

## **Ethiopia sets up industrial park for textile, apparel**

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Ethiopia has set up Adama Industrial park in the Oromia region for sectors like textile, apparel, vehicle assembly and food processing. The park is expected to generate about a million jobs. The park was inaugurated by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. The Oromia region is the largest and most populous, and is the home region of the prime minister.

Adama, also known as Nazareth, is a city in central Ethiopia and the previous capital of the Oromia. Adama forms a Special Zone of Oromia.

The prime minister's chief of staff wrote on Twitter that the "park is an important addition to a network of world class, sustainable eco-industrial parks in Ethiopia ready for plug and play investment. Productive investments strengthen the base of our economy and generate sustainable jobs."

According to the Ethiopian Investment Commission, these parks are set up for specific sectors such as textile and apparel, leather and leather products, pharmaceutical, and agro-processing. The Adama Park joins others like the flagship Hawassa Industrial Park and the Bole Lemi Industrial Park.

The country will open more such parks including Dire Dawa, Mekelle, Kombolcha, Kilinto, Arerti, Bole Lemi II and Debre Berhan Industrial Parks.

Ethiopian government has often taken high-profile visitors to tour these parks. The International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde, Rwandan President Paul Kagame and President Isaias Afwerki of Eritrea have all visited these parks during their visit to the country.

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