

# **Suez Canal Economic Zone (SCZone)**

- SCZone is located in the center of the main international maritime route where almost 20% of the international trade passes through (over 17,000 ships passing through each year and 9% of seaborne trade). It also contains 4 industrial zones and promising investment zones with total area of 461 km²
- In 2016, Egypt was selected as one of the best-connected countries in Africa, which makes it the main gateway of Africa, noting that in the containers' sector; Egypt has been identified as Africa's busiest corner point for maritime trade
- The important sectors for SCZone are Infrastructure, Smart Cities, Education, Vocational Training, Transfer of Technology, Energy, and Tourism. On the other hand, SCZone aims at developing its industrial capacity among other sectors, mainly Automotive, Chemicals, Electronics, Machinery, and Equipment
- SCZone's Economic Stability allows predictability and reliability, safe and secure working environment, developed legal framework, modern infrastructure, low-cost workforce, access to large Egyptian consumer market of more than 100 million, and rapid access to African & International markets of 1.8 billion people due to Free Trade Agreements signed with COMESA, GAFTA, EFTA, MERCOSUR, AGADIR, TURKEY, EU PARTNERSHIP, and QIZ
- The availability of trained workers in Egypt is another big advantage, as the workforce in Automotive and automotive-related industries has reached 86000 workers
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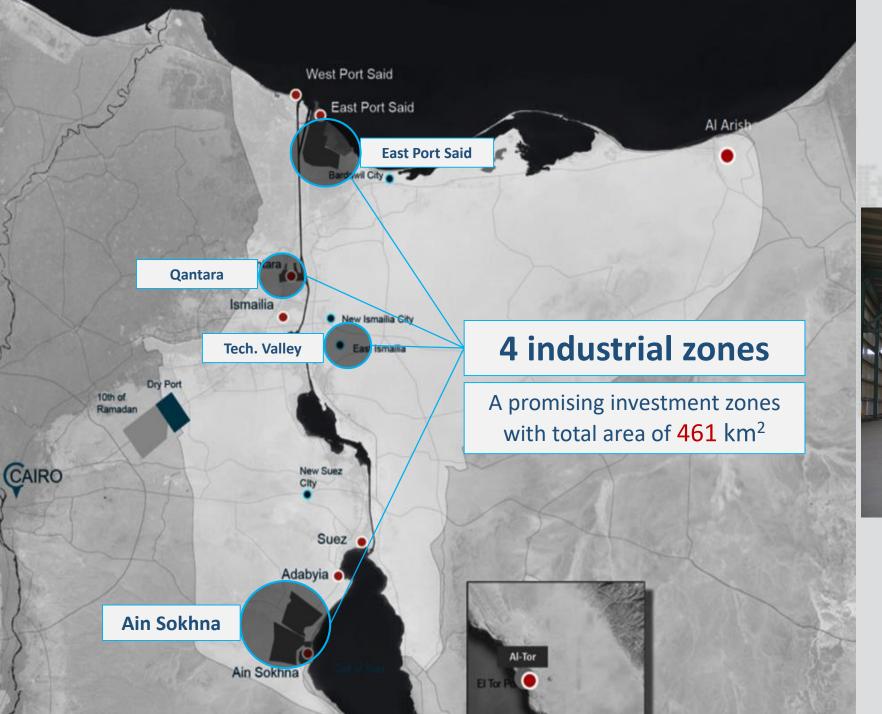




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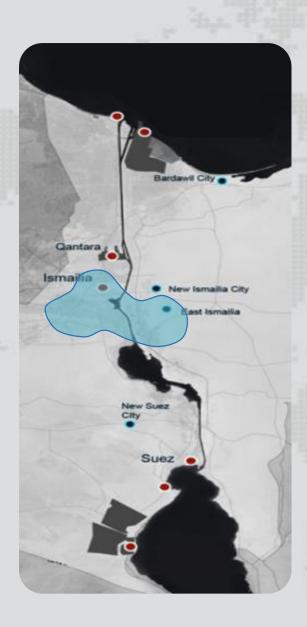
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#### 1- East Port Said

- Development of East Port Said Port into a major transshipment hub and a thriving gateway port with a dedicated multi-modal logistics facility generating over 150,000 jobs.
- 6,400 hectares earmarked for light and medium manufacturing, commercial and business activities with the capacity to support over 1,250,000 jobs.
- New urban areas at East Port Said and Bardawil City, hosting up to 3,750,000 residents.







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#### 2- Ismailia

- Specialized clusters for R&D activities in both ICT and renewable energies in Ismailia City and also in East Ismailia.
- Agri-processing and related logistics center, dry port and other light manufacturing activities supported at Qantara.
- Development of urban areas at Qantara and New Ismailia City – capacity to host over 350,000 residents.





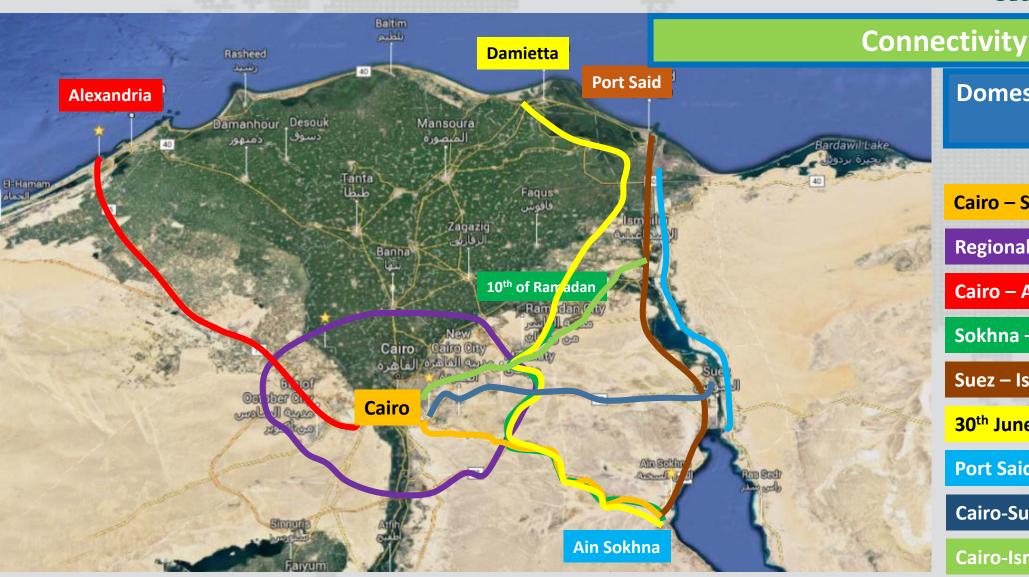
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#### 3- Ain Sokhna

- Creation of one of the largest industrial and port complexes globally.
- Expansion of the ports and logistics facilities at Sokhna and Adabiya, and establishment of maritimerelated activities including bunkering, ship building and repairs to support over 70,000 jobs.
- Industrial Development of over 16,250 hectares supporting light, medium and heavy manufacturing activities, as well as commercial and business activities. Capacity to host over 1,850,000 jobs.
- Planned new integrated communities at Ain Sokhna and new Suez City for over 260,000 residents.





**Domestic Modern Roads Network** 

Cairo - Sokhna Highway Road

**Regional Ring Road** 

Cairo – Alex Highway

**Sokhna** – 10<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan

Suez – Ismailia – Port Said

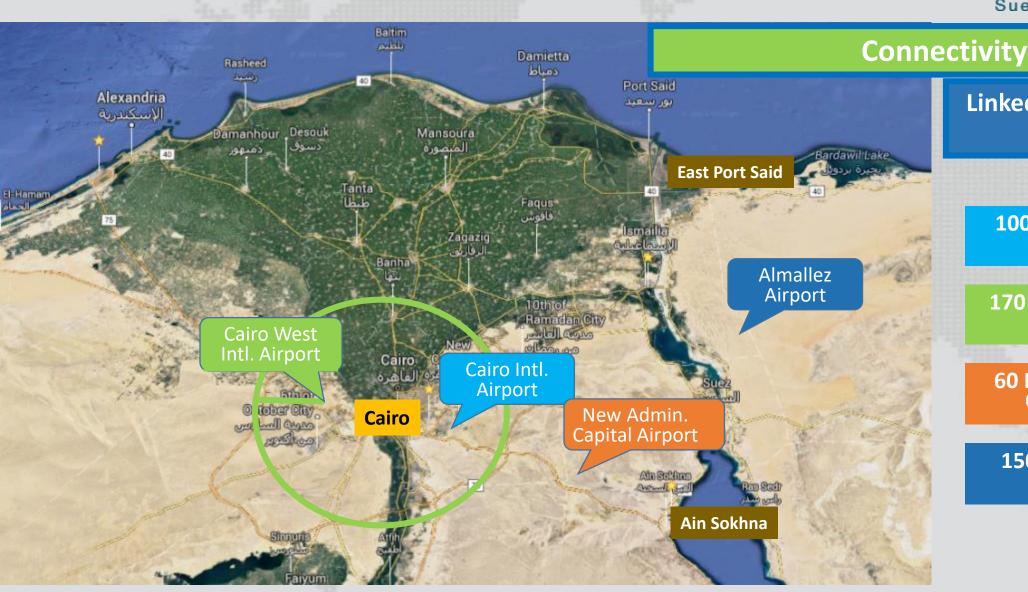
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**Port Said – Suez Eastern Road** 

**Cairo-Suez desert road** 

Cairo-Ismailia desert road





Linked to International Airports

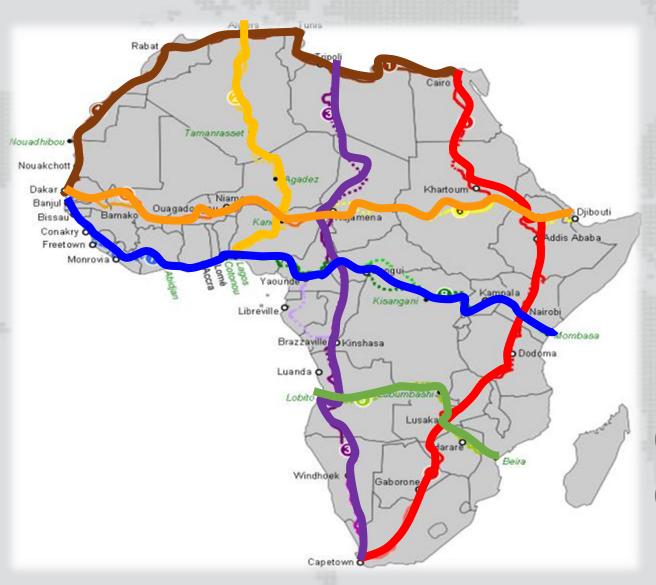
**100 KM** to Cairo Intl. Airport

**170 KM** to Cairo West Intl. Airport

**60 KM** to the Admin. Capital Airport

**150 KM** to Almallez Airport





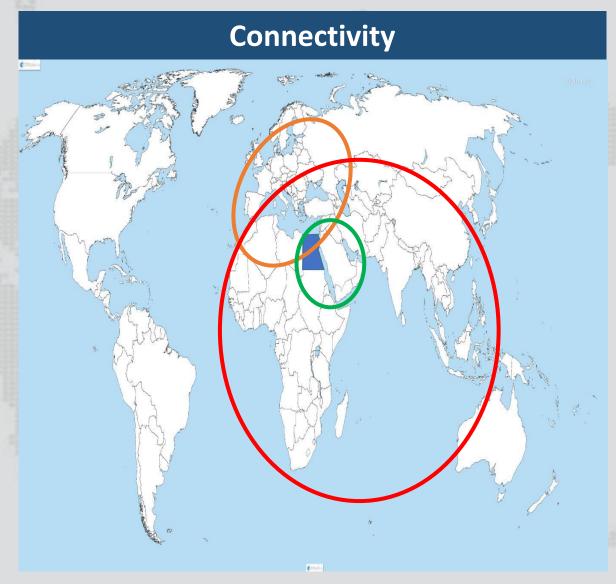
### Connectivity

# **Linked to The Transport African Highways**

- 1 Cairo Dakar
- Algeria Lagos
- Tripoli Cape town
- Cairo Cape town
- Dakar Ndjamena- Djibouti
- Dakar Lagos Mombasa
  - Beira Lobito

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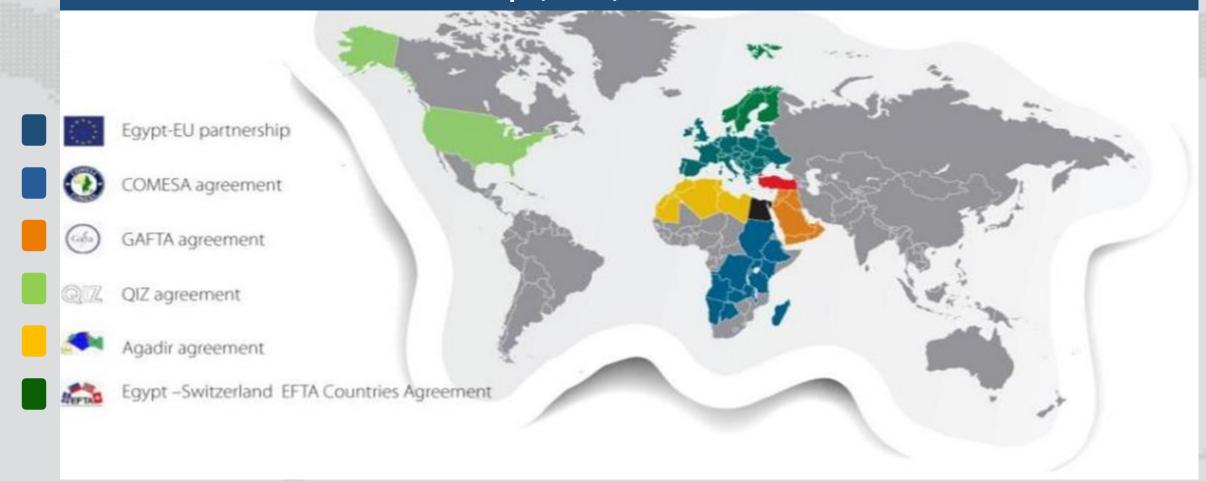
- In 2016, Egypt was selected as one of the best-connected countries in Africa
- Egypt Connectivity Index is 62.2
- Egypt is the main gateway of Africa
- In the container sector, Egypt has been identified as Africa's busiest corner points for maritime trade



# 2- Investment Catalysts in SCZone



Egypt's Free Trade Agreements ensure rapid delivery of goods to <u>1.8 billion</u> consumers in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa.



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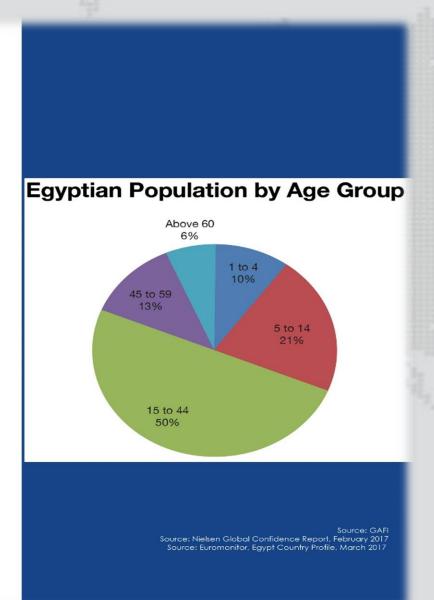


#### Egypt's Large Local Market & Young Population

••••• The Strategic Approach

# TEMPTING CONSUMER MARKET

With the biggest population size in the Middle East, and the second biggest in Africa, the sheer size of Egypt's population makes its consumer market of significant importance on the world stage. Year on year, this consumer market grows by a staggering 1 million new consumers, making it appealing across different product and service sectors.



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LARGE CONSUMER MARKET

DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY

LARGE LABOR POOL

ROBUST INFRASTURE COMPETITIVE TAX RATES

STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

ABUNDANT ENERGY RESOURCES CALIBER OF AVAILABLE LABOR INVESTMENT LEGISTLATION REFORMS

LOW LABOR COSTS LOW OPERATIONAL COSTS

GROWING ECONOMY



# **Competitive Opportunities and Advantages**

- The following sectors are important for SCZone:
- Infrastructure Smart Cities Education, Vocational Training
  - Transfer of Technology Energy Tourism
- SCZone also aims at developing its industrial capacity amongst others in the following sectors:-
- Automotive Chemicals Electronics Machinery and Equipment



# **Competitive Opportunities and Advantages**

# SCZone Enjoys the following:

- Economic Stability that allows Predictability and Reliability
- Safe and Secure working environment
- Stable and Developed Legal Framework
- Developed Infrastructure
- Relatively low cost workforce
- Access to Large Egyptian consumer market of more than 90 Million people
- Egypt provides access to a consumer market of 1.3 Billion people as a result of Free Trade Agreements signed with:- COMESA — GAFTA — EFTA — Mercosur
  - Agadir Turkey EU Partnership QIZ



# **Competitive Opportunities and Advantages**

- The availability of trained workers in Egypt:
- The workforce working in Automotive and automotive related industries has reached 86000 workers.
- In case of the non- availability of appropriately trained employees or workers, the new investment law, Law no.72 for 2017, has stated the following:
- "The Investment Project shall have the right to appoint foreign workers in the amount of 10% maximum of the total number of workers in the Project. This rate may be increased to 20% maximum of the total number of workers in the Projects, in case it is not possible to appoint national workers who have the required qualifications, in accordance with the controls and rules set forth by the Executive Regulations of this Law. 11. For some strategic projects with special significance which are identified under a resolution issued by the Supreme Council, exceptions from the said percentages may be made, provided that training is provided to the national labour."
- Furthermore SCZone Board of Directors has the authority to permit any number of required foreign personnel on the peremisis of training locals in the future



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# • Work Permits:

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# 4- Sustainability In SCZone



# **Competitive Opportunities and Advantages**

- Political backing and administrative commitment
- Distinctive environmental quality (green, clean and quite)
- Suez Canal corridor roll/ importance for Global trade.
- Nationally, Internationally connected
- Clean water and sanitation
- Affordable and clean energy
- Climate actions to minimize GHG
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are top priorities
- Clear Environmental Sustainability vision and Policy formulated

These pillars are the driving forces to develop the Sczone area, and it will create add value for the products / services and will ensure the sustainability for the investments and implemented projects