



Special Technology Zones Authority  
Government of Pakistan

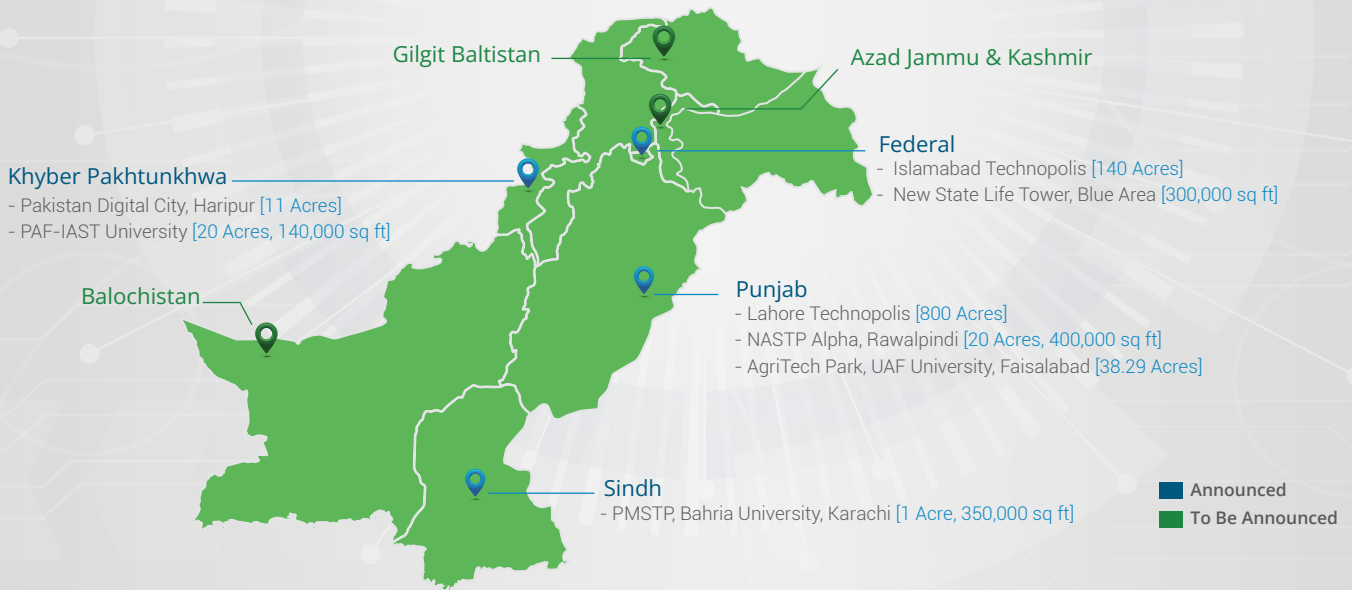
STZA is an autonomous body of the Government of Pakistan established to build the scientific and technological ecosystem through development of zones & acceleration of technology development in the country. Based on the Triple Helix Model of innovation, the authority brings together technology Industry, Academia & Government services for national socioeconomic development & lays the foundation of Pakistan's knowledge economy of the future.

### STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Research & Innovation
- FDI & Local Investments
- Job Creation
- Transfer of Technology
- Tech Exports & Import Substitution
- Human Capital Development

### ZONES ACROSS PAKISTAN

A Zone can encompass either 5 acres of land or 250,000 sq ft of covered area, and it can be new, existing, or an STZ expansion.



### TYPES OF LICENSES

#### ZONE DEVELOPER (ZD)

Entities licensed for developing, operating, and managing infrastructure inside a Special Technology Zone to host Zone Enterprises and support services.

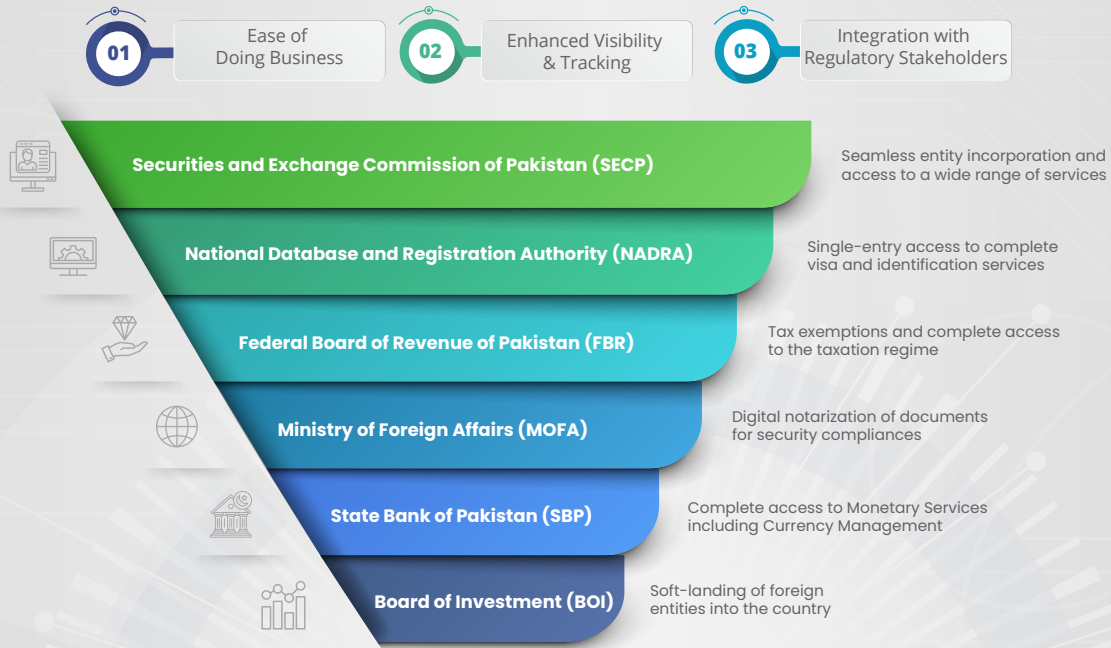
#### ZONE ENTERPRISE (ZE)

Entities licensed to operate inside the Special Technology Zones for fostering innovation and contributing to the knowledge economy of Pakistan.



# ONE WINDOW FRAMEWORK (OWF)

STZA One-Window Framework is an integrated & efficient digital and physical platform, designed to harmonize engagement experiences, to provide ease of doing business and compliance for all entities aiming to or operating in STZA enabled zones across the country.



\*A subset of government agencies is shown above. STZA OWF connects with other government agencies in federal, provincial and local jurisdictions.

# TRIPLE HELIX MODEL OF INNOVATION



# INCENTIVES OFFERED TO ZEs & ZDs

## TAX

- Profit and Gains under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001
- Minimum Tax under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001
- Income tax on dividends & long-term capital gains of Venture Capital Funds from their investments in ZE
- All taxes and duties on import of capital goods (including withholding tax, sales tax & custom duties)

## FOREX

- Eligible for opening of Special Foreign Currency Accounts (FCAs) under SBP Regulations
- Special FCAs can be fed with any proceeds from abroad without the requirement of conversion to PKR
- All payments abroad allowed from the funds available in the Special FCAs, without limitation from SBP
- Conversion of funds in Special Forex Account into PKR for disbursements in Pakistan

\*Exemptions are valid for the period of 10 years from the date of issuance of license | Incentives as provided under the STZA Act, 2021