

Azonko Simpi

GREENWICH MERIDIAN TOWER AND CRUISE TERMINAL

TEMA PORT



*Image above:
Mr. Azonko Simpi.*

*Images below:
Renderings of envisioned Greenwich Meridian
Tower and Cruise Terminal.*



Who are you and what is your background?

I am Azonko Simpi. I am a musician by my degree, a sound engineer and acoustician, inventor, and the CEO of World Time Limited.

How did you become involved with Tema Port?

We want to get world time from a passive state to an active state by connecting the time clock to music. To give authenticity to the world time clock, we realized we had to go to the Greenwich Meridian, and in Ghana this is of course in Tema. But when I came to Tema, I realized it was not fully clear where the meridian is. So we developed a landmark that would signify the location of the Greenwich Meridian at the last point on land towards the Equator and the South Pole. We have called this point Terra Nihil Locus Mundiale (Land Zero Global Position). It is located at Latitude 5.37N, Longitude 0 and is right at Tema Port.

What the landmark about?

We envision the landmark as a tower combined with a cruise terminal. Part of that landmark is a pillar right on the Greenwich Meridian. It is to be located in the so-called Tema Time Park, where we will connect the

time culture to the music culture with the Classic Africa Sync Clock that we invented. The landmark will be the Center of the World, incorporating an educational center where the port can present itself and scientists can connect to the public. It's a wonderful location for concerts for Classical African Music, and of course for all kinds of innovative experiments with time, music and the sea.

What do you hope Tema port looks like in 20 years from now?

We hope the Greenwich Meridian Tower and Cruise Terminal will be built as part of the new port development. We have already made some potential designs that were shown in the stakeholder workshop of your project we participated in. In my opinion, such a tower and terminal have the potential to attract many tourists from Ghana and far beyond. It would have facilities to host both local and international conferences, as organizers will very much like to have their functions at the Center of the World. And I think it will also attract cruise ships from all over the world. Tourists enjoy to learn and experience at this iconic landmark: taking their pictures on the meridian, listen to African music, and look at port activities.