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### The African Development Bank

The African Development Bank is positioning Africa as the world’s next agriculture and food basket, to achieve food security and self-sufficiency. The Bank is supporting countries to develop policies and reforms to enable sustainable production.

The Bank’s strategy is to achieve food security and self-sufficiency by 2025.

### Action

**SQFP (Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones)**

- **SQFPs** are also located in peri-urban areas to stem Rural-Urban Migration.

### Benefits

- Creating jobs and generating income for rural communities.
- Enhancing food security and nutrition.
- Promoting sustainable agricultural practices.
- Improving access to markets and inputs.
- Strengthening smallholder farmers’ capacity.

### What are Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZs)?

SAPZs are purposely built shared facilities, to enable agricultural producers, processors, manufacturers, and distributors in the same value chain to work together to boost productivity, add value, and integrate production, processing, and marketing of agricultural commodities. They are in areas of high agricultural potential to boost productivity and support the diversification of existing infrastructure assets. **SAPZs** will not replace existing projects, but will complement them and add value to the existing infrastructure. They aim to increase the efficiency of existing infrastructure, enhance complementarity with existing or completed projects, and support structural change and improving the economic environment.

### SAPZ Program

**SAPZs** will play a major role in bringing about agricultural transformation and building the capacity to produce markets of commodities with a high market potential and value addition. This will enable countries to leverage the power of commercial agriculture and contribute to the economic and social development of rural areas.

### Conclusion

The SAPZ program is designed to encourage entrepreneurship and create employment opportunities at all stages of the agricultural value chain. This will eliminate the prevalent over-dependence on imports, grow incomes. This holds the potential to boost export revenues and contribute to job creation and an important contributor to internationally competitive sector.