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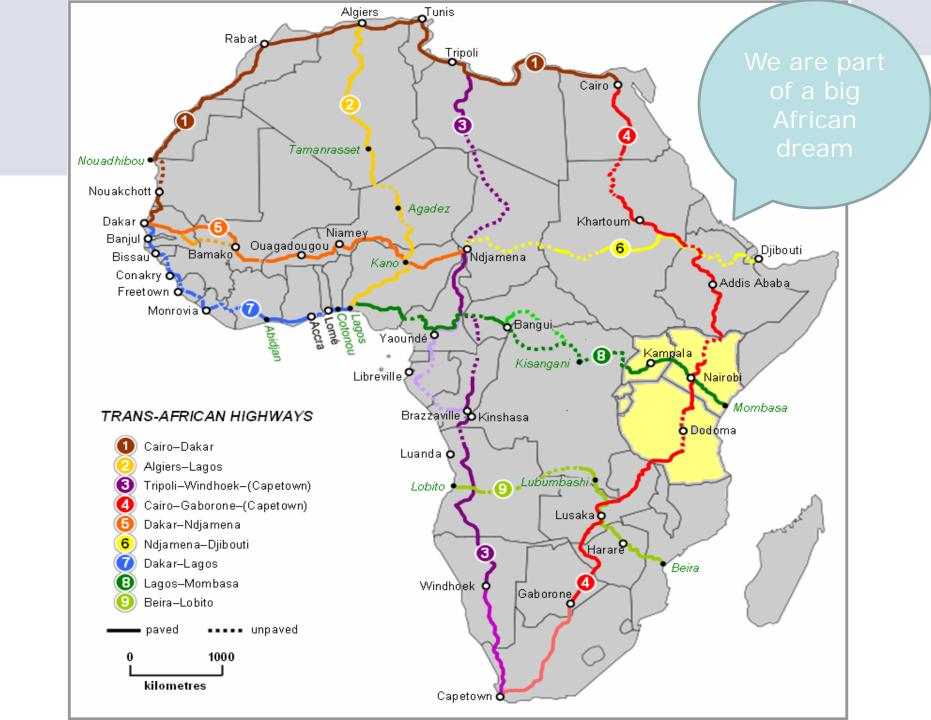
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### Regional Integration and Inter-States Trade: the ESA OSBP Experience



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## Who is EAC?

- A customs Union established between Burundi Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda in 2005.
- Its objectives are:
  - 1. Further liberalisation of intra-regional trade in goods.
  - 2. Promotion of efficiency in production within the Community;
  - 3. Enhancement of domestic, cross-border and foreign investment in the Community; and
  - 4. Promotion of economic development and diversification in industrialisation in the Community.
  - 5. Deepening and widening political, social and economic cooperation.

## This is our journey.....

Customs Union 2005 Common Market 2010 Monetary Union 2012

Political Federation ?

## EAC today....

- A customs Union established between Burundi Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda in 2005.
- A Common Market (Established in July 2010)

#### The Customs Union

#### What is a Customs Union?

A legally binding voluntary commitment of cooperation/integration by neighboring countries to

- □ Dismantle trade barriers amongst themselves
- □ Adopt harmonized intra –trade regimes

#### Tenets of the EAC Customs Union

- Gradual elimination of internal tariff;
- Application of a Common External Tariff;
- Removal of NTBs;
- Trade Facilitation;
- Cooperation in prevention, investigation and suppression of offences;
- Joint Institutional framework on Customs and Trade management

#### THE EAC COMMON MARKET

- What is a Common Market?
- A legal and binding commitment to a deeper and Stronger functional integration by member Countries to-:
- Remove all trade barriers on goods and services;
- Liberalize the movement of the factors of production amongst themselves;

#### Features of a Common Market

- Additional integration of the factor market on top of the product market integration -:
- Free trade in goods
- Free trade in services
- Freedom of movement of capital
- Freedom of movement of labour and the right of Establishment and Residence

## **NTBs in East Africa**

- 45 Identified in various sectors
- 15 are surface transport related and include:

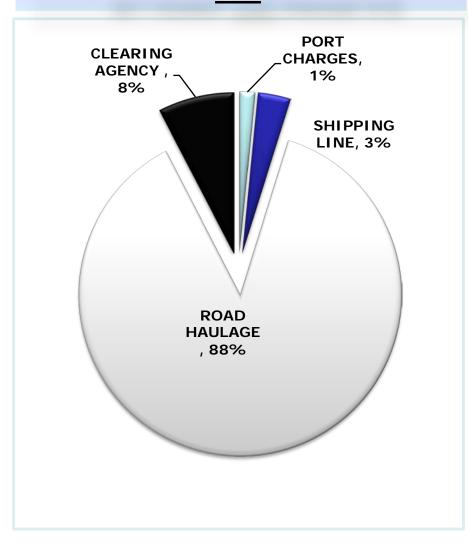
- Delays at the Ports (Mombasa & Dar)
- Varying application of axle load specifications
- Excessive number of weighbridges
- Transit charges not harmonized
- Lack of electronic cargo tracking
- Corruption along the transit Corridors
- Delays at borders

# **EAC Article 90: Roads and Road Transport**

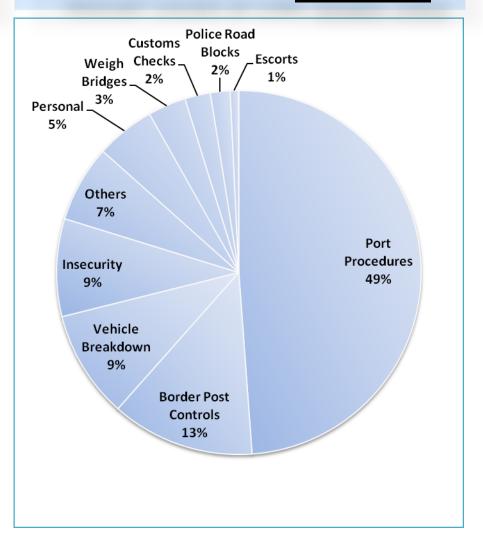
- ratify or accede to international conventions on road traffic and road signs
- harmonise their traffic laws, regulations and highway codes
- adopt common requirements for the insurance of goods and vehicles
- adopt and establish common road safety regulations
- co-ordinated approach in the implementation of trunk road projects

### Evidence Based Decision-Making

#### **KEY TRANSIT COST PARAMETERS**



#### PRIMARY CAUSES OF LONG TRANSIT TIMES



#### Step 1

Joint Border Inspections

#### Step 2

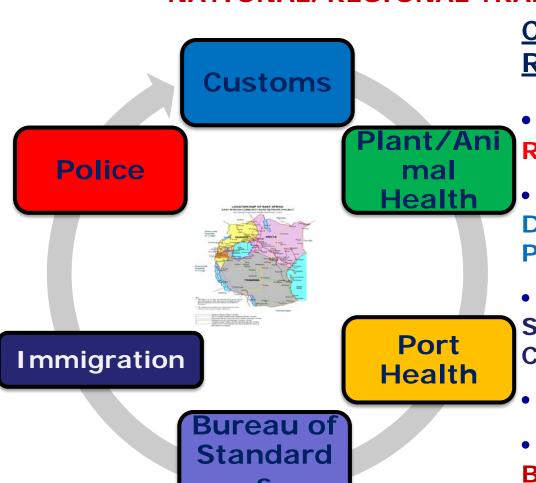
 Integrate d Border Managem ent (IBM)/OS BP

#### Step 3

Single Window Systems (SWS)

## **Joint Inspections at Borders**

BORDER AGENCIES SHOULD FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS ACROSS BORDERS WHILE MEETING NORMAL NATIONAL/REGIONAL TRADE REQUIREMENTS



#### CRITICAL REQUIREMENTS:

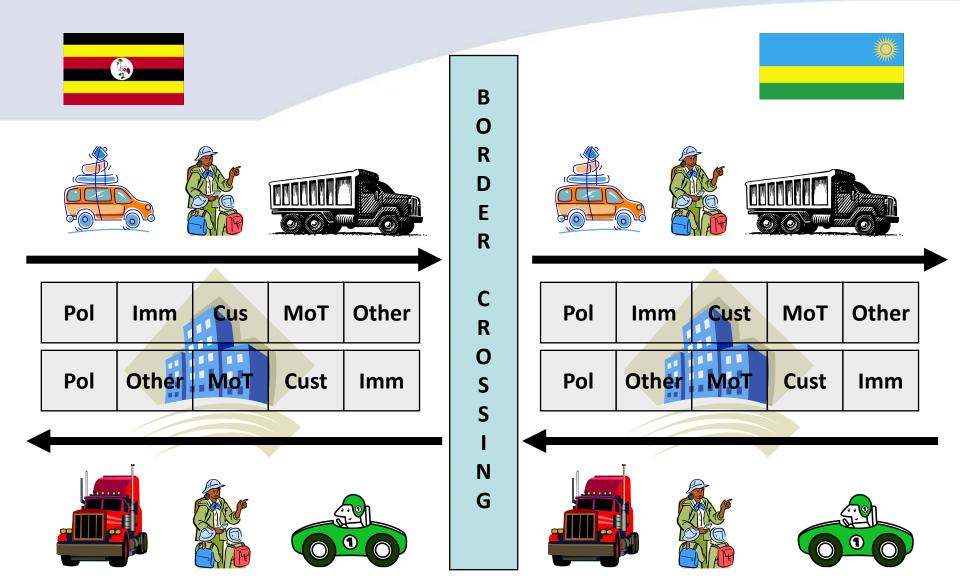
- Appreciate of Each Other's Responsibilities and Roles
- Streamline and Simplify Documentation and Procedures
- Put in Place Systems that Support Cooperation and Collaboration
- Undertake Joint Inspections
- Agree on Performance Benchmarks and Targets and Customer Service

#### Characteristics of EAC Borders

- Immigration, customs and police at all borders.
- Other agencies (bureau of standards, plant health, human health, veterinary controls, food and drug safety, etc) at certain borders
- Scarcity of staff at borders
- Agencies operate under separate legal mandates with little overall coordination
- Minimal facilities
- Some problems with power and connectivity; not all borders computerized
- Need greater simplification and harmonization of standards and required documentation



#### CURRENT BORDER CROSSING PROCEDURES







PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT ENCROACHING BORDER POSTS LAND



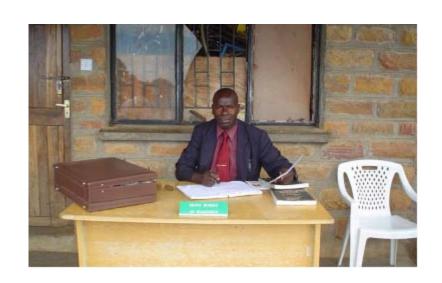
PHOTO 4-BUSINESS PREMISES AND BORDER POST OFFICES INTERSPERSED



#### PEDESTRIAN AND MOTORISED TRAFFIC NOT SEGREGATED



SMALL SCALE IMPORTERS GOODS VERIFIED ON OPEN YARD - ISEBANIA



#### STAFFER WITH NO OFFICE ACCOMMODATION



**VERIFICATION IN PROGRESS AT SIRARI** 

### One Stop Border Concept

 To reduce the number of stops incurred in a cross border trade transaction by combining the activities of both countries' border organisations at a single location [in each direction for juxtaposed facilities].

 To increase the effectiveness of cross-border controls through greater data sharing and cooperation.

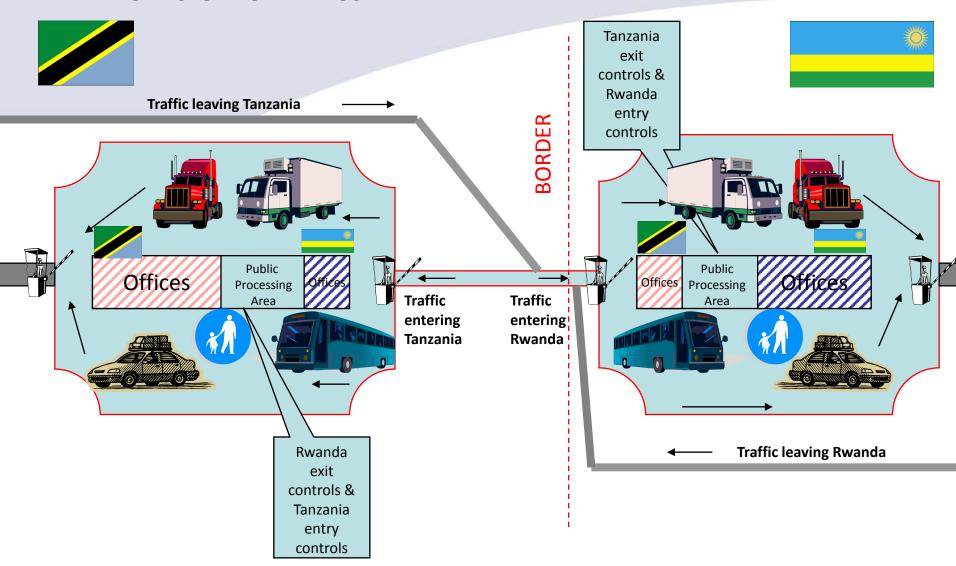


#### **OSBP** Benefits

- Faster clearances
  - Coaches and passengers in roughly half the time
  - •Freight in less time due to more effective risk management, joint scanning and inspections, more sharing of information
- Opportunity for ICT solutions
  - Single entry of data
  - Shared information among agencies
  - Management information systems
- Joint training and facilities
- Facilitate introduction of regional-wide systems



#### **ONE STOP BORDER POST**







Common Control Areas with secure perimeter



## **CONNECTIVITY & COMPETITIVENESS**

| Income Category           | Rank in<br>Income Group | Networked<br>Readiness Index -<br>Rank | Global<br>Competitiveness<br>Index - Rank |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| HIGH INCOME (46)          |                         |  |   |
| Sweden                    | 1                       | 1                                      | 4   |
| Trinidad & Tobago         | 46                      | 79                                     | 86  |
| UPPPER MIDDLE INCOME (32) |                         |  |   |
| Malaysia                  | 1                       | 27                                     | 24  |
| Suriname                  | 32                      | 126                                    | 102                                       |
| LOW MIDDLE INCOME (31)    |                         |  |   |
| China                     | 1                       | 37                                     | 29  |
| Bolivia                   | 31                      | 131                                    | 120                                       |
| LOW INCOME (24)           |                         |  |   |
| Vietnam                   | 1                       | 54                                     | 75  |
| Chad                      | 24                      | 133                                    | 131                                       |

### **CONNECTIVITY & COMPETITIVENESS**

| Country          | Income<br>Category | Rank out of<br>133 Countries<br>NRI | Networked<br>Readiness Index<br>(NRI)<br>(Rank Out of 133<br>Countries) | Global Competitiveness Index (GCI) (Rank our of 133 Countries) |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| South Africa     | UM                 | 62                                  | 3.78  | 45   |
| Egypt            | LM                 | 70                                  | 3.67  | 70   |
| Senegal          | LO                 | 75                                  | 3.63  | 92   |
| Botswana         | UM                 | 86                                  | 3.47  | 66   |
| Kenya            | LO                 | 90                                  | 3.4   | 98   |
| Zambia           | LO                 | 97                                  | 3.26  | 112  |
| Malawi           | LO                 | 119                                 | 3.01  | 119  |
| Nigeria          | LM                 | 99                                  | 3.25  | 99   |
| Zimbabwe         | LO                 | 132                                 | 2.67  | 132  |
| Chad             | LO                 | 133                                 | 2.57  | 131  |
| HI – High Income |                    | <b>UM –</b> Upper Middle<br>Income  | LM – Low Middle Income  | LO – Low Income  |

## PILLARS OF OSBP AND LESSONS

#### Infrastructure

- Design Options
- Budgetary Allocations
- Maintenance & Ownership

#### Legal Framework

- Regional
- Bilateral
- Operationalization& Enforcement

## Operational Framework

- Systems Integration
- IT Platforms
- Joint Operations
- Service Delivery Charters

## Characteristics of Chirundu OSBP

Modern Facilities

Traffic Segregation

ICT Infrastructure

Joint Operations

Commercial Traffic

Cross-Border Trade

#### Modern Infrastructure at Chirundu







#### **THEME 4 – ICT Solutions**









#### **USE OF ICT AT CHIRUNDU OSBP**



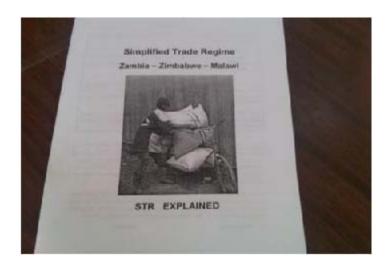






## Simplified Trade Regime (STR)









### **Support Compliance and Advocacy**



**Enhanced Compliance by Shippers to Trade Rules and Regulations** 



**Evidence Based Advocacy to Reduce the Cost** of Doing Business



Compliance to International Best Practice and Common Certification



**Enhanced Capacity for Sustainable Private Sector Advocacy** 

# VALUE ADDED SOLUTIONS

On-Going -

Need
Consolidation &
Acceleration

**Customs Automation** 

One Stop Border Posts

Proposed – Need Investment & Commitment

National Single Window Systems

Integrated ICT Based Logistics Solutions