

# West Africa Industrialization, Manufacturing & Trade Summit & Exhibition 2026



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# BENIN

## The Industrial Acceleration of Benin

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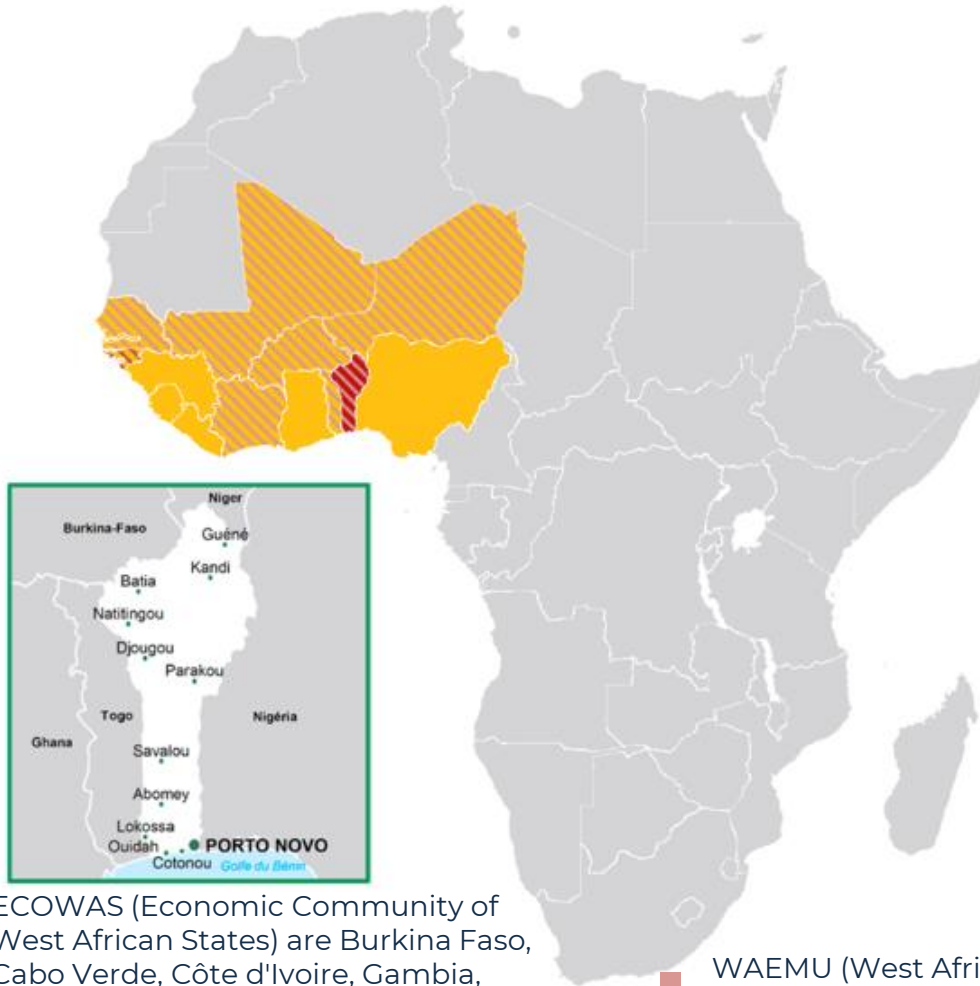
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# WHY INVEST IN BENIN ?

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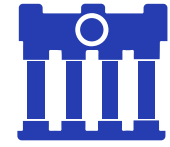
Access to 3 Lockland countries  
More than **420 million** consumers



Performance  
**GDP**

2023 : +6.4%

2024 : +7.5%



**Tax**

**N°1 in ECOWAS**  
**B-Ready**



**Exports**

**+34%** :  
industrial  
development



**Top ranking**

S&P : **BB-**

Moody's : **B1**

Ficth rating : **B+**

# Why Invest in Benin ?

**Benin's ranking** Business Ready Report 2025

| EVALUATION AREA            | WAEMU           | ECOWAS          | AFRICA          |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPANIES | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| UTILITIES                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| INTERNATIONAL TRADE        | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 5 <sup>rd</sup> |
| TAXATION                   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| FINANCIAL SERVICES         | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 7 <sup>th</sup> |
| COMPANY CREATION           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| INSOLVENCY RESOLUTION      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> |

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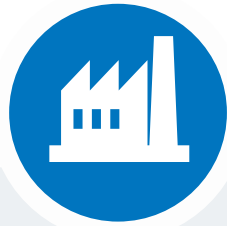
A large business reforms to increase investment

## Investment Code



- Customs duties and VAT exemptions
- Corporate tax exemptions (**from 5 to 17 years**)
- Employer's tax exemptions.

## Special economic zone (SEZ)



- Customs duties and VAT exemptions
- Corporate tax exemptions (**from 12 to 17 years**)
- Employer's tax exemptions.
- **One stop-shop**
- Dry port + Internal container Depot (ICD).

## Other measures



- Digitized administrative procedures
- Strong legal Framework for Public-Private Partnership
- A legal framework for each sector (mining, energy, water, etc.)
- Etc.

## Labor measures



- Strike limited to 10 days per year with a maximum of 2 days per month
- Flexibility in renewing fixed-term contracts

## Specific talent support



- **AZOLI Program** : assistance in hiring and training
- **PRODIJ** : funding training for the Youth Inclusion
- **Special Program for Integration into Employment (PSIE)** : Progressive financing of employment over 2 years



# Why Invest in Benin ?

## Cotonou Port Statistics

2024 – 2025

### PORT CALL



870 | +14,6% ▲

### RO - RO



76 162 | +60% ▲

### CARGO



14,71 MT | +52% ▲

### CONTAINER (EVP)



577 789 | +61% ▲

MT : millions of tons

### REMOVAL TIME

#### Cars

24 heures

#### Conteneurs

14 jours

#### Other Goods

From 1 day  
except for direct  
pickups

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## Foreign payment provision

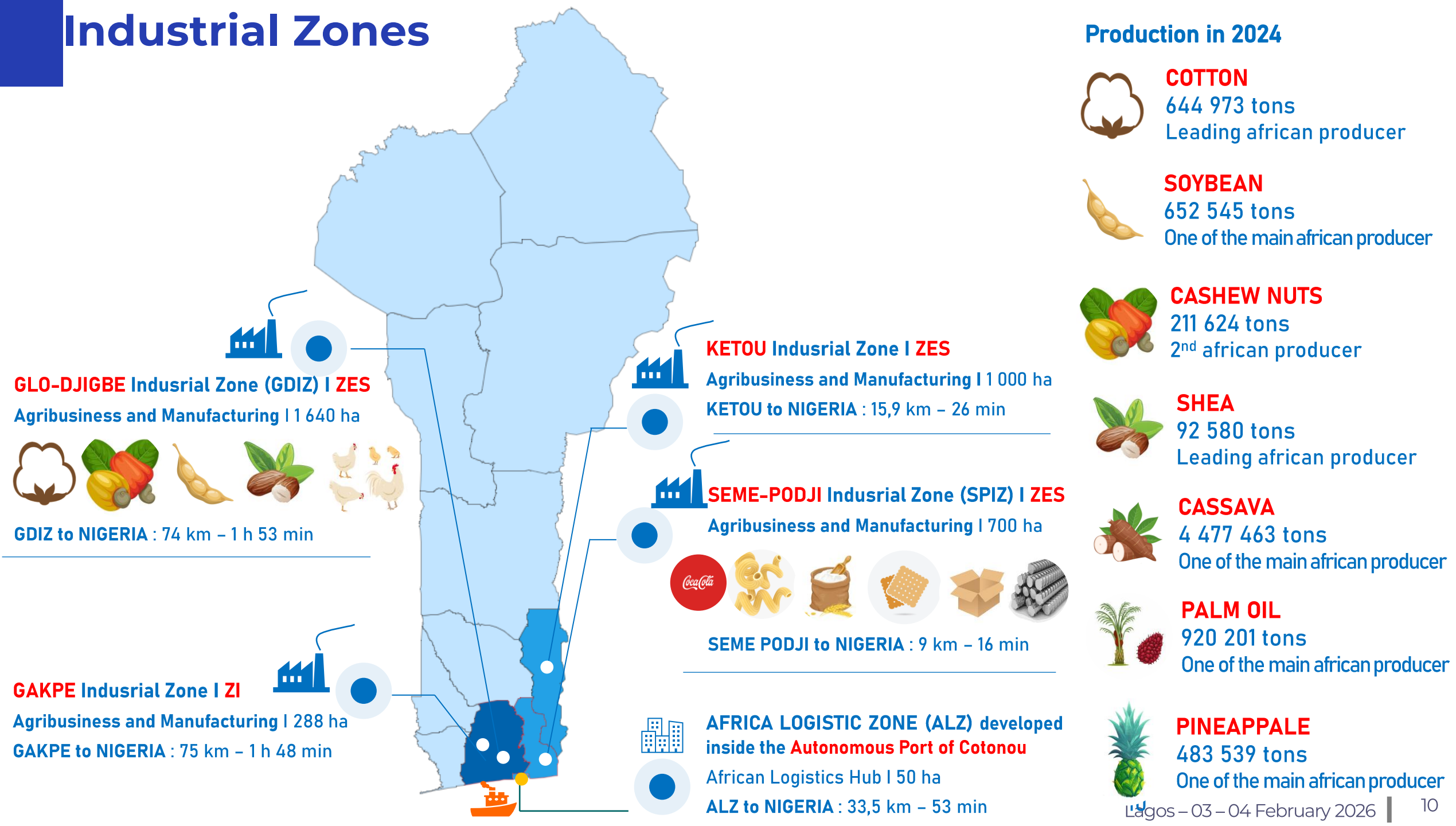
| N° | ITEMS                                     | PROVISION                         |
|----|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1  | Salary transfer                           | 80% of salary                     |
| 2  | Transfer of Dividend                      | No limitation                     |
| 3  | Payment to services provider of suppliers | No limitation                     |
| 4  | Reimbursement of loan                     | Limited to loan maturity          |
| 5  | Transfer of revenue from asset disposals  | Limited to asset disposal revenue |

# INDUSTRIAL ZONES

## GLO-DJIGBE INDUSTRIAL ZONE AND

## AFRICA LOGISTIC ZONE

# Industrial Zones





# Focus Glo-Djigbé Industrial Zone

# Africa Logistics Zone (ALZ)

The West Africa logistic hub to be on 50 hectares inside **Cotonou Port**

A partnership between Port of Antwerp-Bruges International (PoABI) and Benin



## 01 Target industries

- Pharma
- Technology
- Textile
- Automotive
- Spare parts
- Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG)
- Third-party logistics (3PL)

## 02 Value-added activities

- Testing and repairs
- Customization
- Parts Assembly
- Labelling
- Sorting
- Packaging
- Distribution and related services

# INVESTMENT CODE & GDIZ 2016 - 2025

## FORECAST



### FORECAST

Number of  
approved projects

Expected number  
of jobs

Investment Amount  
(in Ms USD)

Expected added average  
annual value (in Ms USD)



MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

107

30 879

2 089

1 465,8



FOOD INDUSTRY

51

6425

500,4

276,8



**TOTAL**

**158**

**37 304**

**2 589,4**

**1 742,6**



## REALIZATION

### REALISATION

Number of businesses  
in operation

Number of jobs  
created

Montant investi  
(in Ms USD)

Average annual value  
added created (in Ms USD)



MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

35

11 641

511,5

96,8



FOOD INDUSTRY

25

3 836

284

122,8



**TOTAL**

**60**

**15 477**

**795,5**

**219,6**

**38%**

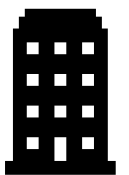
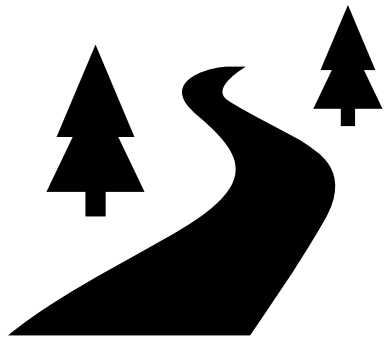
**41,5%**

**30,7%**

**12,6%**

# BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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| Sectors                                                                           | Project                                                    | MUSD |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------|
|  | Textile integrated factory (sheets, towels)                | 334  |
|                                                                                   | Textile integrated factory (t-shirts, leggings, underwear) | 126  |
|  | Manufacturing unit for intravenous fluids and medicines    | 19   |
|  | Fruit concentrate production unit (orange and pineapple)   | 6    |
|  | 150-room hotel chain                                       | 24   |
|                                                                                   | 4-star RESORT with 200 rooms                               | 35   |
|                                                                                   | Mixed leisure development (300 rooms)                      | 11   |
|  | Road (146 km) APLAHOUÉ-ABOMEY-COVÉ ➔ ILLARA                | 603  |
|                                                                                   | COTONOU-ROTANA hotel complex                               | 115  |
|                                                                                   | Construction of an equestrian center                       | 12   |
|                                                                                   | Mother-and-Child university hospital in Togbin             | 123  |
|                                                                                   | Cotonou fishing port                                       | 74   |

# HOW TO INVEST IN BENIN ?

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| Freedom to do business                                                                                                                        | Legal Form                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Shareholders                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No obligation to have a local partner</b></li> <li>• <b>3 - 5h to set up a company</b></li> </ul> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Branch</b></li> <li><b>2. Limited Liabilities Companies (LLC)</b></li> <li><b>3. Limited Partnership (LP)</b></li> <li><b>4. Public limited company (PLC)</b></li> <li><b>5. Tax representative</b></li> </ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alone</li> <li>• With a Private Partner</li> <li>• With a Public Partner</li> </ul>    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Only your entrance</b> visa is required</li> </ul>                                                | <b>No minimum of equity</b> for LLC and LP                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No nominal amount of equity share</li> </ul>                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No need to assign local manager</b></li> </ul>                                                    | PLC : minimum equity (10 MXOF / 24,5 MN)                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Article of association : <b>under private signature</b> or <b>notarized</b></li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Freedom of repatriation</b></li> </ul>                                                            | <b>Equity can be variable</b> (LLC and PLC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                 |

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