

ARISE IIP appoints prestigious advisory board

1st of February 2021 – **ARISE Integrated Industrial Platforms (ARISE IIP)** a developer and operator of world-class industrial ecosystems across Africa, is proud to announce the launch of its newly formed strategic committee of trusted advisors. The advisory board includes distinguished industry leaders from the public and private sectors whose combined experience and skillset will shape and accelerate ARISE IIP's growth strategy.

For the past few years, ARISE IIP experienced a remarkable expansion across West Africa with tailor-made industrial zones accelerating the continent's industrialisation. ARISE IIP's primary focus has always been the creation of industrial ecosystems committed to generate high local value add along with sustainable growth. As ARISE IIP continues to successfully deliver its growth strategy, the advisory board will provide a platform to support and guide the company's through its next phases of development. Collectively, the board members will play a key role in providing external guidance and high-level advice to the company's management with regards to industrialisation, sustainability, digitisation and regional integration challenges.

ARISE IIP's advisory board includes:

- **Colin Coleman** – Former partner and CEO of sub-Saharan Africa at Goldman Sachs and senior fellow and lecturer at Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs. Colin is also a member of the Board of The Foschini Group and is co-chairman of the Youth Employment Service.
- **Bruno Delaye** – Former high-ranking French diplomat, Bruno Delaye is president of *Entreprise et Diplomatie*, a branch of ADIT Group, the European leader in strategic intelligence. He has vast experience providing strategic advice to corporates operating in Africa.
- **Laureen Kouassi-Olsson** – A seasoned executive in the African financial services and private equity industries. Laureen spent the last 8 years as investment director at French investment fund Amethis. She is the founder and CEO of *Birimian*, a long term investment holding company dedicated to African brands and serves on the board of several leading financial institutions across the continent.



- **Carlos Lopes** – Professor at the University of Cape Town and Sciences Po Paris and member of a dozen boards, Carlos has led several United Nations institutions, including the Economic Commission for Africa. He has been at the forefront of economic integration projects such the African Continental Free-Trade Area, the reform of the African Union or the establishment of new partnerships with the European Union.



- **Momar Nguer** – Senior Advisor to the CEO of Total and former member of the French oil & gas major’s Executive Committee. Momar has worked extensively across the continent. Formerly managing director, Marketing and Services at Total, he contributed to the company's key green energy initiatives.



Commenting on the news, Gagan Gupta, co-founder of ARISE IIP, notes: *“Their combined expertise in key areas, such as finance, trade and government relations, will play a valuable role in guiding strategic decisions. I am confident our advisors will give rise to new and exciting opportunities to execute large-scale projects that transform local value chains and industrialise in an environmentally sustainable way.”*

The appointments are effective immediately.

About ARISE IIP

ARISE Integrated Industrial Platforms (ARISE IIP) is a pan-African developer and operator of world-class industrial parks committed to making Africa thrive. We identify opportunities in commercial and industrial value chains across Africa, and conceive, finance, build and operate the necessary infrastructure, playing a catalytic role in supporting countries to transition to an industrial economy. We are driven by the pursuit of green growth; our ambition is to unlock the continent’s industrial potential while neutralising our carbons emissions and climate impact. ARISE IIP is currently present in Benin (GDIZ), Togo (PIA) and Gabon (GSEZ). GSEZ was ranked the world’s best special economic zone in the timber sector (2020 FDI ranking).

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