

Terms of Reference

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PERMANENT SECRETARIES AND RECS WORKING GROUP (PS&RECs)

Rationale:

SSATP country members and regional organizations need to increase their involvement in SSATP work program implementation to gain ownership and make good use of the SSATP Knowledge products. There is a need to create a platform to support SSATP Work program implementation at country and regional level. Permanent Secretaries, or equivalent position, are usually longer serving officials. They provide continuity in the policy development dialogue and a Permanent Secretaries and Regional Economic Community Group (PSs &RECs Group) will be most relevant to facilitate SSATP activities and knowledge products uptake.

Objective:

To strengthen coordination among SSATP's main beneficiaries and stakeholders, such as the AUC/UNECA, RECs (or relevant institutions) and national governments, a high-level working group consisting of Permanent Secretaries, or equivalent position and the Transport Directors of RECs will be established to gain ownership of SSATP knowledge products. The PS&REC WG will also increase coordination and collaboration among countries and regional and continental institutions.

Composition:

The Group will include all PSs or equivalent positions of SSATP member countries and RECs-Transport Directors or relevant positions, SSATP-EC financing partners and UNECA representative. It will be led by the AUC's Director of Infrastructure and Energy and Chair of the SSATP Executive Committee. The Group will designate a rapporteur and a representative to prepare activity reports.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

- Facilitate SSATP Development Plan and work program implementation at country and regional level.
- 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 country and regional focal points that will work directly with SSATP Pillar Leaders on SSATP Development Plan activities.
- Monitor the SSATP Development Plans Results Framework.
- Designate two representatives to participate in the SSATP DP Mid Term Review as peer reviewers.
- Prepare an activity report to be discussed at SSATP AGM.

Meeting Frequency:

The PSs and RECs Group will meet twice a year, including once virtually. The face-to-face meeting could take place during the SSATP AGMs.

Outcomes:

- Countries and RECs strengthened ownership of the SSATP knowledge products and activities.
- SSATP Work program implementation facilitated.
- SSATP Knowledge products disseminated at country and regional level.
- Awareness raised among high level decision makers.
- Country and regional organization capacity strengthened.
- Good practice and experiences exchanged at country and regional level.

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