



SEZ
AUTHORITY

Powering Growth



KENYA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES PROGRAM

WELCOME TO OUR SEZs

Special Economic Zones Programme (SEZ) is a flagship project of Vision 2030 which seeks to transform Kenya into a middle-income economy by 2030.

35 SEZs

26 Private SEZs
9 Public SEZs

As of March 2026.

**112 SEZs
Enterprises**

As of March 2026.

\$ 1.188

Billion FDI / DDI
Investment

As of March 2026.

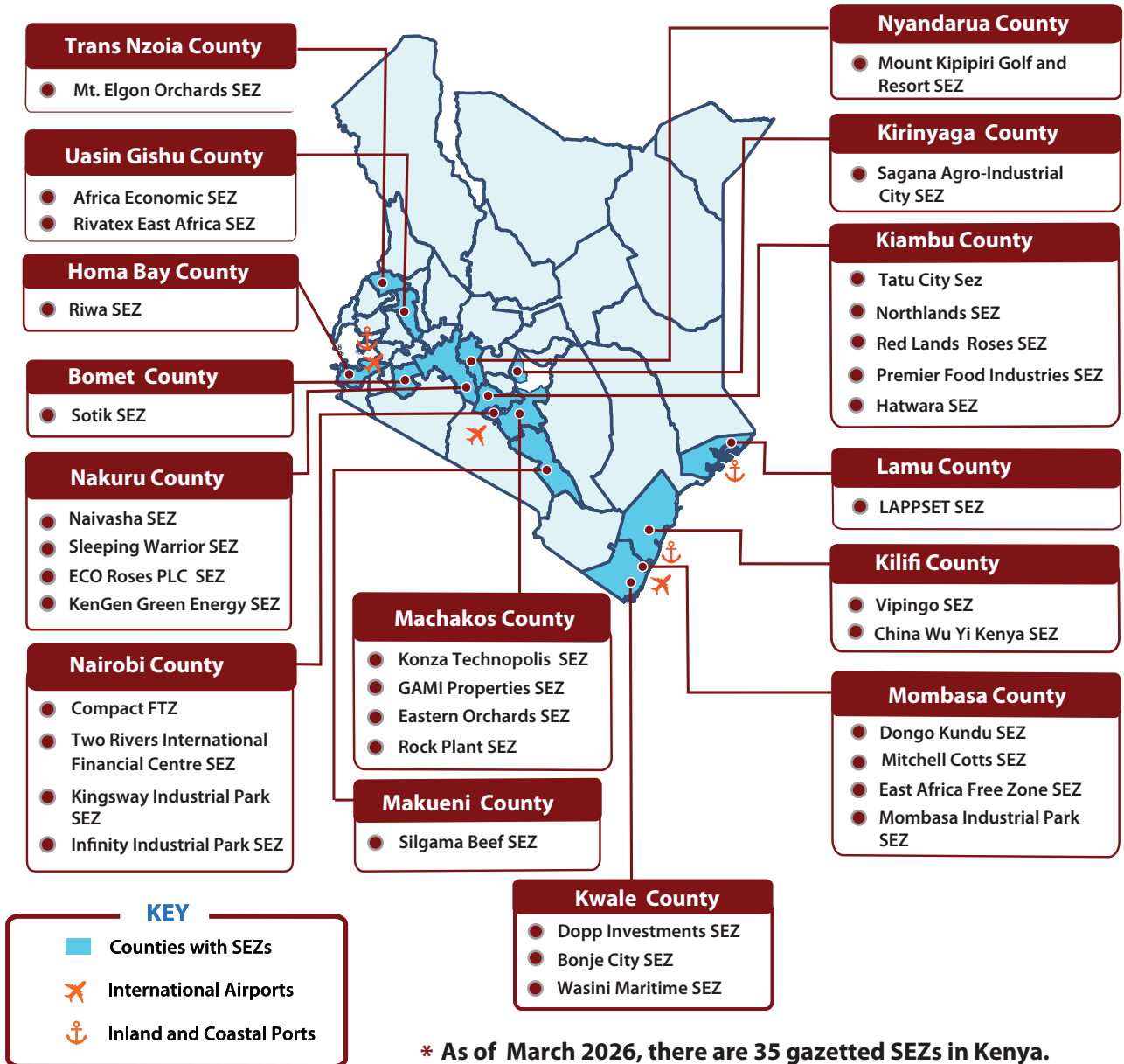
12,281

Jobs
Created

As of March 2026.



Special Economic Zones In Kenya



* As of March 2026, there are 35 gazetted SEZs in Kenya.

COMPETITIVE FISCAL INCENTIVES

Fiscal incentives for SEZ are stipulated in the respective Tax laws.

IMPORTED GOODS

● **Exempt**

- Excise Duty
- Import Duty
- Import Declaration Fee

VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)

● **Zero-Rated**





CORPORATE TAX

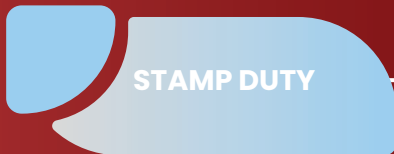
• **Preferential Rates**

- First 10 Years-10%
- Next 10 Years-15%
- Subsequent Years -30%



WITHHOLDING TAX

- Royalties, interest, management fees, professional fees, training fees, consultancy fee, agency or contractual fees paid by a special economic zone developer, operator or enterprise, in the first ten years of its establishment, to a non-resident person.



STAMP DUTY

• **Exempt**



INVESTMENT DEDUCTION ALLOWANCE

- 100% allowance on capital expenditure, building and machinery



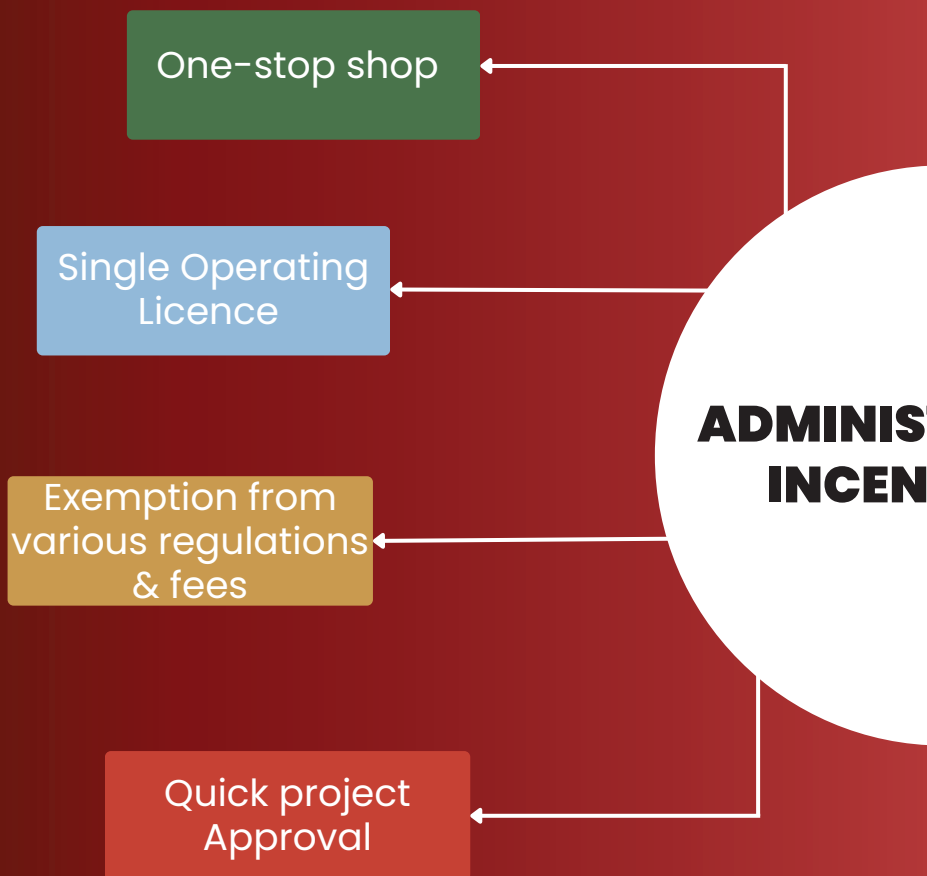
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEES

• **Exempt**

- Advertisement Fees
- Business Service Permit Fees

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

Administrative / Procedural incentives to facilitate ease of doing Business.



The one stop Shop (OSS) platform consists of Government Agencies and service providers to facilitate SEZ businesses.

TRATIVE TIVES

No exchange control

Onsite Customs
Support

Unrestricted Foreign
investment

Work Permits for
employees

MARKET ACCESS

Kenya has wide market access through economic partnership agreements as follows;

- East African Community (EAC)
- Common Market for Eastern and Central Africa (COMESA)
- African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
- African growth and Opportunity (AGOA)
- European Partnership Agreement (EPA)

MARKET ACCESS






EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC)

Population- 300 million
GDP- \$ 312.9 billion
(2021)

LOGISTICS

Shipping line from Mombasa Port to:

DESTINATION	DAYS
 Jebel Ali (UEA)	11 Days
 Shanghai (China)	23 Days
 Rotterdam (Netherlands) (Through Cape of Good Hope Route)	55 Days



AGREEMENTS






COMMON MARKET FOR EASTERN AND CENTAL AFRICA (COMESA)
 Population-560 million
 GDP-\$ 312.9 billion (2021)



AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AFCFTA)
 Population-1.3 Billion
 GDP-\$ 3.4 Trillion (2023)

NETWORK

Air Freight from Nairobi to:

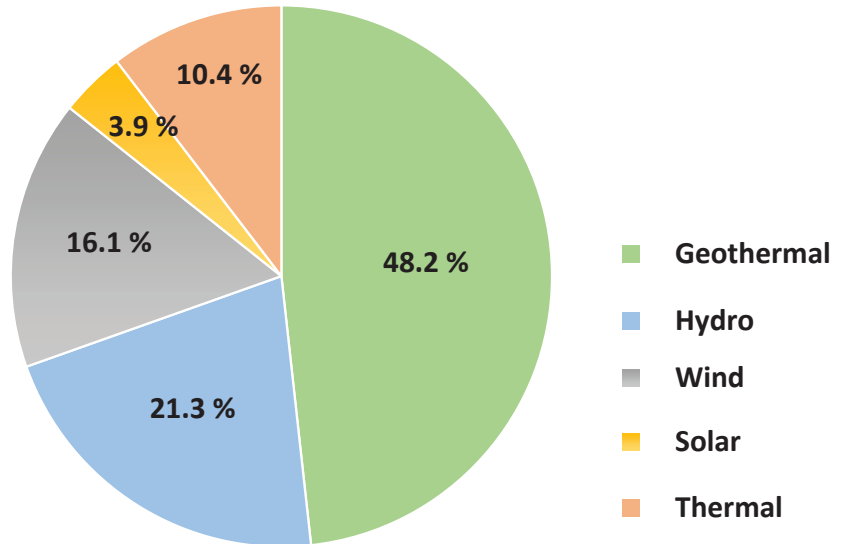
DESTINATION	DAYS
 Frankfurt (Germany)	9.5 hours
 New York (USA)	15 hours
 Guangzhou(China)	14 hours

Railways for:

DESTINATION	DAYS
Mombasa - Nairobi	8 hours
Mombasa - Naivasha ICD	12 Hours
Naivasha - Malaba (MGR)	36-48 Hours



ENERGY SOURCE PROPORTION IN KENYA



Economic Survey 2024, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

RENEWABLE ENERGY SUPPLY FOR SEZs

Kenya has several renewable energy sources connected with national grid.



SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES AUTHORITY

SEZA is established under an ACT of Parliament (Cap.517A) to provide for the establishment of Special Economic Zones; the promotion and facilitation of global and local investors; the development and management of enabling environment for such investments, and for connected purposes.

SEZA is allocated professional officers to support SEZ investors.



ENTRIES FOR SEZ INVESTMENT

The investors can enter SEZs in the deferent categories including, Developer, Operator and Enterprises through necessary initial actions.



Developer:

Acquire sufficient acre of land for SEZ as a private SEZ developer



Operator:

Acquire operator agreement with public/private SEZ developer as a SEZ operator



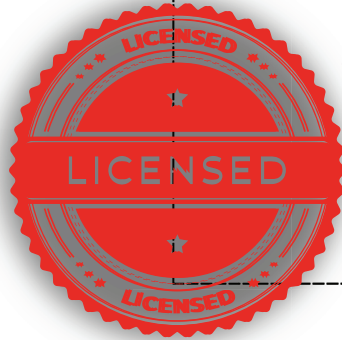
Enterprise:

Acquire land lease from public/private SEZ developer as a SEZ enterprise



THE SEZ LICENSES

SEZA is the regulating agency for the SEZ program. It issues Developer, Operator and Enterprise licenses.

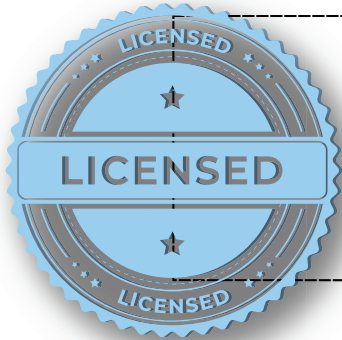


DEVELOPER

This license is issued to a corporate entity engaged in the development of integrated infrastructure facilities on a designated Special Economic Zone.

OPERATOR

This license is issued to a corporate entity engaged in the management of a Special Economic Zone.



ENTERPRISE

This License is issued to a corporate entity carrying out a business in a Special Economic Zone.

TYPES OF SCHEMES

An SEZ may be designated as either a single sector or multiple sector zones.



INDUSTRIAL PARKS



FREE PORT ZONE



FREE TRADE ZONE



**SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY PARKS**



AGRICULTURE ZONE



BUSINESS SERVICE PARKS



TOURISM AND RECREATION PARKS



LIVESTOCK ZONE

- **Industrial Parks**

Allow for integrated infrastructure to facilitate manufacturing and processing industries.

- **Free Port Zone**

Goods introduced, are primarily for transshipment, re export or destined for other SEZs.

- **Free Trade Zone**

Allow for transshipment, storage, bulk breaking, repacking, sorting, mixing, trading excluding manufacturing and processing.

- **Science and Technology Parks**

Established to facilitate science, technology and innovation.

- **Agriculture Zone**

SEZ to facilitate agricultural sector and related activities and services.

- **Business Service Parks**

Facilitate provision of services , which may include ; to regional headquarters, BPOs, call centres, management consulting , advisory services and other associated services.

- **Tourism and Recreation**

Provide facilities and services for tourism and recreation attraction.

- **Livestock Zone**

Facilitate livestock marshalling and inspection, livestock feeding or fattening , abattoir and refrigeration , deboning, value addition, manufacture of veterinary products and other related activities are carried out.

- **Information Communication Technology Park**

SEZ established to facilitate science, technology and innovation.

DEVELOPER/ OPERATOR LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS



01

Present a
developer/
operator project
request letter
to SEZ
Authority.



02

Fill and Submit in
SEZA
Developer/
Operator
application form
and attached
relevant
supporting
documents as
listed on the
developer/
operator
application form.



03

SEZA
assess and
review
the
application



04

Approval in
principal will
be issued
with conditions
to be
fulfilled.
Including
incorporation
of a
SEZ company.



05

SEZA will
issue
SEZ Developer/
Operator License
to the investor
upon payment
of requisit
fees and
meeting conditions
in 4.

ENTERPRISE LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS



01

Present a
Enterprise project
request to
SEZ Authority.



02

Submit a
SEZ Enterprise
application form
and attach
relevant
supporting
documents as
listed
on the Enterprise
application form



03

SEZA
assess and
review
the
application



04

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of a company



05

Upon
Payment of
the requisite
fees, a
license is
issued to the
enterprise

NAIVASHA SEZ

PUBLIC SEZ

Gateway to the East
and Central Africa



Naivasha SEZ is 6000 acres of land located in Nakuru County and 70Km away from Nairobi.



The SEZ offers state of the art trans-shipment facilities to allow the seamless interchange between Standard Gauge Railways (SGR) and Meter Gauge Railways (MGR), to handle the cargo destined for EAC and Central African Countries.



The Naivasha SEZ has preferential power tariff.



The priority sectors for Naivasha SEZ includes; Textile and Apparels, Agro-processing, among others.



When the SEZ is fully operational it is expected to create about 100,000 direct jobs and attract about Ksh 150 billion in productive investment.



66Kv substation equipped
with the SEZ

ZONE FEATURES:



INDUSTRIAL PARKS



FREE TRADE ZONES



INLAND CONTAINER DEPOT



Jumbo AAA is the first tenant to the SEZ.



Inland container depot connected with the SEZ.

DONGO KUNDU SEZ

PUBLIC SEZ

Port integrated SEZ connected with international market.



- Dongo Kundu SEZ is approximately 3,000 acres adjacent to the Mombasa Port in Likoni Sub-County of Mombasa County.
- The zone is strategically located with high potential for development in terms of logistics and facilities, endowed with Mombasa Port, Mombasa Southern Bypass, Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) and Moi International Airport.
- Connectivity is a key strength of the SEZ as it connects to EAC countries and the rest of the world.
- The priority sectors for Dongo Kundu SEZ includes, Manufacturing, Logistics, Services among others.
- The SEZ is being developed with support from the Government of Japan from Master Planning (2015) to key off-site infrastructure developments

Location of Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone



ZONE FEATURES:



INDUSTRIAL PARKS



FREE TRADE ZONES



FREE PORT ZONES



New Port Construction Site.



Mombasa Southern Bypass connected with the SEZ.

KONZA TECHNOPOLIS SEZ

PUBLIC SEZ

Welcome to the
Silicon Savannah



- Konza Technopolis Special Economic Zone is envisaged to be developed as a Science and Technology Park with integrated Information Communication Technology Parks. It aims to promote innovation and Technology based investments.
- The SEZ is in the Metropolitan Region (NMR) that comprise Machakos County to the North East, Kajiado County to the West and Nairobi County to the North West.
- The location has excellen transport communication links. The A109 Highway connecting Nairobi with Mombasa runs adjacent to the site, the SGR Konza railway station is less than 4km away and Jomo Kenya International Airport is less than 50km.



ZONE FEATURES:



INFORMATION
COMMUNICATION
TECHNOLOGY PARK



SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY PARKS



For more information visit
<https://www.konza.go.ke>



SELECTED PRIVATE SEZS

- Tatu City
- Trific
- Nairobi Gate IP
- Rock Plant
- Red Lands Roses
- Mount Elgon Orchards



TATU CITY SEZ LTD

- Tatu City SEZ is located on a 5,000 acre piece of land located in Kiambu County with mixed-use development and industrial manufacturing zones.
- This is a multi-sector SEZ comprising; Industrial Parks, Science and Technology Parks, Business Parks etc.
- Tatu City represents a new way of living and thinking; creating a unique live, work and play environment that is free from traffic congestion and long-distance drive.

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NAIROBI GATE INDUSTRIAL PARK

- Nairobi Gate Industrial Park is the first SEZ in East Africa that has a fully integrated customs control area within the Northlands SEZ.
- The class-leading industrial park is ideally situated on the Eastern Bypass, providing easy access to key arterial roads and 'Up-Country' Kenya via Thika Road and the Southern Bypass.
- Phase 1 is set on 100 acres and is designed for ultra-modern logistics, light-industrial warehousing and distribution centres, bringing unique "build to suit" concept to Nairobi.



For more information visit <https://nairobigate.com>



RED LANDS ROSES SEZ PLC

- Red lands is recognised globally as a leader in the production of spray roses and the company produces 16 million stem per year which comprise of over 200 varieties of fresh cut roses
- Red lands roses is committed to innovation, environmental stewardship and community impact.
- Red lands roses is proudly carbon neutral certified since 2020. Red lands was one of the first farms in East Africa to utilize 100% hydroponic farming.




For more information visit <https://redlandsroses.com>



ROCK PLANT

Rock Plant SEZ Kenya Limited is bringing you a state-of-the-art mixed-use development, seamlessly blending warehousing, logistics, a modern business center, and premium MICE facilities.

Strategically positioned near key transport links, this hub will redefine efficiency and connectivity, backed by our proven expertise as trusted dealers of global machinery brands. Step into a future of unmatched opportunity and seamless operations.

 For more information visit <https://rock-plant.com>



MOUNT ELGON ORCHARDS SEZ LTD

The farm specializes in premium roses and has avocados. Mt Elgon Orchards combines traditional methods with sustainable practices aiming for full carbon neutrality.

Mt Elgon orchards, located in Kitale, Trans Nzoia, Kenya; plays a significant role in the country's special economic zone's programme, which aim to boost sustainable economic growth.

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 For more information visit <https://www.mtelgon.com>

OTHER PUBLIC SEZS

- Riwa SEZ
- Mombasa Industrial Park
- Sagana Agro-Industrial City
- LAPSET SEZ



Location of Riwa SEZ

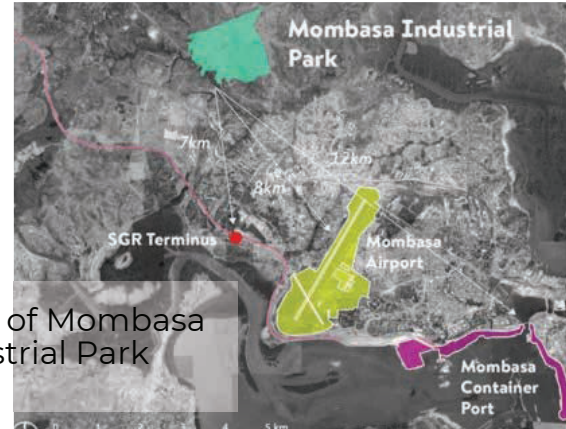


RIWA SEZ

- The 530-acre Riwa SEZ in Homa Bay is a major development initiative to foster economic growth in the region. Initiated by Homa Bay County, this SEZ is part of a broader strategy to decentralize industrial growth and create job opportunities in rural areas.
- The Riwa SEZ will host diverse industries, including agro-processing, manufacturing, and logistics, taking advantage of the area's agricultural potential and proximity to Lake Victoria.

MOMBASA INDUSTRIAL PARK

Location of Mombasa Industrial Park



- Mombasa Industrial Park contains a 'cluster' of benefits for developers/investors and occupiers rooted in its unique geographical position next to the Mombasa Port, the largest port in East Africa, and close to a vibrant commercial and industrial area.
- The area is suitable for a mixed-use industrial park for high value adding activities including in automotive, pharmaceutical and textile manufacturing.

Artistic image of Sagana Agro-Industrial City



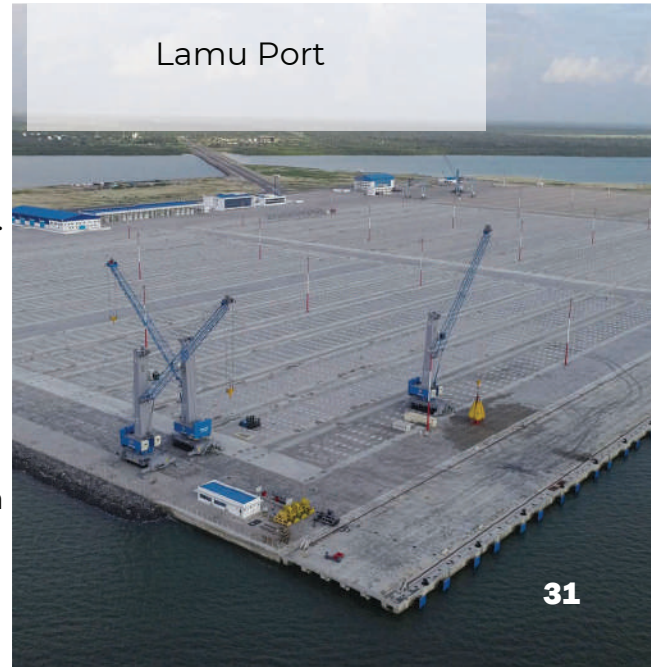
SAGANA AGRO-INDUSTRIAL CITY

- Sagana Agro-Industrial City (SAIC) is a proposed 242-acre multi-purpose development initiated by the Kirinyaga County.
- The land is planned to consist of a 75-acre Export Processing Zone (EPZ) and 140-acre Special Economic Zone (SEZ), together with multiple facilities such as affordable and high-end housing, hospitality and sports facilities (including a high-quality golf course), as well as an industrial zone.
- These are all expected to cater to and sustain a diverse talent pool in the region. Sagana in Kirinyaga County located centrally in Kenya in a growing county in proximity to abundant agricultural produce.
- It is about 120 km from Nairobi at the foothill of Mt. Kenya, a region with high agricultural output.

LAPSSET SEZ

- LAPSSET SEZ 10,000 acre is one of the key projects of the Lamu Port South Sudan Ethiopia Transport (LAPSSET) Corridor program located within Lamu County approximately 10km from the Lamu Port.
- Currently, the first three berths of Lamu Port have since been completed and being operationalized. Development of LAPSSET SEZ is expected to spur industrial development to generate traffic for the
- Lamu Port and the entire LAPSSET Corridor. Target industries for the SEZ are Clothing, textile & apparel, Leather, Logistics and warehousing, Lumber and wood, Automotive, among others.
- Lamu County is in the Northern part of the Kenyan Coast and about 350 km North of Mombasa Port.

Lamu Port





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