



**SSATP**

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# Regional Integration Cluster

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# The process

- \* The technical content of the cluster is developed by the REC TCC partners:
  - \* RECs
  - \* Corridors
  - \* Regional organizations
  - \* Development partners
- \* Takes into account other regional programs:
  - \* To build on SSATP specific strengths and value added
  - \* To explicit linkages and synergies with partner programs
- \* Further defining the cluster requires the input of the policy level

## March 2012 in Mombasa

- REC TCC identified main topics to include

## October 2012 in Cotonou

- REC TCC reviews and expands the draft

## December 2012

- AGM (policy level countries and RECs) provides further input on priorities

## During 2013

- Further consultations to finalize the cluster organization

# Definition of the cluster passed through stages

- \* Identification of the focus areas initially recognized two groups:
  - \* Interventions relevant at continental level (such as corridor performance metrics framework, cooperation and coordination)
  - \* Interventions relevant at corridor level, focusing on the efficiency of the corridor components (gateway and nodes, transport modes, Customs and integration agenda)
- \* The focus was on the 'soft' issues, not infrastructure
- \* During a second phase, the interventions were reviewed through the filter of the SSATP cycle:
  - \* Knowledge creation
  - \* Knowledge sharing
  - \* Knowledge application
- \* The cluster adopted a wider definition of access to markets:
  - \* International markets along corridors
  - \* Intra-regional markets (small scale trade across borders and agricultural products from rural areas)

# Thematic areas and the three steps cycle

## Knowledge generation

Corridor  
Performance  
metrics

Think tank

## Knowledge sharing

Coordination  
Corridors, RECs,  
developments  
partners

Cooperation

## Knowledge application

Corridor logistics  
(Trade agenda,  
Nodes, Modes)

Intra-regional  
logistics (Rural  
logistics, Small scale  
cross border trade)

# Knowledge generation

- \* Corridor performance metrics:
  - \* This builds on the legacy of SSATP for transport observatories and diagnosis tools
  - \* Consolidation of metrics across corridors to monitor the progress of the trade growth agenda of the African Union
  - \* Three priority areas with linkages across pillars, towards implementation:
    - \* Continued expansion and refinement of the transport observatory toolbox
    - \* Continued technical support to existing and planned transport observatories
- \* Think tank:
  - \* Analytical work on emerging trends and issues in the trade facilitation arena

# Knowledge sharing

- \* Cooperation
  - \* Focus on exchange of experience, valuing African expertise taking advantage of the more advanced level of some regions compared to others
  - \* Two target groups:
    - \* Technical level: provision of short term expertise from another partner (REC / Corridor / Country / Regional organization / Operator)
    - \* Policy level: organizing sensitization / study tours (proof is in seeing)
- \* Coordination
  - \* Support the emergence of a coherent program across development partners, RECs, countries and corridor authorities
  - \* The REC TCC proved to be catalytic in promoting a vibrant dialogue within the regional integration community

# Knowledge application

- \* The rationale for application is that advocacy may not be sufficient: demonstration programs and pilots are important to establish proof of concept
- \* For Regional Integration, two focus domains for application:
  - \* Corridor logistics (trunk network / high volumes)
    - \* Trade agenda (Customs and trade integration)
    - \* Transport modes (efficiency of operators, multimodal)
    - \* Nodes (gateways, platforms and dry ports)
  - \* Intra-regional logistics (rural and feeder network / small scale trade)
    - \* Logistics services for small loads, capacity building for economic operators, dedicated regimes

# New stage: the policy angle

- \* Shift from an activity centric vision to a strategic orientation vision entailing series of activities
- \* The ‘soft’ agenda covers three main policy areas:
  - \* Instruments for Regional integration
  - \* Regulatory framework for efficient logistics services provision
  - \* Framework for regional integration policy setting institutions



# Instruments for Regional integration

- \* Instruments for Regional integration
- \* Ensure consistent and coherent transcription at national level of regional integration instruments
- \* Knowledge creation
  - \* Gap analysis in country and regional integration instruments
- \* Knowledge sharing
  - \* Dialogue between regional and national stakeholders
- \* Knowledge application
  - \* Support to policy development and transcription

# Regulatory framework for efficient logistics services provision

- \* Develop a regulatory framework conducive to efficient service provision by (private) logistics operators
- \* Content, scope, and difficulty varies according to category of operator
  - \* Road transport, railways, terminal operators, clearing & forwarding agents, etc.
- \* At knowledge creation level, implies understanding the activity from the operator perspective
- \* At knowledge sharing level, implies consultations with all stakeholders to reach a consensus on the content of the regulatory framework and on the conditions of its implementation
- \* At knowledge application level, implies defining the policies regulating access to profession (professional and technical capability), access to market (market regulation), capacity building for operators and regulatory agencies

# Framework for regional integration policy setting institutions

- \* Develop institutional mechanisms and tools that build capacity within institutions in order to enable definition and implementation of evidence based policies through inclusive policy dialogue
  - \* Options for institutional framework (corridor management authorities)
  - \* Monitoring and diagnosis tools (transport observatories)
- \* Knowledge creation
  - \* Transport Observatories
  - \* Institutional framework
- \* Knowledge sharing
  - \* Inclusive policy dialogue among all types of stakeholders
- \* Knowledge application
  - \* Institution building for effective policies

# What to do this session?

- \* We are here to listen to answers, not to respond to questions
- \* Is there something that does not belong in this cluster?
- \* Is there something critical missing?
  - \* Should it be in the specific needs cluster instead?
- \* Which partners are relevant for this cluster?
- \* How far should we go along the priorities?
- \* How should we continue the consultation process?