SSATP Initiative on transport performance indicators



Mid-term status of the second cycle of transport data collection



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Nairobi workshop conclusions in April 2005

- The first cycle is a good starting point but should be improved both qualitatively and quantitatively.
- Important work is needed to increase the production of primary data and improve the institutional framework for transport data management.

Second cycle of secondary data collection

- 13 countries out of 20 currently working on it
- Difficulties:
 - Some data do not exist or are hard to find or different from those required by SSATP.
 - Institutional framework too ineffective to allow efficient work
 - Sector stakeholders unaware of data importance
 - Qualified consultants hard to find and difficult hiring due to world bank procurement procedures

Solutions:

- Raise awareness of sector stakeholders
- Review/harmonize data definitions as well as choice of key indicators to allow comparison between countries
- Urgency to implement/improve the institutional framework
- Support to procurement

Recommendations:

- 1. Advocacy activities toward sector national stakeholders by focal points
- 2. Review data definition and key indicators during next workshop on indicators
- 3. Speed up required activities to strengthen the institutional framework



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Primary data production

- 3 initiatives to this regard (Guinea, Burundi, Lesotho)
- Difficulties:
 - Production of some primary data is (relatively) expensive.
 - On-going primary data production activities are often poorly coordinated.

Solutions:

Search for external funding to initiate data collection campaigns

Recommendations:

- Projects and programs funded by donors should be ready to finance data collection campaign.
- New surveys initiated by SSATP should include primary data production.



Rapid institutional framework developed and currently used + individual country initiatives

Difficulties:

- Lack of funding to set up and operate the structures.
- Lack of continuity in the donors' willingness to finance identified activities
- Difficult collaboration between existing structures (public/private)

Solutions:

- Better collaboration between donors for the necessary funding for institutional framework improvement strengthening
- Develop structures/procedures for dialogue and exchange between structures.

Recommendations

- Production of "bankable" documents to present to donors.
- Strong commitment from national governments to initiate institutional reforms and sustain structure operations
- Advocacy from SSATP toward donors for the funding of institutional framework.