



# NEPAD Agency Interventions and Cumulative Results

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## COMMUNITY OF SAHEL-SAHARAN STATES (CEN-SAD)

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## 1. REGIONAL INTEGRATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRADE

### Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI)

- **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:** Egypt has successfully completed the pre-feasibility study as per the original schedule. This is a very impressive achievement given the complexity of the project and the lack of outside funding (the AfDB funding of US\$650,000.00 has not yet materialized) and it will serve as a good benchmark for project preparation for the PICI. A validation workshop for the pre-feasibility study was scheduled for the third quarter of 2015. Given the progress made to date, this project serves as a good benchmark for other PICI projects.

- **Lamu Port Southern Sudan-Ethiopia Transport Corridor**

**Project Status:** The LAPSSET Transport Corridor comprises several components, including ports, railway, road, oil pipelines and refinery, airports and resort cities. Its inclusion as a PICI project gives LAPSSET the continental and authoritative recognition needed to strengthen investor confidence and its prioritization in government development agendas and regional and continental infrastructure investment planning.

### Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)

- **Sambangalou Hydropower Project (DFS)**

**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.

- **Douala Bangui Ndjamena Corridor Road – Rail Project (DFS)**

**Project Status:** The creation of a railway link will speed up regional integration. The improved infrastructure will increase the efficiency and capacity of the transport sector. Will lead to increased regional trade.

### Power Africa

- **Wind – Boulouar Wind Power Project**

**Project Status:** Plans for construction of a large-scale wind farm of 100 MW installed capacity located in Boulouar, 80 km north of Nouadhibou, in Mauritania. Studies are underway to determine an optimal plant configuration, undertake feasibility studies, and secure financing for the 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.