# Regional Integration and Transport (RIT)

**Progress Report** 

## RIT Objectives

- Poverty Reduction through:
  - Reduction of Transport Costs through removal of physical and non-physical barriers along corridors, to foster intra and extra-regional trade growth, wealth creation and jobs generation,
  - Trade and Transport Facilitation to support intraregional connectivity and external competitiveness

## Themes

- Corridor Management
- Corridor Observatories
- Port Security
- HIV-AIDS
- Road Safety
- Other Multi-corridors Issues (border posts, axle road control)
- RECs Coordination and Cooperation
- Alignment with Almaty Programme of Actions for Landlocked Developing Countries

## Corridors (1)

- Djibouti Addis Ababa Corridor
- Northern Corridor
- Dar Es Salaam Corridor
- North South Corridor



#### Corridors (2)

- Pointe Noire Brazzaville/Matadi Kinshasa, Bangui
- Douala Bangui N'Djamena
- ECOWAS-UEMOA Corridors
- Lagos-Abidjan



## Corridor Management (1)

- Northern Corridor
  - Treaty update completed, pending ratification, existing treaty extended
- Dar Es Salaam Corridor
  - First stakeholder meeting held, support request being prepared
- North-South Corridor
  - Workshop held end October 2005
  - Terms of Reference for Stakeholders Group prepared
  - Core Group established



## Corridor Management (2)

- Djibouti-Ethiopia Corridor
  - Technical Committees established in Ethiopia, being formed in Djibouti, to be joined to form the Corridor Committee
- Douala N'Djamena Bangui Corridor
  - Charter of Corridor Committee reviewed in Douala on November 4-5, 2005, submitted to Governments for approval by end-November
  - National Facilitation Committee created in Chad, being formed in RCA



### Corridor Management (3)

#### ECOWAS/UEMOA Corridors

- Standard Text for establishing National and Regional Facilitation Committees and Corridor Management Committees endorsed by Heads of State in January 2005
- 8 National Facilitation Committees set up



### Corridor Observatories (1)

- Northern Corridor
  - Consultant Baseline Survey submitted
- Dar Es Salaam Corridor
  - Draft ToR prepared for Baseline Survey, to be reviewed following completion of the NC survey
- North-South Corridor
  - Draft ToR prepared for Baseline Survey, to be finalized following completion of the NC survey
  - 15 expressions of interest, shortlisting underway
  - Beit Bridge Performance Monitoring initiative underway since September 1, 2005



### Corridor Observatories (2)

- Djibouti-Ethiopia Corridor
  - Draft ToR prepared for Baseline Survey, to be finalized following completion of the NC survey and adopted
- Pointe Noire-Matadi to Brazzaville, Kinshasa, Bangui, Kisangani
  - ToR prepared and baseline survey carried out
- Douala N'Djamena Bangui Corridor
  - ToR prepared and approved



### Corridor Observatories (3)

#### ECOWAS/UEMOA Corridors

Tema-Ouagadougou- Niamey & Bamako; Lome-Ouagadougou- Niamey & Bamako

- Requests submitted to SSATP and USAID, and accepted, for resuming establishment of Observatory of Regional Corridors by end-2005
- Lagos-Abidjan
  - Observatory setup by ALCO



#### Port Security

- Northern Corridor
  - Mombasa Security Audit completed
- Dar Es Salaam Corridor
  - Dar Es Salaam Security Audit underway
- Douala N'Djamena Bangui Corridor
  - Douala Security Audit being finalized
- ECOWAS-UEMOA Corridors
  - Regional Security Assessment being prepared for 5 ports (Lagos, Cotonou, Lome, Tema, Abidjan)

## HIV/AIDS

- North-South Corridor
  - ToR for study prepared
  - Request for Expression of Interest ready to be launched
- Lagos-Abidjan
  - ALCO established under World Banksupported Pilot project, and operational



#### Road Safety

- Northern/Dar Es Salaam/North-South Corridors
  - Proposal to adapt the existing SADC Road Information Handbook into a Corridorspecific Road Manual



#### Other Multi-Corridors Issues

#### Border Posts

- Harmonization of regulation: studies done for ECOWAS and SADC, being consolidated
- Pilot projects for one-stop border posts at Malaba, Cinkansse, and Chirundu, ongoing
- Kenya-Uganda MoU prepared for Malaba, to be emulated for other East Africa regional border posts

#### Axle Load Control

- ToRs for preparing implementation guidelines established, procurement initiated but tender process to be relaunched due to procurement issues
- UEMOA regulations, following ECOWAS convention, to be adopted by Council of Ministers in December 2005



- Transport Coordination Committee (TCC) formed and operating
- Meeting to finalize 2005 activities held in Addis Ababa in February 2005



# Objectives of the Almaty Programme of Actions for LLDCs

- Secure access to and from the sea by all means of transport according to applicable rules of international law;
- Reduce costs and improve services so as to increase the competitiveness of exports;
- Reduce delivered costs of imports;
- Address problems of delays and uncertainties in trade routes;
- Develop adequate national networks;
- Reduce loss, damage and deterioration en route;
- Open way for export expansion; and
- Improve safety of road transport and security of people along the corridors



#### Lessons Learned

- Procurement procedures between SSATP/Stakeholders still to be clarified and better formulated, and training/capacity building needed to avoid misprocurement issues
- Detailed assignment of responsibilities required to enable actions to proceed timely
- Better match work program with available resources
- TCC working pattern: systematize information transfers between RECs and TCC on all relevant subjects; set up a mid-year TCC review meeting to assess progress on program implementation