



2018 SSATP Annual Meeting

***Regional Integration Pillar:
Main outcomes from technical
sessions and long term work program
update***

July 2-6. 2018

Abuja, Nigeria

REC TCC meeting July 2-3

A- Three thematic technical sessions: **Road transport/ Corridor performance monitoring/ Corridor development**

I. Road transport session :

1. **Update on Tripartite Road Transport and Transit instruments**: A inter Rec (COMESA- EAC SADC) harmonization program to be encouraged - a best practice worth replicating in other regions.

2. **Guidelines in Minimum standards for Tripartite Road Side Stations and Rest Stops**: RSS : a minimum requisite facility for efficient logistics - key findings of the study to be disseminated with other RECs, Corridors authorities and donors

3. **Access to markets & professionalization -quality-based regulations** : need to promote incentives- based approaches to encourage private sector to adopt self-regulatory charters to drive higher quality standard operations

4. **Introduction of UATLO** (Union of African Transport and Logistics organizations): Union urged to engage in an Africa -wide dialogue for more rationalized and sustainable alternative ways to promote industry members' interests

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II. Corridor performance monitoring session:

1. **Performance Monitoring in the UEMOA Region:** A success story to be scaled up through leveraging existing TOs in East and Southern Africa and building strategic partnerships.
2. **Eastern & Southern Africa Truck Monitoring Systems (Status and Way Forward):** a breakthrough big data tool critical to the TOs work that needs to be promoted
3. **Inland Waterways (CICOS) Transport Observatory Update:** vital monitoring tool to be revamped through consistent support from the REC (ECCAS) for safer, accessible and more efficient inland waterways transportation.

Status of East Africa Transport Observatories

4. **Northern Corridor update:** A clear demonstration of the added value of TOs results for trade facilitation to be enhanced - a best practice worth replicating on other corridors.
5. **Dar Corridor update:** An experience of embedding IT based monitoring tools to drive the corridor development agenda - lessons worth learning by other RECs and corridor institutions

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III. Corridor session

1. **Corridor Development in West Africa** (ECOWAS Commission): The Abidjan- Lagos corridor prospects: a case study aligned with integrated corridor approach - key findings to be shared across RECs.
2. **UEMOA engagement in Corridor Development in West Africa**: a needed initiative to be enriched with the good practices recorded in other African regions.
3. **AUC engagement in Corridor Development in Africa**: a corridor - support pilot program and a useful guide for integrated corridor development
4. **AfDB engagement in REC capacity building to deliver on trade facilitation** : addressing a strategic gap -need for a balance in REC s mandate for optimal and sustainable use of human resources.
5. **Africa Corridor Management Alliance: Status of progress and way forward** : The **Alliance** encouraged to develop a result - based strategic plan for effectiveness and more relevance

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B. REC TCC statutory session:

Chair activity report: presented by outgoing chair

Regional Integration 2017 progress report : presented and discussed

Pillar A long term work program : Pillar work program reviewed and updated by REC TCC stakeholders

Election of the chair of the REC TCC by consensus : UEMOA representative (chief Director transport) elected as new chairman .

Experience sharing and learning from others session July 4th :

1. **Africa Transport Policy paper**: a critical document that member states and regional key stakeholders are urged to actively participate in the validation process
2. **Pillar A results framework** : Stakeholders urged to continue their co-operation with SSATP to contribute achieve the strategic outcomes .
3. **Corridor Performance Monitoring System (CPMS)**: SSATP to deepen partnership around sustainability and mainstreaming of the system into Transport Observatory work
4. **Best practices in transit regimes** : RECs, regional industry stakeholders and donors urged to play an active part in the implementation of Road maps leveraging existing best practices
5. **West Africa trucking competitiveness** : a reform- enabling program that requires ownership and commitment from the two RECs
6. **Nigeria ports**: a case study of implementation of SSATP policy recommendations and a partnership paving the way for efficient logistics

REC interactive session on Program coordination and synergy creation – July 5th

❖ Fostering RECs coordination

- Need for an inter-REC coordination formal framework
- Tripartite scheme : a best practice worth replicating in West and Central Africa

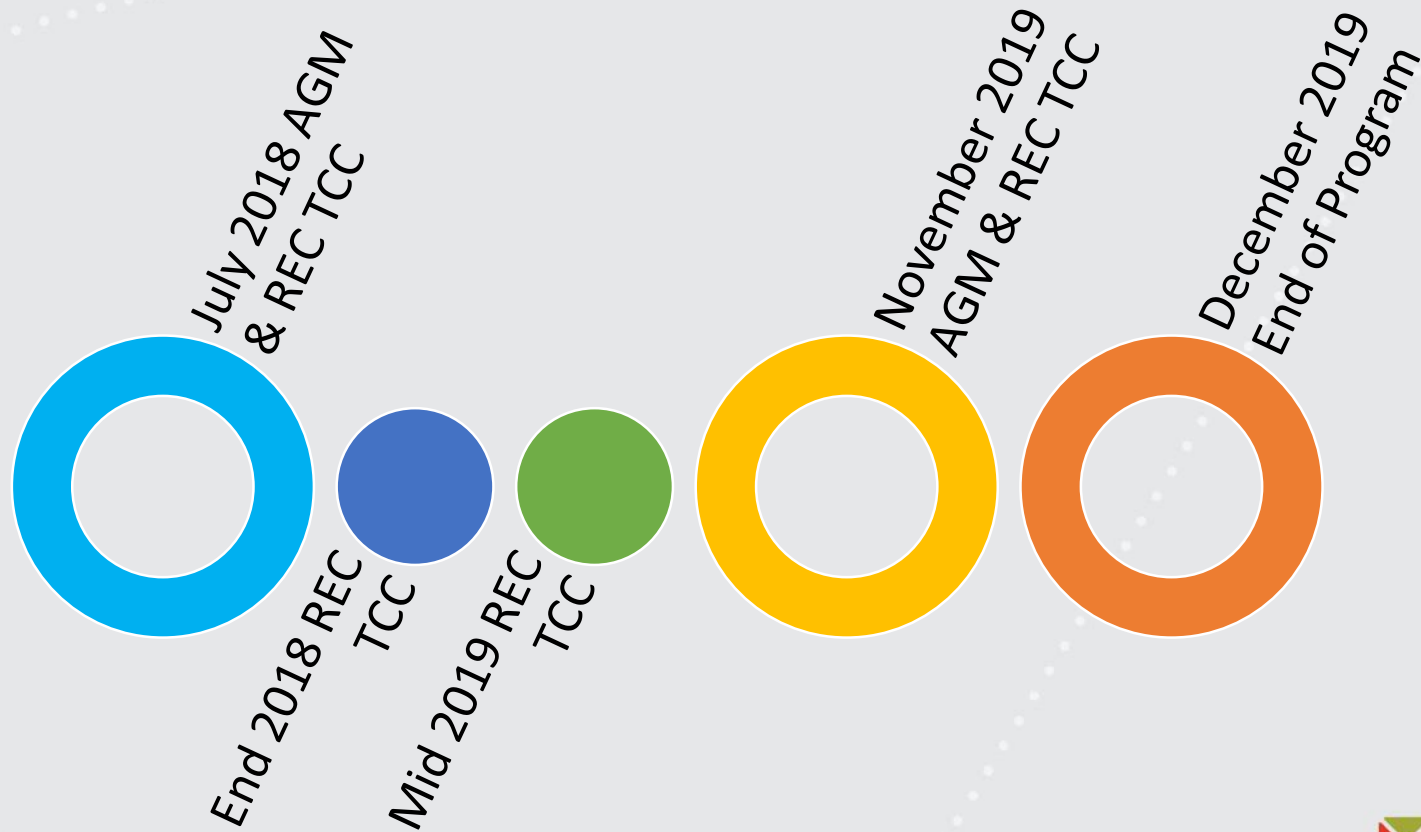
❖ Discussions on the role of REC TTC Chair

- Advocacy at continental level on cross-cutting issues confronting RECs
- AUC to examine potential role that the Chair could play in facilitating the implementation of the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) work program

REC interactive session on Program coordination and synergy creation – July 5th

- ❖ Advance discussion on transport regulatory framework in West Africa and its project for extension to CEMAC/ECCAS region
 - RECs to play a lead role in the inclusive stakeholders consultation process
 - RECs to communicate with SSATP Team to ensure their ongoing relevant programs and projects are aligned with this program
- ❖ Advanced discussion on strengthening African Corridor Management Alliance (ACMA)
 - ACMA formal introduction to the RECs HQ
 - Articulate ACMA value proposition around a very limited number of activities coming to fill gaps identified at member level

Tentative timeline for DP3: 18 months left



Overview of the Work Program

Ongoing activities

- Truck Monitoring System for E&S Africa
- Ports
- Efficient Transit Regime
- Support to CMI (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

Schedule of publications Pillar A

- Q4 2018: African Port Performance
- Q1 2019: Single Windows Assessment Guidelines
- Q1 2019: Corridor Transport Observatory Guidelines volume 2
- Q2 2019: Good practices for transit regime, with input into WCO publication
- Q3 2019: Dry ports Guidelines

