Regional Integration Pillar Work Program approved by REC TCC

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Abuja, Nigeria
Overview of the Work Program

Ongoing activities

- Truck Monitoring System for E&S Africa
- Ports
- Efficient Transit Regime
- Support to CMIs (includes new activities recommended by the REC TCC)
- Tripartite Transport Standards

Newly launched or under preparation

- Transport Observatories
- West Africa Transport Legal and Regulatory Framework
- Central Africa Transport Legal and Regulatory Framework
- Dry ports

Recommended by REC TCC for further definition

- Assessment of SW
- Exploration of standards for electronic signature and certification of transport documents
Tentative timeline for DP3: 18 months left

- July 2018 AGM & REC TCC
- End 2018 REC TCC
- Mid 2019 REC TCC
- November 2019 AGM & REC TCC
- December 2019 End of Program
Truck Monitoring System for Eastern and Southern Africa

- USAID took over the funding of the TMS in April 2018
- Main tasks ahead
  - Build partnership for adding value to the data and publish regular policy / highlight notes
  - Improve UI for the reports
  - Adjustments to zones and routes (buffer zones, variable routes)
  - Take stock of the experience with GPS data
- Closely related to the transport observatory activity
Ports

- Container Terminal Concessions Guidelines
  - Dissemination PMAWCA August 2018
  - Joint funding with PPIAF for technical assistance to Nigeria Ports Authority

- Port Performance Indicators
  - Upcoming publication on African ports performances in cooperation with UNCTAD Q4 2018
  - PMAWCA Workshop on PPIs in Q4 2018

- No further activities planned beyond 2018
Effective Transit Regimes

• Upcoming publication on good practices on transit regimes identified through the two workshops, tentatively Q2 2019
  • The Single Customs Territory (SCT) in East Africa;
  • PACIR blueprint for Customs interconnection;
  • Review of the fees and charges (contravening rules principles and good practices) applied to transit goods in West Africa (as example of bad practice
  • Position paper on GPS tracking inter-operability and electronic seals for breakbulk trucks
  • Review of regional transit guarantee scheme (ECOWAS, COMESA)

• Input into the global WCO publication on good practices as companion to the WCO transit guidelines
Support to CMIs (ongoing)

• Maputo Corridor
  • The three countries have agreed to proceed with the validation of the MoU for its signature, with support from the T³FP

• Central Corridor
  • Strategic plan for the Corridor under development

• Lake Tanganyika Authority
  • Still under definition
Support to CMIs (to consider)

• Recommended for consideration by the REC TCC July 2018
  • Strategic plan for ISCOS (Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Tanzania, HQ in Mombasa)
  • Review of the Northern Corridor Treaty and Protocols
    • The current version of the Treaty, due for revision every 10 years, has been ratified in 2007
    • The changes in the region require revision of the Treaty, but also the Protocols annexed to the Treaty
Tripartite Road Standards

• Preparation of guidelines on road side stations with preliminary areas of focus
  • RSS Planning
  • RSS Locations
  • RSS Layout and Specifications
  • Service Delivery
  • Enabling Legal and Institutional Environment

• Study still at an early stage
Transport Observatories

• Maputo Corridor Transport Observatory
  • Focus on port and rail data
  • Integration of TMS data

• Northern Corridor Transport Observatory
  • Part of a joint TMEA-SSATP program
  • Activity included in the TTCA work program
  • Review of the impact of SCT on Customs IT processes (with applications also for the Central Corridor Transport Observatory)
  • Integration of TMS data

• Upcoming publication Transport Observatory Guidelines volume 2 tentatively Q1 2019
West Africa Transport Legal and Regulatory Framework

• Activity launched with the publication of WP108 ‘Trucking competitiveness in West and Central Africa’

• Objective is to develop a template legal and regulatory framework for the professionalization of transport and logistics in West Africa, as well as promote competition and efficiency

• Activity builds on the WB corridor programs in West Africa

• Activity to be further discussed on July 5
Central Africa Transport Legal and Regulatory Framework

• Concept Note stage
• ECCAS Commission has received a grant from the AfDB under the EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund to implement a regional trade facilitation program
• SSATP will second an expert to assist ECCAS Commission in the definition and implementation of a regional transport instruments component
• Activity to be further discussed on July 5
Dry ports

• Concept Note stage

• Objective is publication of guidelines on dry ports
  • Role of dry ports in the overall corridor logistics infrastructure
  • Functions of dry ports
  • Dry ports, ICDs and logistics zones
  • Management

• Tentative publication by Q3 2019
Single Window Assessment Guidelines

- Activity proposed by AAEC (African Alliance for Electronic Commerce)
- Objective is to publish a standard methodology to assess SW performance and provide decision makers tools to measure how SW contribute to trade performance
- Follow-up from a WB supported activity
- Estimated budget requirement 200,000$
Standards for digital signature and documentation for transport

• Logistics performance in corridors is becoming more and more tied to digital exchange capacity of data and document
  • Harmonized structure of data and documents is critical to ensure efficiency and continuity of flows
  • Digital signatures used in all countries along a corridor should be mutually recognized and accepted
  • Examples of documents: Drivers licenses, Vehicle licenses, Cross Border Permits, Road worthiness certificate, weighbridge certificates

• There is a technical and legal concern that SSATP could help to clarify through a guideline or advocacy and sensitization activities for RECs and at a global continental level

• T³FP will collaborate with SSATP in this activity