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THE FIRST WORLD FREE & SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES SUMMIT STARTS TODAY IN MONACO

Monaco - 13 November 2019. The **SU-MEET: World Free & Special Economic Zones Summit in Monaco** starts today in Monaco, at the Fairmont Hotel, and will end on Friday 15 November.

This Summit is organized by **FEMOZA (The World Free and Special Economic Zones Federation)**, in cooperation with **UNIDO (The United Nations Industrial Development Organization)**. *"The SU-MEET is the only World Hub where Free & Special Economic Zones from all over the World can meet a selected panel of Investors and Business Partners. No other events actually provide to Investors and Companies such a wider spectrum of possibilities"*, said Juan Torrents, President of FEMOZA.

There are over **1,800 Free and Special Economic Zones established worldwide**. Many countries see them as useful instruments for stimulating the growth and diversification of their economies, fostering technological learning and innovation, and creating jobs. Over recent decades, **Foreign Direct Investment projects** have increasingly chosen to locate within Free & Special Economic Zones as the prime choice, because these zones offer technical comfort and security, along with the infrastructure, services, economies of scale and incentives, that are the optimal facilitator for implementation of FDI projects.

This World Summit is conceived to be at the same time an **informative, educational and networking event**. The topics lined up for SU-MEET are aimed to evolve into solutions to the key current issues of development. The past, present and future of Free & Special Economic Zones are considered under **a single regime**, in order to present several **successful Zone systems**. Leading authorities and economical representatives will **share their successful experience** as Free Zone developers or investors, with the aim of **sharing Best practices and attracting Foreign Direct Investment** to Zones.

The industry development topics selected will highlight a range of economic sectors, covered by recognized keynote speakers, as global **Logistics and Distribution**, including **the One Road One Belt Initiative**. The future continues to be driven by **technology and Smart Cities** where firms applying **Blockchain** asset recording will also have a presence. **Zone management** today must integrate **green working environments** and **flexible labor standards** that can accommodate **technology transfer**. Furthermore, the **investment funding** of zones raises a wide spectrum of **public and private sources**.

The participants will achieve **networking and business opportunities**. **B2B and B2G meetings** will be organized during the event with a special dedicated full morning focused on this activity. In addition, a **selected panel of investors** will be invited to attend and encouraged to fix one to one meetings. *"Key element of the SU-MEET, beside panels and discussions, is the B2B and B2G morning, where, I've been informed, several Memorandum of Understanding will be discussed and possibly signed. The SU-MEET is the place where partnerships and collaborations have the possibility to start and blossom"*, said Mr Torrents, FEMOZA President.



FEMOZA AWARDS

During the FEMOZA Awards Ceremony, that will take place **Thursday 14 November, at 6.30 pm, Juan Torrents, President of FEMOZA**, will distribute the « **FEMOZA AWARDS** » to Special Economic Zones that have distinguished themselves for their performances in different areas. The Prizes will be handed over the SEZ representatives who will be present during the SU-MEET.

Representative	Special Economic Zone	Award
Mr Oman Evren Arikan	Polaris Parks – Egypt	The Leading Industrial Park in MENA Award
Mr Sergei Vaitekhovski	Great Stone Industrial Park – Belarus	The Fastest Growing Industrial Park Award
Ms Lelise Neme Sori	Industrial Parks Development Corporation - Ethiopia	The Best Practice in Free & Special Economic Zones Award
Mr Paban Chowdhury	Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority – Bangladesh	The Best Practice in Free & Special Economic Zones Award
Mr Witek Uhma	Katowice Special Economic Zone – Poland	The Best Practice in Free & Special Economic Zones Award
Ms Zanele Bridgette Gasas	Dube TradePort Special Economic Zone – South Africa	The Best Practice in Free & Special Economic Zones Award
Mr Paban Chowdhury	Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) Bangladesh	The Best Practice in Free & Special Economic Zones Award
-	Oil & Gas Free Zone Authority Nigeria	The Best Practice in Free & Special Economic Zones Award

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