

# Industrial ZONE

Ministry of Commerce and Industry Federal Government of Somalia is highly giving priority on working to implement the national Industrial zone which will be specialized in the manufacture of industrial products and provision of service manufacture which has defined geographical boundaries and established in accordance with regulation of the government.

The Ministry with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is currently working to evaluate the role of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country. As part of this process, MoCI and UNIDO commissioned Triple Line Consulting to evaluate opportunities for SEZs in Somalia and to undertake a pre-feasibility assessment for the establishment of SEZs in Somalia.

In the inception phase of the assignment, the Triple Line team (a) assessed the macro-economic environment in Somalia and identified on-going economic activities and value chains under development and (b) applied spatial strategies (growth poles and linkages along economic corridors) to provide an early identification of SEZ opportunities in Somalia.

This report which is not complete yet seeks to dig deeper into the findings and hypothesis established during the inception phase and addresses the following primary objectives:

1. Evaluate the potential for SEZs in Somalia; and,
2. Identify 2-3 SEZ opportunities that can be undertaken for pre-feasibility assessment.

Additionally, the report outlines next steps of this assignment, including our approach towards conducting pre-feasibility assessment and developing a roadmap or a strategy for SEZs in Somalia.

This report is referred to as the Phase 2 Report of the assignment and to achieve the above objectives, the Triple Line team conducted extensive research from mid-September to mid-November 2021. This included consultations with a wide range of stakeholders from the FGS, Federal Member States (FMS) and the Benadir Regional Administration (BRA), donors and development partners, and a range of private sector players and firms in various value chains.