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Establishing a Special Economic Zone in Bangladesh

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- Dedicated and new SEZ Authority (under PMO or BOI)
- BEPZA can share experience with BSEZA, initial lien of professional staff
- Set up initial coordination office, ahead of forming BSEZA
- Small staff of BSEZA to begin, 10-15 personnel

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- To start, the PSDSP design phase DPSG needs to put recommendations to the GoB on the creation of an SEZ
- To support this, the creation of a small SEZ coordination office in PMO, or maybe BOI, should be initiated.
- Headed by a high-ranking and influential official and professional staff, on good terms and conditions

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- Firsts tasks include designing legal authority of a future BSEZA, short-listing SEZ locations
- PSDCG members could join the coordination office along with other professionals
- Examine feasibility of different mixes of public-private approaches, and site selection
- Prime consideration of site should be commercial viability

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- SEZ could be an area of several hundred square kilometres

Timeframe

- 3 months after receiving recommendation to set up SEZ coordination office
- 6 months for site-selection
- Government could then approve a pre-feasibility study (three months)
- 1 year, complete full feasibility study
- Creation of BSEZA legal mandate, closure of initial coordination office