

DURBAN OCEANGATE

Re-Engineering the North -South Corridor through SEZ-Driven Corridor Development and the RedesigN of Living Expériences for Economic Renewal & Wealth Creation.



Why Durban? Why Now?



Re-emergence
of the Cape Route

Nearshoring &
supply chain
diversification



Climate reg-
ulation
new market
access

Durban



Critical
minerals race
(DRC-Zambia)



Digitalisation
as competitive
infrastructure

The Oceangate Doctrine



Durban is transitioning from being a port,
to a **sovereign economic system**.

Integrated Corridor Vision

Durban as the Engine of the North–South Value System



- Evolving governance frameworks
- Multimodal coordination gaps
- Variable cross-border efficiencies
- Digital systems not yet fully interoperable
- Increasing climate resilience requirements



2030 Strategic Positioning

Durban Oceangate Is Positioned to Become:

- Africa's Southern Maritime Capital
- The Head of the North–South Corridor
- A Digital, Climate-Aligned, Value-Creating Gateway
- The Institutional Anchor of Southern Africa's Industrial Basin

Durban transitions from a logistics point to a continental economic compass.

Industrial Poles of the North-South Corridor

The New Industrial Spine



Kolwezi SEZ (DRC)
Battery Minerals—Green Processing & Mineral Sovereignty Hub

Lusaka South MFEZ
Advanced Manufacturing & Light-Industry Zone

Sunway City SEZ (Zimbabwe)
Agro-Industrial & Regional Supply Chain Hub

Beitbridge Border
Smart Border Port of Entry – Transit-Customs & Trade Facilitation

Musina–Makhado SEZ
Strategic Border SEZ—Metallurgy, Energy & Smart Border Logistics

Gauteng SEZ Cluster
Continental Manufacturing & Innovation Node

Richards Bay IDZ
Blue Economy Hub—Energy, b/Exports & Green Industrialisation

Durban
Africa's Premier Maritime Gateway & Corridor Launchpad

Corridor Value Chains

A Pan-Regional Value System

NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR VALUE CHAINS

Copperbelt

Copper, cobalt
Battery minerals
Green processing



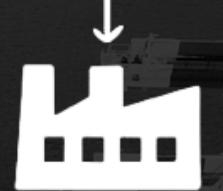
Lusaka

Food processing,
packaging, Light
manufacturing



Musina

Steel, aluminium
Coal-to-energy
Metallurgy



Global Markets

EU, GCC
Asia
Africa

Beitbridge

Transit
customs



Gauteng

Automotive
machinery
Chemicals
Pharmaceeuticsts



Musina– Makhado SEZ

Automotive
Chemicals
Pharmaceuuticals

Automotive
components



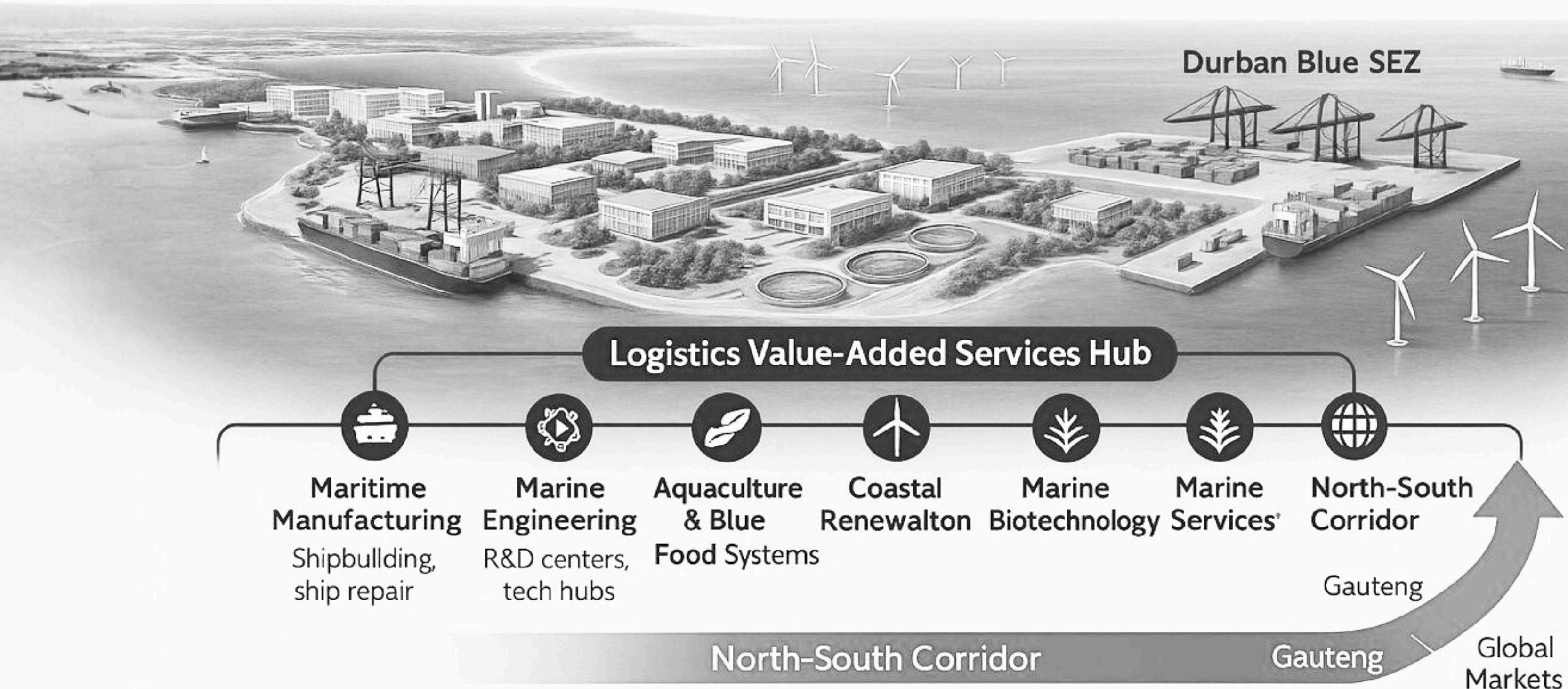
Durban

Machinery



Durban Blue SEZ

Africa's First Land-Sea Continuum SEZ



MEDA Institutional Architecture

Maritime Economic Domain Authority (MEDA)

MEDA HOLDING

90% National Government
10% Municipality



HYBRID MODEL

- Landlord Port
- Equipment Port
- PPP Co-Invest Terminal Model

Hybrid Governance Model

A Modern Operating Model for Durban

- Landlord Port for long-term infrastructure
- Equipment Port for efficient current operations
- PPP Co-Invest Terminal Model for productivity, digitalisation & green standards
- MEDA Holding as the sovereign management layer

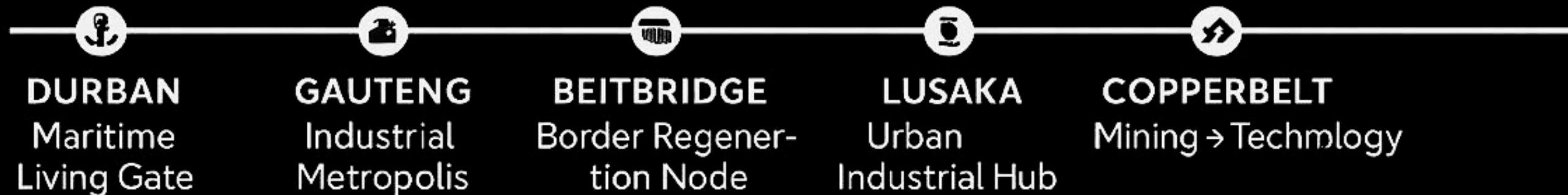


The Living Corridor & The Bleisure Economy

Where Productivity, Talent & Quality of Life Converge

Living Experience = Competitiveness

- SEZs must function as liveable economic ecosystems, not isolated work enclaves
- Global investors choose regions that can attract and retain skilled talent
- Productivity rises when mobility, safety, housing & culture are integrated



The Bleisure Economy (Business + Leisure + Wellness)

- Mixed-use districts
- Waterfront activation
- Cultural & innovation clusters
- Wellness & community services

2030 Transformation Targets



Economic Transformation

- 30–40% reduction in port dwell time
- 40–50% modal shift to rail & multimodal
- Level 5 Digital Maturity (real-time corridor visibility)
- Integrated industrial triangle: Durban–Gauteng–Copperbelt



Climate & Green Transition

- Africa's largest green-fuels bunkering hub
- 50% renewable energy penetration (port & SEZ)
- Port Digital Twin fully deployed
- AI customs, blockchain, clearance & interoperable payments
- Corridor Data Grid operational



Institutional Transformation

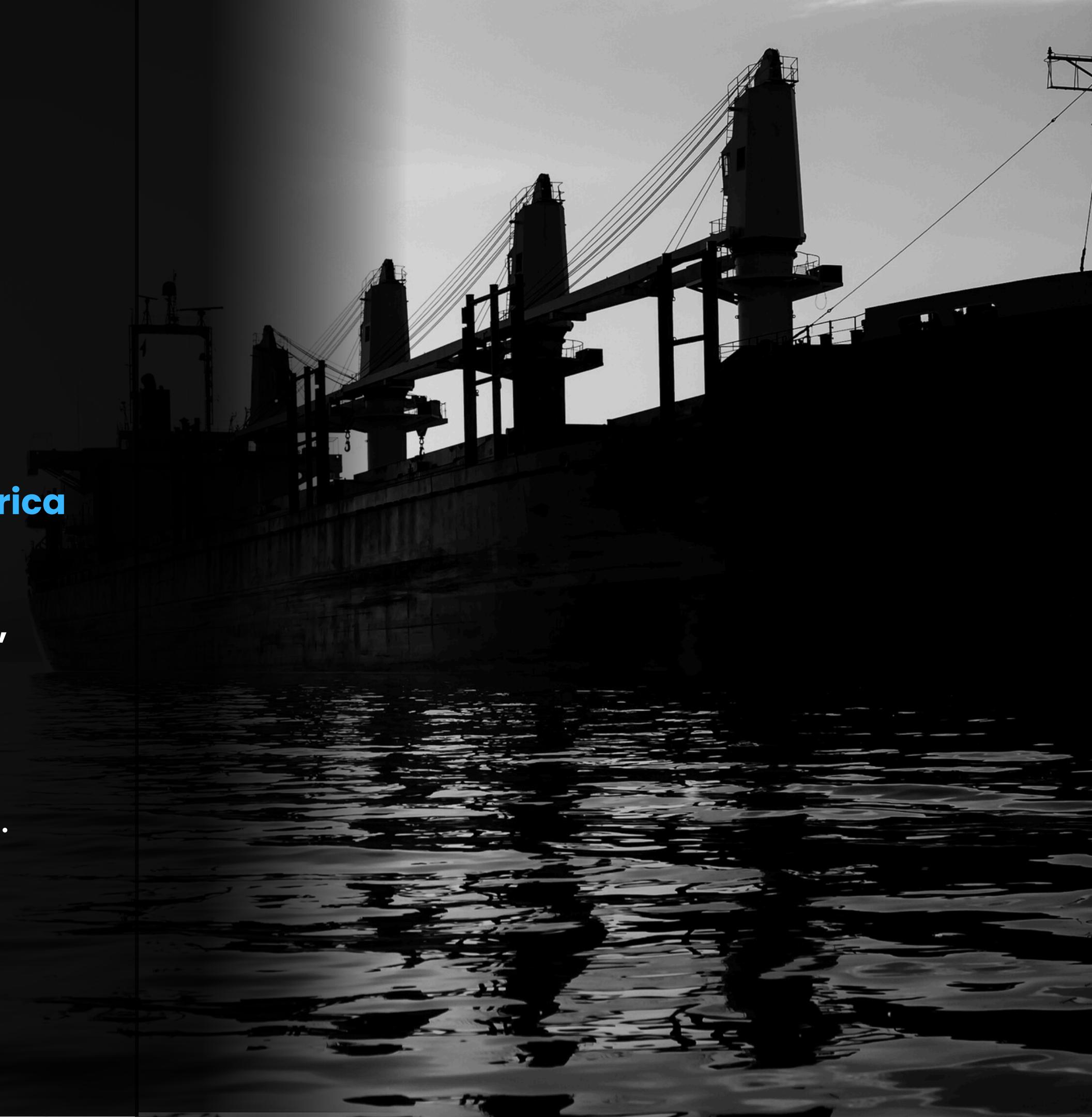
- MEDA operationalised
- 90/10 Sovereign DPHC model established
- USD 7 billion private capital mobilisation
- Blue + Green Finance, concessions, TradeTech, and structured trade finance

The 2030 Promise

Durban will no longer be the place where Africa exports raw value –

it will be the place where Africa shapes, produces and governs industrial value

Durban Oceangate
The Southern Compass of Africa's Future.





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