

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS COORDINATION GROUP (DPCG)

Draft Terms of Reference

Rationale:

The SSATP Third Development Plan, SSATP PD3 Mid Term Review raised a concern related to the lack of coordination amongst donors and recommended the establishment coordination groups among SSATP partners, which could have a major impact on achieving Program objectives. Under the SSATP Fourth Development Plan (DP4), coordination will be strengthened to form a broad consensus on sound policy solutions for African transport and promote the implementation of good practices advocated by SSATP on the ground and ensure a strong workflow mechanism in place using bottom-up approach. To operationalize this SSATP Operational Directive, structured coordination mechanisms will be created to strengthen collaboration between stakeholders, promote synergies, identify knowledge gaps and avoid duplication. The Coordination groups include (I) Ministries of Transport's Permanent Secretaries of SSATP country members and Directors of Regional Economic Communities Working Group and Development Partners Coordination Group, DPCG.

Objective:

The DPCG will support the identification of relevant SSATP activities that will inform in structural manner the development partners operations and make SSATP knowledge products and advisory work accessible to all development partners. The DPCG will enhance coordination for key advocacy initiatives, facilitate the dissemination and uptake of SSATP knowledge products, and improve coordination among transport initiatives in Africa.

Composition:

It is proposed that the DPCG will consist of high-level representatives from the development partner community designated by members of SSATP's Executive committee and it will include their respective communication officers or equivalent positions. Participants are expected to be from the European Commission (EC), Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), French Development Agency (AFD), African Development Bank (AfDB), World Bank Group (WBG), and any new interested development partner. The DPCG group will also include representatives from both the African Union Commission (AUC) and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) as the main representatives of SSATP's member countries. Collaboration with the AUC will be key in supporting the continental transport policy agenda and achieving policy outcomes.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Strengthen the synergies between SSATP Development Plans and priority activities and Development Partners transport sector strategies.
- Provide feedback on the relevance of SSATP work program to optimize impacts to seek complementarities and avoid duplication.
- Support SSATP knowledge dissemination and capacity building activities at country and regional level.
- Ensure that the implementation of SSATP policies and activities will be structured and formalized in close collaboration with member countries.
- Designate Pillar Lead focal points that will work directly with SSATP Pillar Leaders on SSATP Development Plan activities.
- Designate a representative to participate in the SSATP DP Mid Term Review as peer reviewers.

Working arrangements and meeting frequency:

The DPCG will meet twice a year, including once virtually. The face-to-face meeting could take place during the SSATP AGM.

Outcomes:

- Expanding outreach and increasing awareness.
- Participatory approach used and broad consensus reached to identifying knowledge gaps and priorities.
- Increased synergies and knowledge products created based on complementarities and comparative advantages.
- Knowledge and experiences dissemination strengthened.