



# Transport Instruments in West and Central Africa

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# Background 1

- The legal and regulatory framework is the starting point for the reforms for the professionalization of the trucking industry
- The existing legislations and instruments at national, bilateral and regional levels are often incomplete, not fully defined, or overtaken by more recent development of international good practices
- Togo requested assistance from WB to prepare a new Transport Law and the subsidiary legislation

# Background 2

- The drafting of the Togo legal and regulatory instruments will start Q4 2018
- The WB has launched or is preparing corridor programs with a component on professionalization of transport and logistics services on several corridors
  - Abidjan – Ouagadougou
  - Lomé – Ouagadougou – Niamey
  - Dakar - Bamako
- SSATP discussed with stakeholders from W&C Africa and preparing the ground for region-wide reforms by defining a template that could be replicated in many countries has been added to the SSATP work program

# West Africa

- Basis exists with the work in Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Togo, and existing EU regional program under EDF
- SSATP would adapt the Togo framework to the needs of the region and provide resources to two RECs, UEMOA and ECOWAS to drive the validation process by the member countries to get consensus on a template
- The new West Africa Trade Facilitation Program, the EU national components of the regional program and the WB Corridors programs will assist countries on a pragmatic basis to upgrade their national legislation

# Central Africa

- The situation is slightly different
  - Larger knowledge gap on the status of the transport instruments and stakeholders to involve
  - But ECCAS benefits from a AfDB grant for developing and implementing a regional trade facilitation program
- The SSATP will provide technical expertise to the ECCAS Secretariat to assist in the definition and implementation of a trade facilitation program aiming at professionalization of trucking and logistics services

