



NEPAD Agency Interventions and Cumulative Results

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1. NATURAL RESOURCES GOVERNANCE AND FOOD SECURITY

Climate Change Fund

Capacities of ECOWAS Member States and regional institutions were strengthened on climate change and recommended adaptation and mitigation measures as well as ways of mainstreaming climate change into the countries' National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs). In this regard, a draft strategy for mainstreaming Climate change into the NAIPs of the 15 ECOWAS countries was developed.

Twenty adaptation to climate change technologies were identified for the region.

ECOWAS Knowledge Sharing Web Portal on Climate Change: A web portal was developed for knowledge sharing on climate change adaptation techniques and best practices. (<http://climatechange.ecowas-agriculture.org/fr>).

Sustainable Land and Water Management (SLWM)

The Agency supported the design of a regional M&E system on SLWM, and equipped with requisite skills for managing and maintaining the system.

Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)

ECOWAS signed the Regional CAADP Compact in 2009.

During the 2008 food crisis, the fifteen ECOWAS Member States – Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde Islands, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo – decided there was a need to speed up the development of agriculture. Today, they have adopted a common regional ECOWAP/CAADP agricultural policy. ECOWAS is currently implementing the region's agricultural policy (ECOWAP), which was adopted through the Regional Compact of 2009 and the Regional Agriculture Investment Plan for 2011-2015.

Four ECOWAS Member States have achieved the CAADP target have allocated 10 per cent of their national budgets to agriculture. There has also been a progressive increase in the allocations and more funding by the private sector.

Technical training to test real time data collection through the application of interactive templates

was provided to Statistics Bureaus in ECOWAS, to monitor high impact indicators for Agenda 2063 and other continental and global commitments.

Gender, Climate Change and Agriculture Support Programme (GCCASP)

ECOWAS was involved in the consultations that informed the design of the project; and will continue to work closely with NEPAD in up-scaling the project to more African countries.

2. REGIONAL INTEGRATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRADE

Africa Power Vision

Hydro – Batoka Gorge Hydropower Project

Project Status: The detailed feasibility studies, market study, techno-economic study, as well as the environmental and social impact assessments were completed. The expected duration for construction is 6 years.

Hydro – Sambangalou Hydropower Project

Project Status: Through its mandate of brokering technical and financial support for the implementation of AU priority projects and programmes, the NEPAD Agency facilitated roundtable discussions that raised funds for the Sambangalou Hydropower project.

Gas Pipeline – Nigeria-Algeria Gas Pipeline Project

Project Status The government of Nigeria has readjusted the scope and focus of this project, and has included it in its national infrastructure development program. Given the recent development in the global gas market, the government of Nigeria engaged a consultant to revalidate the 2006 Feasibility Study of this project. The revalidated study report was submitted in March 2014 and reconfirmed the viability and bankability of the project. The bid documents and the execution of contracts for Early Gas are being processed.

Gas – West African Power Pool: Domunli Regional Power Project

Project Status: The project implementation schedule was developed and adopted in February 2013. The Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG, Ghana), Energie du Mali-SA (EDM-SA, Mali), and Société Nationale d'Electricité du Burkina (SONABEL, Burkina) confirmed their participation as off-takers in the project. Studies are also underway to ensure reliable gas supply to the plant upon its commissioning by

2017-2018.

Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI)

Dakar-Ndjamena-Djibouti Road/Rail Project

Project Status: The Government of Senegal has prioritized the Dakar-Bamako Rail component of the project as the first phase. This phase entails the construction of a new railway network with standard gauge running through Dakar-Tambacounda-Kedougou in Senegal, Keniebu-Bamako-Bougouni-Sikasso in Mali and Bobo Dioulasso in Burkina Faso. While the West African Economic and Monetary Union has committed to finance all technical studies, the Government of Senegal is negotiating with several potential funding partners, including companies from China to fund project implementation. Project implementation is expected to commence in 2018.

Unblocking Political Bottlenecks for ICT Broadband and optic fibre Projects Linking Neighbouring States

Project Status: The project involves the use of political gravitas and goodwill to unblock and facilitate political bottlenecks affecting the implementation of ICT broadband and optic fibre projects on the continent. The optic project connections were completed in 2013, and subsequently five EAC countries are now interconnected and linked to the sub-marine cables at Mombasa and Dar-es-Salaam. H.E. President Kagame is now providing leadership on the ICT broadband connections.

Construction of Navigational Line between Lake Victoria and the Mediterranean Sea

Project Status: This project has various components focusing on water management and intermodal transport. Egypt has successfully completed the pre-feasibility study as per the original schedule, and provides the impetus and as well serves as a good benchmark for preparation of other PICI projects.

Kinshasa-Brazzaville Bridge Road/Rail Project

Project Status: In December 2013 the Maloukou Trechot site was selected as the best location for the rail/road bridge crossing. The first phase of the study has been completed. as envisaged.

Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)

Progress was recorded in the region, towards facilitating the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision for air transport liberalization. This includes the Nigerian Aviation Executives Business Forum which was held on 10 March 2015. This meeting was an occasion for the Air Transport Unit to sensitize the Nigerian Aviation Stakeholders on constraints, challenges, achievements and programmes especially on the implementation of the 2014-2020 Air Transport Action Plan adopted in Banjul on 21-23 October, 2013 by the Air Transport Committee. It also provided an opportunity to raise awareness for the 9 Air Transport Supplementary Acts establishing a common air transport legal framework for ECOWAS Member States in February 2012, by the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government.

Other activities relevant to PIDA PAP undertaken include the articulation of the ECOWAS Regional Infrastructure Development Master plan (Transport, Energy, Water, Telecoms) which had a kick-off Meeting 18th March, 2015. In addition, to this, the Infrastructure Donor Thematic Group Meeting was held in May, 2015 chaired by the AFDB.

The NEPAD Agency has **deployed technical experts at 5 RECs** (SADC, EAC, ECCAS, ECOWAS, COMESA, and IGAD) and at the Central Corridor Transit Trade Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA), in addition to two experts in ICT and Energy deployed at the Agency. This, in line with the objective of seeking to build capacity at the RECs-level to accelerate PIDA – Priority Action Plan (PAP). Relatedly, implementation arrangements of PIDA - PAP have been finalised with 5 RECs.

Through the **PIDA CAP project**, supported EAC, ECOWAS, SADC to validate Project Pipeline and develop roadmaps for the implementation priority PIDA projects.

PIDA Projects in ECOWAS:

Project: Abidjan-Lagos Corridor

Project Status: Through its Service Delivery Mechanism (SDM), the NEPAD Agency supported the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor in early stage project preparation by providing advisory services to the ECOWAS Commission and the five project member states (Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Benin, and Nigeria). The support includes:

- Institutional Design of the Corridor Management Authority (CMA)
- Setting up a Legal Framework

- Communications
- Capacity Building

3. INDUSTRIALISATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation (AMRH)

ECOWAS: The African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation (AMRH) Programme is currently being implemented in ECOWAS.

AU Model Law on Medical Products: A critical model law for regulation of medical products was endorsed by African Heads of State and Government at the January AU Summit 2016 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The model law will accelerate the regulation of safety, quality and efficacy of medical products and technologies on the continent. Its objective is to ensure that medical products are of the required quality, safety and that they are properly manufactured, stored, distributed and dispensed. Better regulation will also ensure that health professionals and patients have the necessary information to enable them to use medicines rationally, as well as detect illegal manufacturing and trade of medicines. So far, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Seychelles, Swaziland, and United Republic of Tanzania (Zanzibar) have used the AU Model Law to review their existing laws.

West Africa MRH: Together with AMRH Partners¹, NEPAD Agency facilitated the launch of the **West Africa MRH** Project in February 2015, which included the establishment of a joint MRH Programme Steering Committee and formation of seven Technical Working Groups (TWGs). Subsequently, a framework of collaboration between WAHO and WAEMU and a joint three years plan of action was agreed. Initial funding for the programme of USD 3 million is currently being concluded to support the activities in the region. Harmonization of WAHO and WAEMU Common Technical Documents (CTDs) has been carried out with technical support from WHO. The region will now be moving into developing technical guidelines for carrying out joint regularly functions among the 15 ECOWAS countries.

Common Technical Document: A Joint Steering Committee of the West African Health Organization (WAHO) and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAMU) approved in April 2016, a common technical document which will guide development of harmonized guidelines for registration of medicines in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Expert Working Group on Standards for Good Manufacturing Practice: A continental Expert Working Group on standards for good manufacturing practice (GMP) was inaugurated in May 2016 with a view to take stock of the existing plans and alignment of national and regional approaches in line with the African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization Framework and the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa (PMPA). Subsequently, **EAC, SADC ECOWAS** have embarked on implementation of innovative national and regional certification schemes for GMP compliance by manufacturers. These include government mechanisms for protection and incentivizing local manufacturers to ensure sustainability of supply of medical products while at the same time complying with universal GMP standards through regional harmonization of standards.

NEPAD Water Centers of Excellence

Funding of €6.0 million was secured from the European Union to support capacity development, research and innovations in water and sanitation in the Southern and West Africa regions through the NEPAD African Networks of Water Centers of Excellence.

4. SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUTH

Capacity Development

A targeted analysis and collation of the immediate short-term capacity interventions required by five (5) AU RECs, namely, COMESA, EAC, ECOWAS, IGAD and SADC was undertaken.

The Nairobi Outcome Document of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Results was drafted in consultation with RECs (COMESA, EAC, and ECOWAS), member States (Rwanda, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda and Egypt, civil society and private sector.

Agriculture Technical Vocational Education and Training (ATVET)

ECOWAS was sensitised on the implementation of Agricultural Education and Skills Improvement Framework (AESIF). Twenty countries represented ECOWAS and ECCAS at the Yamoussoukro workshop held on 21-24 July 2015.

MoU was signed with ECOWAS for the regional implementation of AESIF in close relation with ECOWAS/WAPP. The concept of specialized Agricultural Universities are being developed in Benin (Ketou Agricultural university), Senegal (Sine Saloon University) and in some case thematic university dealing strategic commodities (Cotton in Burkina and Cocoa in Cote d'Ivoire).

Gender

The NEPAD Spanish Fund had provided technical and financial support to 23 projects implemented by state and non-states actors in the ECOWAS region. With an investment of Euros 6 331 867, The Fund has made a direct impact on the lives of over 295 000 people, of which 268 000 are women and 28 500 are men.

One million Euros have been earmarked to ECOWAS Commission for the implementation of business incubation centers in Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone.

