

ACMA: status of progress & way forward



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Introduction

- Africa's success in global trade is largely affected by the performance of the transport and logistics industry
- Landlocked countries are the most affected, coupled with low intra- African trade
- 15 out of the 54 countries in Africa are landlocked
- Substantial amount of time is lost at the borders- sea ports, airports & land border crossings
- Africa Population size – 1.3 Billion people
- Problems on the continent : **Poor governance, corruption, unemployment, insecurity, poverty**
- **Infrastructure deficit, unplanned settlements**



Background

- During the African Union summit of Heads of state in 2012 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia the Heads of State and Government endorsed two critical initiatives;
- The action plan on boosting intra- Africa trade (BIAT)
- A framework & road map to fast track the establishment of a continental free trade area (CFTA) for continental integration
- UNECA & ADB & other development partners were specifically tasked to spearhead the implementation process of the above
- Against this background, UNECA through the ATPC initiated the establishment of strategic African Management Alliance for trade expansion & continental integration
- ACMA was born



Background

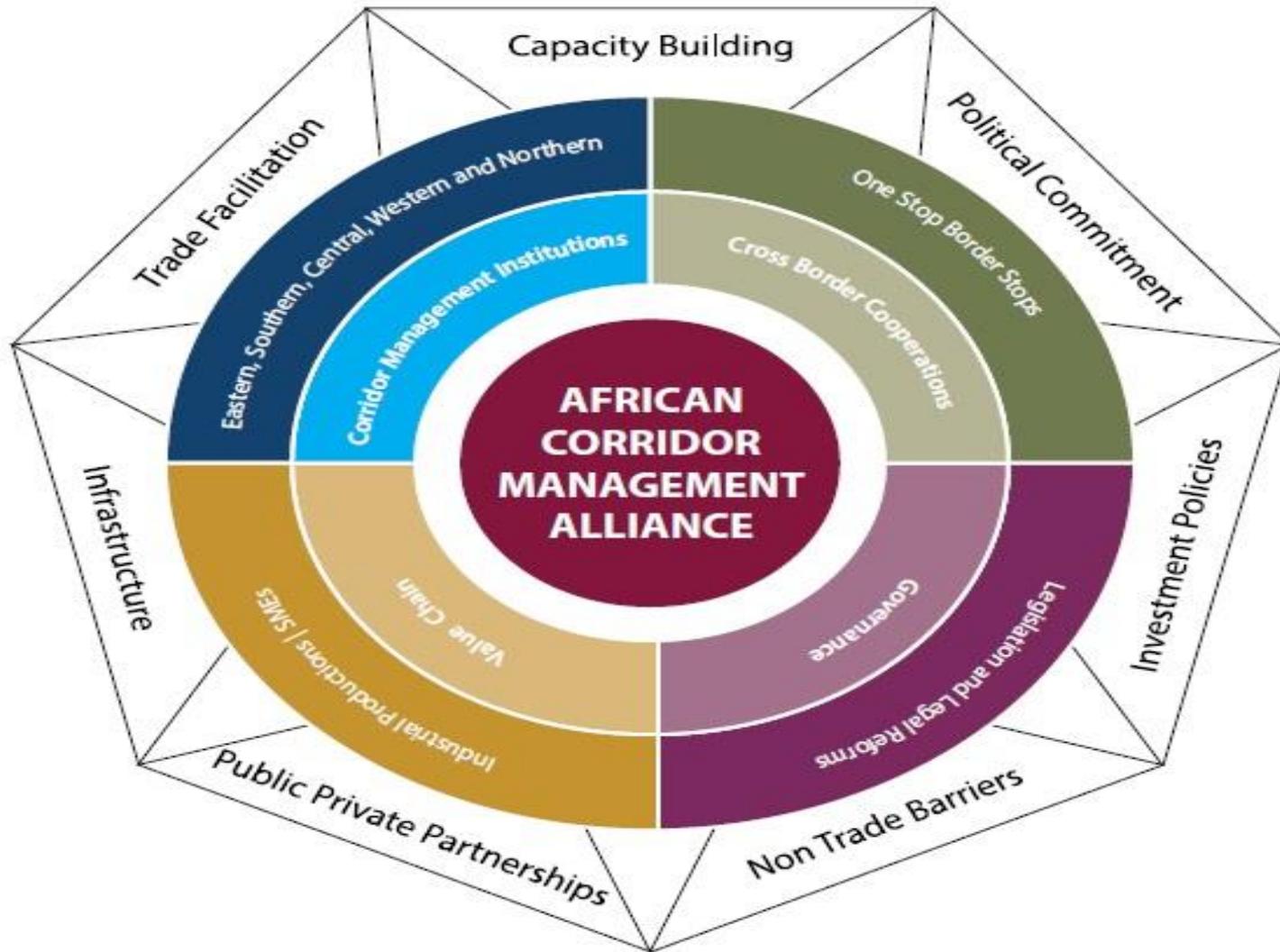
- The establishment of ACMA as an umbrella organization for African corridors was viewed as a channel through which UNECA's engagement with CMI's could be strengthened
- A strategy document for actualization of ACMA programs was developed – Luke Wasonga



Objectives of ACMA

- Collaboration & information sharing
- Capacity building
- Exchange & promotion of best practices
- Inform policy formulation
- Identifying & responding to financial needs of CMIs
- Identifying & responding to the technical needs of CMIs
- Monitoring & evaluation and peer review
- Ensuring coordination of corridor infrastructure & development at national, regional and continental level
- Include a supportive role to coordinated infrastructure & identifying funding options for possible joint infrastructure projects along the corridors

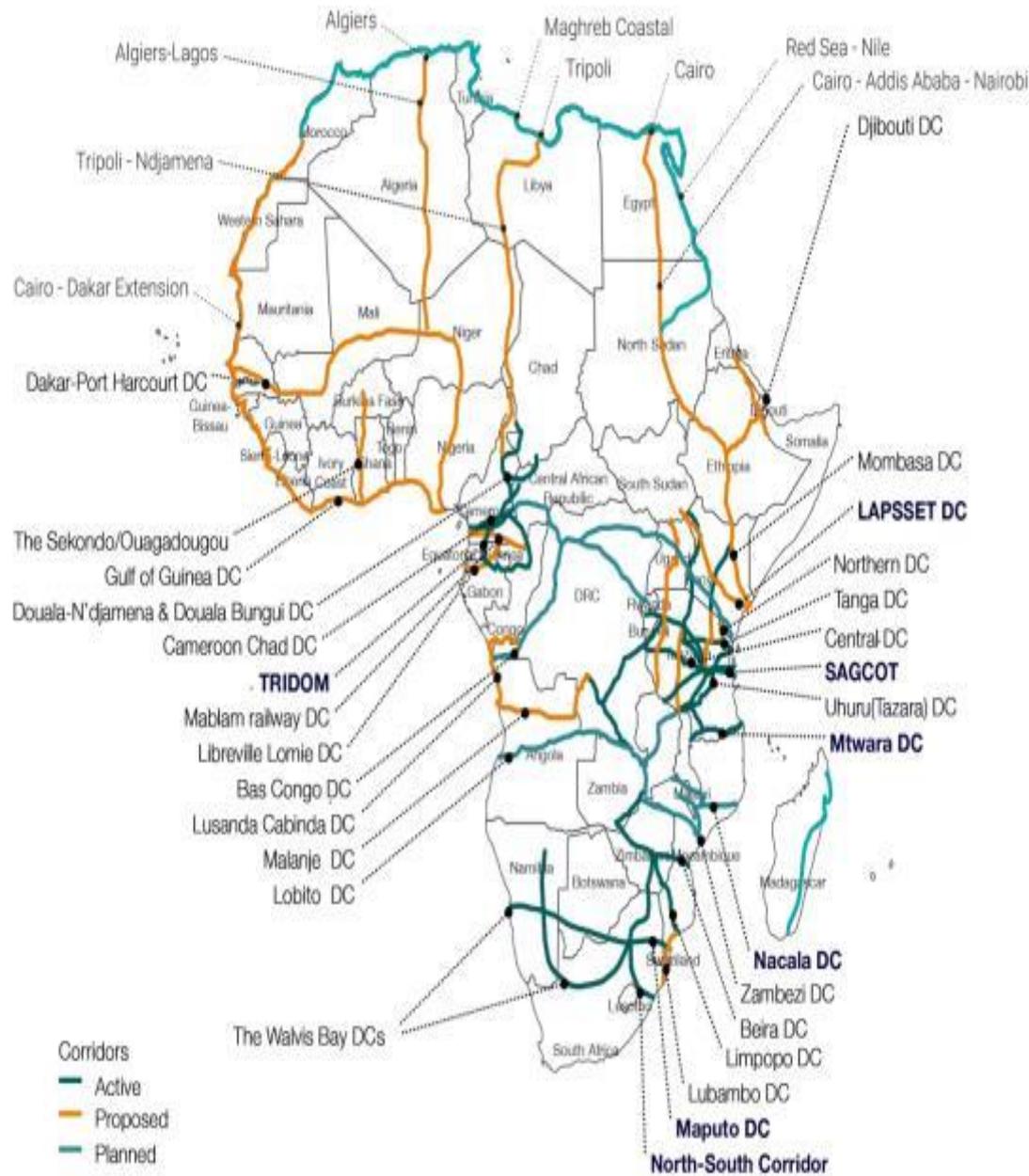




Composition & Scope

- The governing board of ACMA consist of the Board of Directors
- Whose role is to reflect on strategic & policy guidance and regional leadership balance to the secretariat
- The board of directors comprise 7 representatives from Southern, Eastern, Western, Central, Northern Africa Maghreb sub – regions;
- MCLI, NCTTCA, Dar Corridor, Central Corridor, ALCO, UMA, WBCG
- The board will assist ACMA in formulation of trade facilitation strategies, harmonization of national & regional policies





Scope of ACMA

- African Corridors of Development
- Need for Efficient Transport Facilitation
- Explore Joint Cross Border Initiatives

Awareness creation

- Introduction of ACMA – 24 September 2012
- CMI & stakeholder meetings – 2013 - 2014
- Confirmation of WBCG to host ACMA - 2014
- MOU between UNECA & WBCG established – 2015
- Africa Trade week
- Roads & corridors – East Africa
- WBNLDC tripartite meetings
- SSATP and UNECA symposiums



Advocacy missions

- Advocacy, collaborative awareness missions in promoting ACMA's visibility.
- 21 -25 January 2018 – the following CMLs were visited
- Lamu Port - South Sudan – Ethiopia Development Authority (LAPSSSET) - Nairobi
- Intergovernmental Standing Committee on Shipping (ISCOS) - Mombasa
- The Northern Corridor Transit Transport Coordination Authority (NCTTCA) - Mombasa
- The Dar es Salaam Corridor Committee (DCC)



Planned activities

- Recruitment of expertise in support of ACMA mandate
- Advocacy, collaborative awareness missions in promoting ACMA's visibility.
- ACMA board meeting – April 2018
- Engagement with RECs on ACMA strategy & support
- Consultancy services on technical aspects - TBA
- Website URL portal development
- Focal point persons



Planned activities

- Consultative meetings & sectoral scanning, case studies to identify feasible business cases e.g. Agriculture, tourism, industrial parks, multi- facility economic zones, mining, Railway infrastructure etc. (spatial development initiatives)
- Administrative & logistical support – office space, staff time, ground transport, communication & training – WBCG= Interim secretariat of ACMA
- Publication & printing of materials related to newsletters & marketing materials – WBCG marketing



Challenges

- **Sustainability funding** for ACMA programs
- **Sustained commitment** on the part of leaders – **Political will**
- The **cost of corridor inefficiencies**, cumbersome cross border & clearance procedures
- **Infrastructure deficit** is a barrier to intra regional trade in Africa
- Intra **African trade stands at 20% vs 62% for developed economies**
- **PIDA** Priority Action Plan (PAP) 2017 Estimates that the African Regional Transport Infrastructure Network (ARTIN) - Corridor inefficiencies cost about **\$75Bn per year**
- **Commitment** by the RECs to support ACMA
- The **need to build stronger partnerships** with RECs, regional & continental agencies & the private sector players



Way forward/opportunities

- **Program funding** will facilitate capacitation of ACMA & empower it by **enhancing linkages between RECs and national corridor state institutions**
- Enhance corridor states' **competitiveness, collaboration & sharing of information on best practices**- ACMA
- **Political will**, institutional & physical connectivity - intra regional trade-larger markets, representation from all sub-regions of Africa
- **Strategic partnerships** will be fundamental in ensuring **long term sustainability** in ACMA's agenda to transform transport corridors into economic corridors and boost intra - African trade
- **ACMA strategy** to **provide platform** for donors to appreciate CMIs issues
- **Capacity capacity** for planning and execution of bankable projects – Trade, tourism, electric power, mining, agriculture, infrastructure etc
- **Foster strong implementation partnerships, PPPs, MOUs, deeper** regional integration – wider market access
- **Representation on African Union Business Council** of the AUC, NEPAD
- **Boost intra Africa trade** and encourage **regional & global value-chains**





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Thank you
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