

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



Critical
minerals race
(DRC-Zambia)

Nearshoring &
supply chain
diversification



Climate reg-
ulation
new market
access



Digitalisation
as competitive
infrastructure

Durban

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

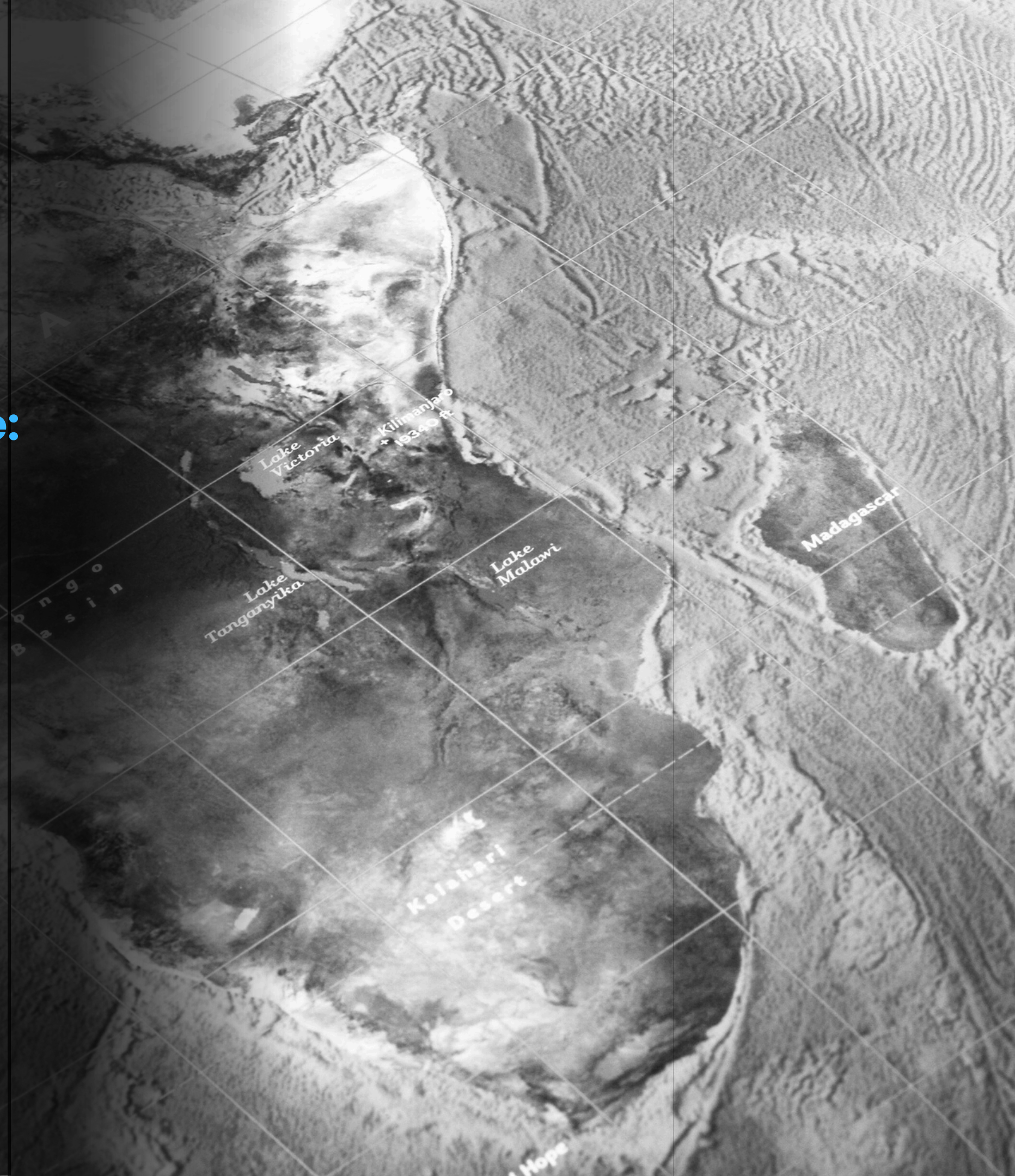


2030 Strategic Positioning

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



Automotive
components

Durban
Machinery



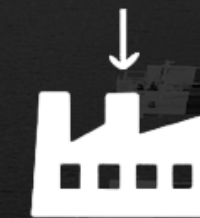
Beitbridge
Transit
customs



Lusaka

Food processing,
packaging, Light
manufacturing

Gauteng
Automotive
machinery
Chemicals
Pharmaceuticsts



Musina

Steel, aluminium
Coal-to-energy
Metallurgy

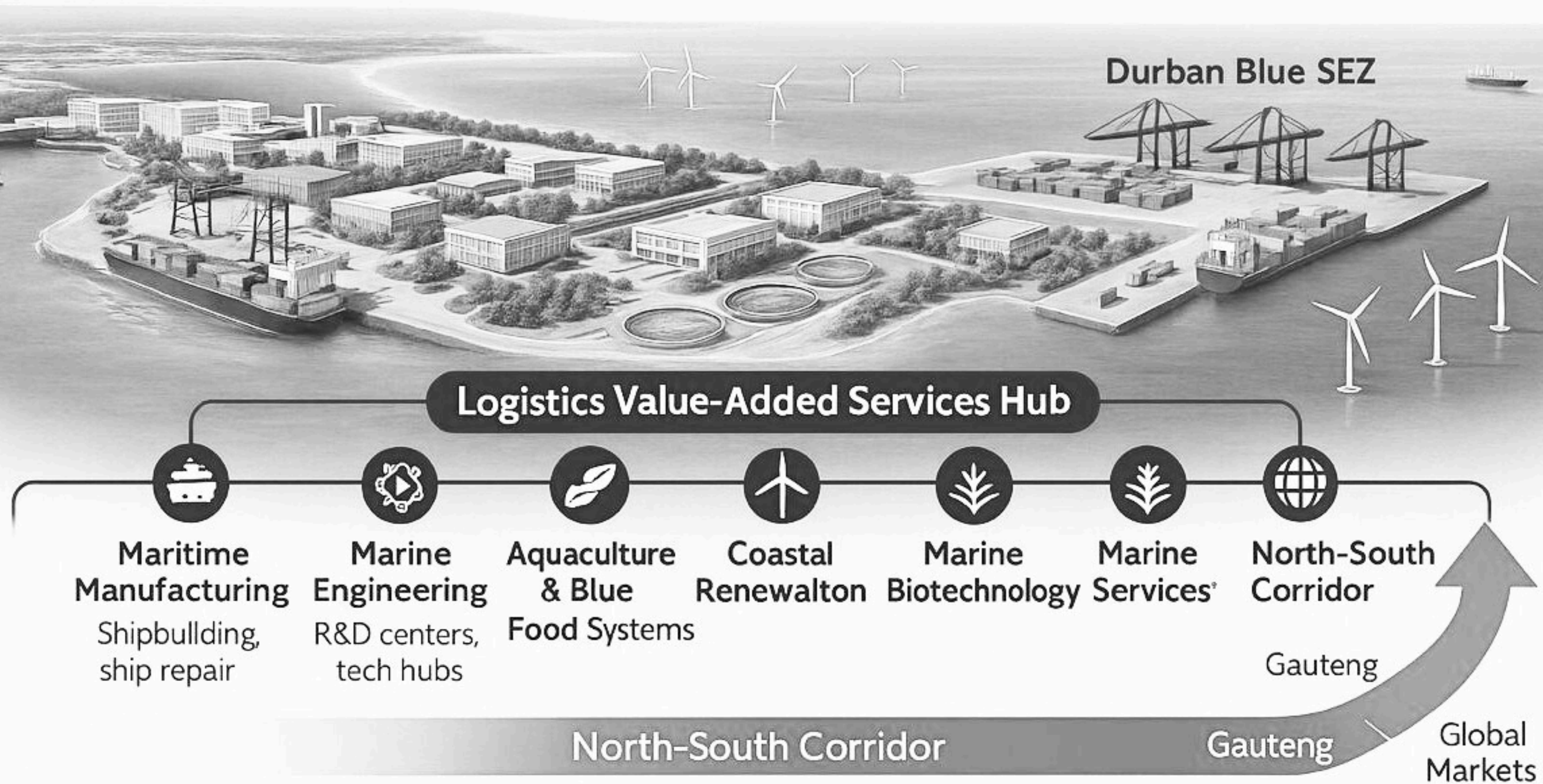
**Musina-
Makhado SEZ**
Automotive
Chemicals
Pharmaceuuticals



**Global
Markets**
EU, GCC
Asia
Africa

Durban Blue SEZ

Africa's First Land-Sea Continuum SEZ



MEDA Institutional Architecture

Maritime Economic Domain Authority (MEDA)



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



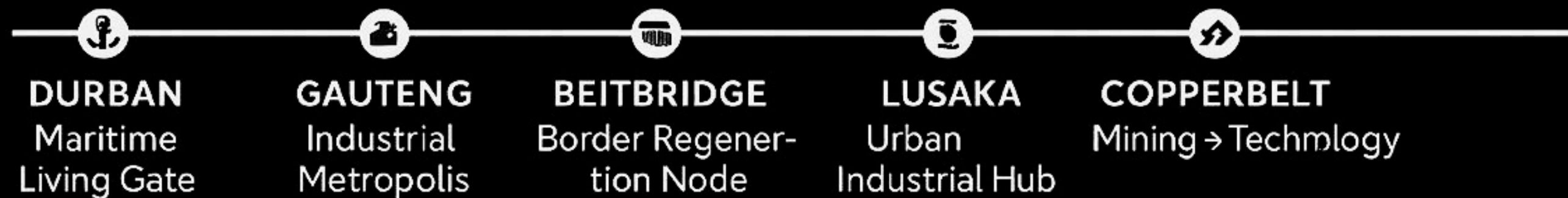
Waterfront activation



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

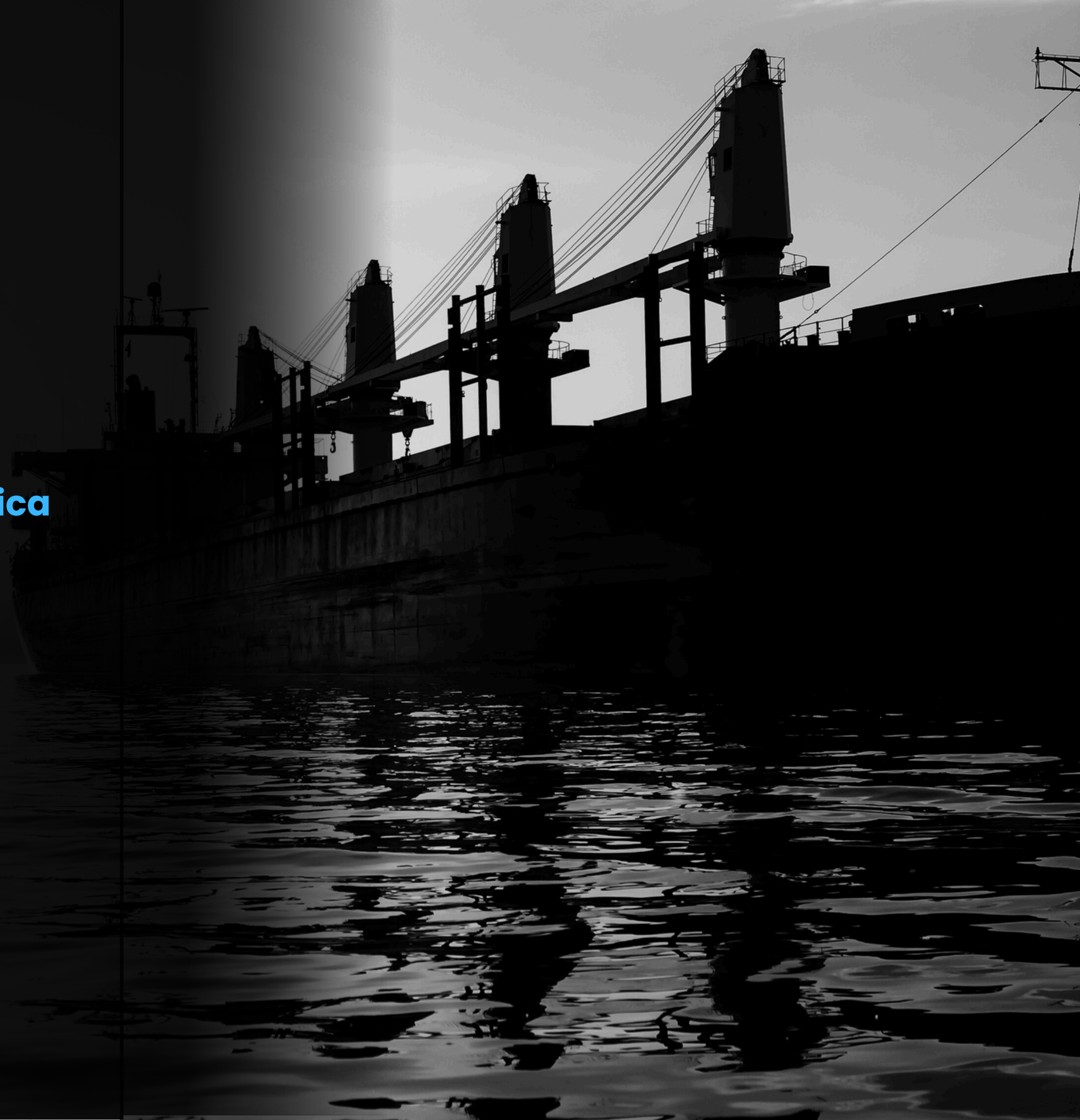
- MEDA operationalised
- 90/10 Sovereign DPHC model established
- USD 7 billion private capital mobilisation
- Blue + Green Finance, concessions, TradeTech, and structured trade finance

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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