

Regional Integration Pillar

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Paving the way for Sustainable Transport in Africa



Main takes away:

- **Innovations in freight logistics**
- **Panel discussions on corridor management and logistics efficiency**
- **Projecting Regional Integration into DP4**



Integration, Connectivity, and Cohesion

Innovation in Freight logistics:

- ❖ Digitalisation of transport documents: an enabler to improved road governance and corridor performance
- ❖ Innovation in improving logistics efficiency through E-Freight market
- ❖ Leveraging big data to monitor truck routes and border crossing times



Innovation in Freight Logistics

Digitalisation of transport documents: an enabler to improved road governance and corridor performance (DTD)

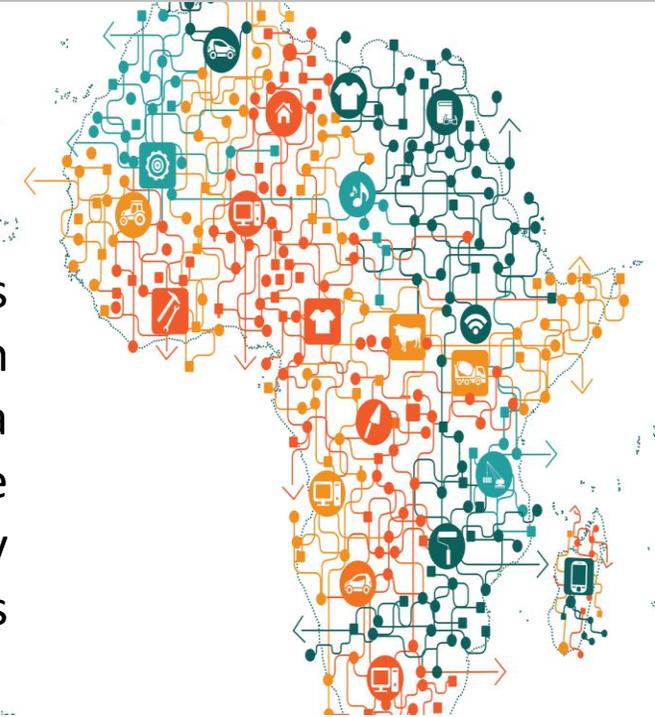
- Centralized, interconnected and secured data base resulting from the digitalization of vehicles and driver documents is a powerful tool that can be leveraged to address in an innovative manner the critical issue of road governance along road corridors in Africa especially at road blocks, weighing stations, border crossing. This will result in saving time and resource to the transporter, the cargo owner, the law enforcement agencies and incentivize compliance. Ultimately it will result into delivering of a more efficient and safer transport while at the same time protecting the road asset.



Innovation in Freight Logistics

Innovation in improving logistics efficiency through E-Freight Market (EFM)

- The road transport industry can make a stride in the way it conducts business and progress toward its professionalization and modernization through the use of technology to better connect demand and supply in a cost and time effective manner. The gains will be spread over the entire value chain, from cargo owner to transporter, from insurance company to customs officer and police, while being “borderless” as far as its capability to integrate more “willing” markets is concerned.



Innovation in Freight Logistics

Leveraging big data to monitor truck routes and border crossing times (TMS)

- ❖ Time spent by trucks along corridors, and at border crossing can now be measured in a more accurate, reliable and consistent manner by making use of the GPS data resulting from the Electronic Fleet Management tracking systems. This informs a healthy dialogue among private and public stakeholders on the black spots and the way to eliminate them; it also provides a tool to monitor the results of the corrective measures taken. The extent to which the operation of a given one-stop border post (OSBP) contributes to reducing crossing time will be evidenced. This is a breakthrough tool for the Africa Transport Observatories and sound data seekers.



Conclusions on innovations sessions

- There were discussion on the need to make use of innovative ways to leapfrog to improved connectivity;
- This would facilitate the implementation of the AfCFTA;
- There was a call to support the initiative to bring it to an implementable state as a pilot exercise and showcase findings in order to built on them to enhance further the system. (DTD);
- There is need to assess the status of progress in other countries and promote South-South to foster replication (all);
- It was noted that there is need to explore interconnectivity between countries in support of regional integration of the AfCTFA (DTD and EFM)
- There was a request for SSATP to facilitate the experience sharing (DTD and EFM)
- Finally there is need to secure financial support for the long term sustainability (TMS)



Panel discussions on Corridor Management and efficient logistics

Sustainability of Corridor Management Institutions (CMIs)

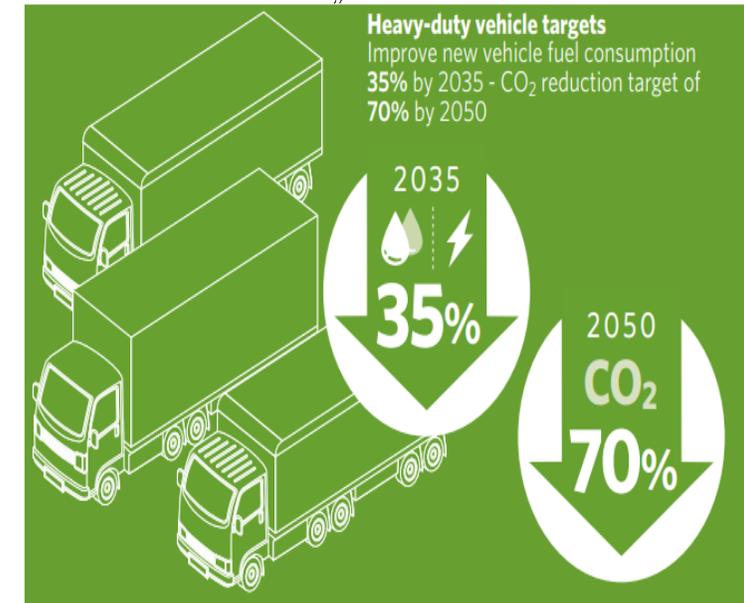
- Africa has very few CMIs with permanent secretariat;
- Yet the existing ones are faced with challenges regarding their financial sustainability and this puts the continuity of their operation and their capacity to deliver at risk
- CMIs play a vital role in achieving sustainable corridor efficiency and driving the efficiency of corridor transformation
- Their relevance is widely recognized across board
- Countries, RECs, Development Partners should devise dedicated and targeted support measures to assist in addressing the financial sustainability of the CMIs and strengthen their capacity
- There is need to replicate CMIs in RECs where they do not exist.



Panel discussions on corridor Management and efficient logistics

Green freight Transport

- Africa’s Transport is yet to start its green revolution as the continent is lagging behind the other parts of the world. There is a consensus that the Africa’s road transport industry notably the freight transport sub- sector needs to ensure it “walks the talk” and contribute to lowering its carbon footprint.
- It was highlighted that environmental connectivity should be pursued as it is a core part of sustainable connectivity and can be achieved while ensuring efficient logistics through the use of better fuel standards and more fuel-efficient vehicles.
- Participants agreed on the need for all key stakeholders including private industry, decision makers, the RECs, the development partners and specialized agencies to build a coalition to embark on this critical green transformation of the continent’s freight transport as more road haulage is expected with the increase in intra – African trade.



Panel discussions on Corridor Management and efficient logistics

Enhancing Transport Observatories (TO)

- SSATP is supporting TOs in Africa to improve on their methodologies, work processes and data models, leveraging technology and keeping pace with changes affecting transport and transit.
- Participants agreed that regularly available, sound and robust data is key to informing decision-making policy processes and enhancing evidence-based advocacy while enabling monitoring of the result of corrective measures taken. The work done by some TOs was showcased as a good practices worth replicating elsewhere. Ongoing program/projects to improve their data models and methodologies notably in Eastern Africa were illustrated.
- Participants were of the view that TO are becoming even more important with the extension of markets and multi modal transport.
- **Participants recommended scaling up this support and establishing TOs in other RECs**



Projecting Regional Integration in DP4

- ❑ **Title of the thematic area:** this was endorsed without any change.
- ❑ **Strategic Objectives:** Reviewed and endorsed without any change
- ❑ **Results Framework:** Amendments made on outcomes, indicators and means of verifications and finally endorsed.

The RECs recommended SSATP management team to set up a core technical working group to continue reviewing the DP4 draft concept document

