reliable power supply for investors.
- The zone will also encompass a free zone, logistics services, residential housing, and industrial parks.
- Plans are underway to expand infrastructure further by integrating renewable energy sources and fostering innovation-driven growth.

a) Water Supply

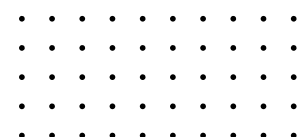


b) Road Construction





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8. Catalyst for Industrialisation

Designed to accelerate Ethiopia's transition from an agrarian economy to a manufacturing and export-driven one, with a focus on light industry, agro-processing, and value chains.

9. Investment Destination with Competitive Incentives

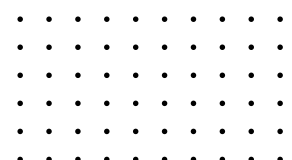
Offers tax holidays, customs advantages, and streamlined services to attract both foreign and domestic investment.

10. Economic Inclusivity & Local Linkages

Intends to integrate Oromia's rural economy into industrial supply chains, supporting SMEs and smallholders with market access and input demand.

11. Environmental and Social Sustainability

Eco-friendly zone design with waste treatment, renewable energy options, and inclusive urban planning for housing and amenities.



The Investment Promotion and Marketing Department of the Gada Special Economic Zone (GSEZ) has reached a strategic stage where it is actively engaging in robust promotional efforts through participation in various investment forums and exhibitions locally prepared both at regional and at federal levels. These initiatives aim to attract a diverse range of potential investors by showcasing the Zone's vast opportunities, competitive advantages, and enabling infrastructure. As a result of these intensified efforts, a total of 23 investors have already been registered across multiple industrial sectors, with several of them commencing construction activities signaling a promising trajectory for GSEZ's industrial and economic growth.

a) Oromia Tourism Week, Oct. 01-03, 2024 Festival



Exhibitors during Visit Oromia Week, October 01-02/2024, Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



A delegation led by H.E. Commissioner Kefyalew Tefera, Head of the Oromia Prosperity Party, visited the GSEZ exhibition booth during the Visit Oromia event, Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



A delegation led by H.E. Lelise Dhuga, Commissioner Oromia Tourism Commission, visited the GSEZ exhibition booth during the Visit Oromia event, Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



A delegation led by H.E. Shimelis Abdisa, President, Oromia National Regional State, visited the GSEZ exhibition booth during the Visit Oromia event, Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

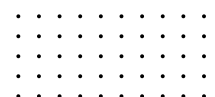


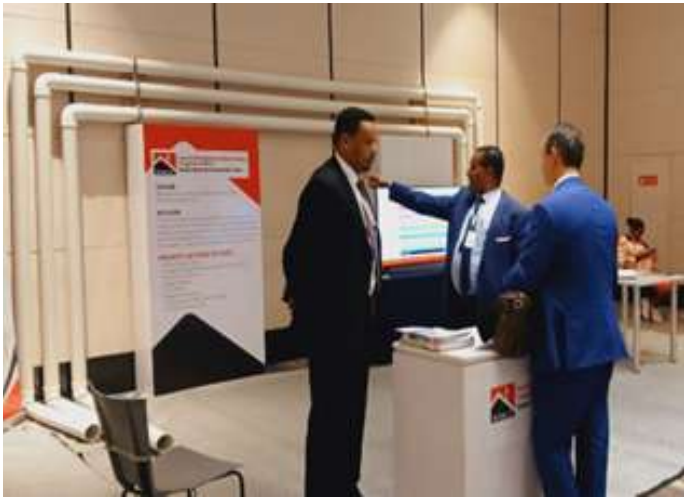


b) Invest In Ethiopia: A High Level Business Forum



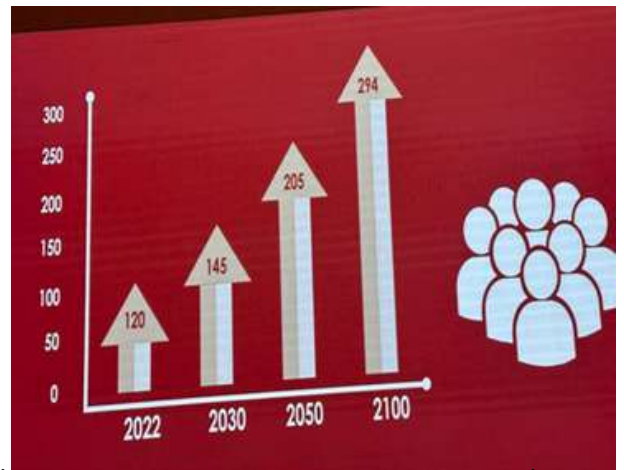
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GSEZ Participation in Invest in Ethiopia: A High Level Business Forum, 2025, at Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,

c) Invest In Oromia: Unleashing Oromia Investment Potential



Invest in Oromia: "Unleashing Oromia's Investment Potential" (May 31, 2025, Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)



GSEZ signed agreement with Huajian Investment Group during the occasion

13. Strategic Partnership (Domestic)



GSEZ participation on Adama Science and Technology University (ASTU) Exhibition, June, 2025



Cooperation with Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC)



Discussion with Federal Customs Commission



ETHIO-JAPAN WITH GADA ECONOMIC ZONE



Delegation led by H.E. Daba Debele, Ambassador of Ethiopia to Japan visited projects in GSEZDC. January 23-24/2025



DP World and GSEZ talks on Investment deliberations, April 5, 2025

15. Project Visit



GSEZ's project visit by Deputy President of ONRS, H.E. Awalu Abdi



GSEZ's Board Members projects visit



16. GSEZ Development Agreement Sample





Capacity building at Aviation University, February, 2025



After certification on Ethio coders Initiative, February, 2025



18. Investors Permitted

No	Name of the Company	Investment Cost	Job creation	Land (Ha)	Type of Business	Origin
1	National Cement SC.	120 mill. USD	500	20	Manufacturing	JV Company (Ethio. &
2	AGP Poultry	300 mill. ETB	240	4	Hatchery	Arabica Inv/ (Dubai, UAE).
Total 1st Round		0	740	24		
2nd Round						
3	Kun Huang Int/ IP	55,528,401 USD	5125	20	Industry Park	China
4	Kipland Agro-Industry P.L.C	66,314,105.53 birr	23	2.5	Agro-Processing	Dutch-Ethiopian
5	Anuwar Ditamo Food Complex	366 million birr	68	3.73	Manufacturing	Diaspora
Total 2nd Round			5216	26.23		
3rd Round						
6	Aplus Plywood Manufacturing	500 million ETB	86	3	Manufacturing	Chinese
7	Yerosan Iron and Aluminum	400 million ETB	1626	3.2394	Manufacturing	Ethiopian
8	Rui Yao Aluminum	10.95 million USD	200	4.5	Manufacturing	Chinese
9	Getahun Gashe Mod/Fuel, Elec/	70 million ETB	330	0.58	Service	Ethiopian
10	Zuquala Horticulture	10,083,000 USD	850	5	Horticulture	Dutch
11	Stout Business Associates PLC	490 million ETB	140	5	Logistics	Ethiopian
Total 3rd Round			3232	21.3194		
4th Round						
12	Double A PLC	600 million ETB	600	2.5	Avocado Facility	Ethiopian
13	Yared Feleke Cattle	50 million ETB	47	1	Catt/ Fatt/ Project	Ethiopian
14	Zero waste Manufacturing	120 million ETB	145	2	Kraft Paper Production	Diaspora
Total 5th Round			792	5.5		
5th Round						
15	Samwo E/ V/ Manu/ PLC	3.5 million USD	120	2	Industry	Industry
16	Kedir Shemsu Mot/& Fu/Stat	32 million ETB	28	1.3	Service	service
17	Wela Agro Industry PLC	300 million. ETB	327	1	Agro Processing	Agro Processing
18	Amane Abdela Seed Cleaning	200 million ETB	25	1	Agro Processing	Agro Processing
19	Delda Edible Oil	4.1 Billion Birr	1250	5	Agro Processing	Agro Processing
Total 5th Round			1750	10.3		
		258.5 mil. USD	11730	87.35		20

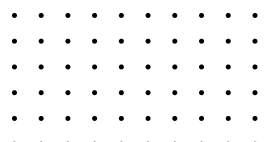
19. Investors in Action





Diversion channel & Car market projects

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Presentation for Chinese Delegates at Elilly Hotel, August, 2024, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



22. Awareness Creation

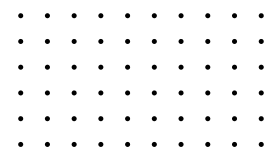


Awareness creation to localities



Awareness creation with existing investors

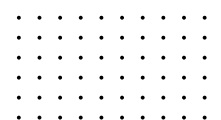
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23. Miss Tourism Oromia project visit



Miss Tourism Oromia visit GSEZ's current projects





GSEZ's participation on Green Legacy

25. Conclusions

The Gada Special Economic Zone (GSEZ), the first of its kind in Ethiopia and a trailblazing initiative by the Oromia National Regional State, epitomises a bold stride toward industrial transformation and inclusive economic progress. As a strategic flagship of Ethiopia's development vision, GSEZ capitalises on its prime geographic location, robust institutional commitment, and surging investor confidence to anchor sustainable industrialisation. Its dynamic capacity to attract substantial domestic and foreign investment not only accelerates Oromia's industrial renaissance but also positions Ethiopia as a formidable contender in Africa's rapidly shifting trade, investment, and production architecture.

