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Togo and Poland sign an agreement to launch Africa Drone Company, a national drone production platform as part of the implementation of the Security Technology Center project.

Togo and Poland have today signed a financing agreement for the creation of **Africa Drone Company (ADC)**, a cutting-edge national platform dedicated to the design, production, and operational deployment of "made in Togo" drones. Strategic leadership of this new industrial sector has been entrusted to Cyber Defense Africa (CDA), the reference joint-venture of the Togolese technology sector, held 68% by the Republic of Togo and 32% by Asseco Data Systems, a leading Polish digital solutions provider in Central Europe.

The official signing ceremony was held in Lomé during the official visit of the high-level Polish delegation led by His Excellency Krzysztof Gawkowski, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Affairs of the Republic of Poland, to Her Excellency Cina Lawson, Minister of Public Service Efficiency and Digital Transformation of Togo.

Drones at the Heart of Togo's Industrial Strategy

ADC will therefore be tasked with controlling the entire value chain of the sector:

- **Production & Innovation:** Design and local assembly of drones adapted to African realities.
- **Multi-sectoral Deployment:** Supply of ready-to-use solutions for logistics, agricultural, industrial, and secure surveillance applications, in Togo and across the sub-region.

Drones produced and operated within this framework will address multiple national interest needs, particularly: surveillance of border and maritime spaces, environmental and forest observation, protection of strategic infrastructure, inspection of industrial and mining sites, emergency response management, support for agricultural policies, and mapping and territorial planning.

Beyond local drone production, the STC also includes a component focused on human capital strengthening through the National Digital Security Academy (NDSA). Every two years, following rigorous national selection from nearly 2,000 candidates, the NDSA will train experts in artificial intelligence, digital systems engineering, network and telecommunications infrastructure, cybersecurity, autonomous systems, and drone design and operations.

The project is financed with the support of Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego (BGK), the development bank of the Polish State, which mobilizes 24 million euros through the European EFSD+ mechanism and the European Union's Global Gateway strategy a first for BGK on the African continent.

Operational implementation of the entire initiative is entrusted to CDA.

STATEMENTS

Her Excellency Cina Lawson, Minister of Public Service Efficiency and Digital Transformation, Republic of Togo

"With Africa Drone Company, Togo makes the bold choice to design and produce its own technological solutions rather than simply import them. This major industrial milestone, orchestrated by our operational arm CDA and supported by Poland, demonstrates what technology transfer between

Europe and Africa can accomplish. It is here, in Lomé, that the future of autonomous technologies in the region is being written."

Mr. Krzysztof Gawkowski, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Digital Affairs, Republic of Poland

"Mastery of breakthrough technologies, and particularly drones, is a modern strategic necessity. Through BGK and the Global Gateway initiative, Poland is proud to commit over the long term alongside CDA to make this industrial hub an international technological success."

Prof. Marta Postuła, Vice President of BGK Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego

"For the first time, BGK is financing a program in Africa under the EFSD+ mechanism. This agreement proves the effectiveness of Polish and European development finance when it aligns perfectly with the ambition, structure, and local expertise embodied by actors like CDA."

Mr. Andrzej Doperąła, President Asseco Data Systems SA

"For Asseco, Togo is much more than a commercial partner: it is a source of inspiration. Through CDA, we unite our strengths to develop and export the most advanced drone technologies on the market."

Mr. Simon Melchior, Director General Cyber Defense Africa

"Africa Drone Company is the validation of a strategy: when Togolese ambition meets Polish expertise and European infrastructure, serious things are built. What we are doing here is mastering the complete value chain. Not imitation. Excellence."

- **About Cyber Defense Africa (CDA)**

CDA is a leader in cybersecurity in Africa, operating a modern Security Operations Center (SOC) that ensures 24/7 monitoring and incident response. We offer a comprehensive range of services, including auditing, consulting, penetration testing, training, forensics, threat intelligence, and real-time incident management. CDA also operates CERT.tg, Togo's national cybersecurity incident response center, dedicated to identifying, analyzing, and mitigating cyberattacks. CERT.tg is a free service established by the Togolese government to strengthen national cybersecurity.

- **About BGK — Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego**

BGK is Poland's public development bank. It supports initiatives for sustainable economic and social development both in Poland and internationally. The agreement relating to the CTS constitutes BGK's first financing operation on the African continent under the European Global Gateway program.

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