



NEPAD Agency Interventions and Cumulative Results

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1. NATURAL RESOURCES GOVERNANCE AND FOOD SECURITY

Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)

The Agency deployed technical and financial support to the East African Community (EAC) where Regional Agriculture Investment Plans, including a Strategic Plan on Agriculture and Food Security were developed. One of its current projects is a USAID funded programme using mobile technology to give farmers real-time market prices.

The Agency provided technical support to EAC and SADC Member States to design, negotiate and implement **Tax policies in the Extractives Industries** through a regional training to senior government officials from mining and financing ministries.

Gender Climate Change Agriculture Support

EAC 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.

Geothermal – Baringo-Silali Geothermal Field Project

Project Status Community engagement framework established. GDC advertised for equity investors to jointly develop the steam field.

Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI)

Project: 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.

Lamu Port Southern Sudan-Ethiopia Transport Corridor

Project Status: The LAPSSET Transport Corridor Project is the latest addition to the PICI project list, and was officially endorsed during the HSGOC meeting at the AU Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa in June 2015. The project 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.

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.

Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)

The NEPAD Agency has **deployed technical experts at 6 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 6 RECs.

EAC, ECOWAS, SADC validated **Project Pipelines** and developed roadmaps for the implementation priority PIDA projects, with support of the PIDA CAP project.

PIDA Projects in EAC:

- **EAC Transport Facilitation Strategy**

In the EAC progress has been made in support of sector policy review & reforms for regional infrastructure development. The EAC's major objective is harmonisation of standards. The EAC has developed the EAC Transport Facilitation Strategy, aimed at harmonising road sector policies, regulations and standards. A study has also been conducted which has made proposals for harmonised standards.

In ongoing efforts to coordinate and lead activities in the region for the implementation of PIDA, the EAC secretariat this period facilitated and support reforming project lead institutions by hosting Central Corridor TTCA and TTFA to participate in EAC meetings and workshops for validation of consultants reports. Specifically the meetings have gone towards helping the two institutions to better understand the packaging and management of regional projects, including the need for regular reviews and consensus building among member states.

EAC supported national road agencies to procure consultancy services for two roads linking Rwanda and Burundi to the Central Corridor. This included the preparation of financing proposals, development of ToRs, shortlisting of consultants, evaluation of bids and contract negotiations.

EAC supported the CC TTCA in develop a funding request to NEPAD-IPPF for the feasibility studies and detailed design for the Northern Corridor Capacity Upgrading Project. The TTFA also received assistance in developing a funding proposal to the NEPAD-IPPF for studies on the Dar es Salaam Southern Bypass, which is a component of the Central Corridor capacity upgrade project.

Further in July, 2015, EAC convened a roundtable meeting to agree on the coordination of the Dar es Salaam Bypass. During the discussions, it emerged that different players were engaged in facets of the project which in some cases contradicted each other or overlapped. The concept of lead agency and the selection of CC TTFA for this role will ensure the management of the project is coherent and effective.

Working towards ensuring national commitment to the PIDA PAP the EAC has developed a 10-Year investment Strategy which will guide the development of projects identified by the EAC Heads of State (and which include some PIDA PAP projects). The Strategy was reviewed and projects information updated.

- **Project: Zambia-Tanzania-Kenya (ZTK)**

Project Status: The Government of Zambia and SADC, with the support of the NEPAD Agency are fast-tracking Zambia-Tanzania-Kenya (ZTK) Power generation Transmission Project. An Inter-Governmental Memorandum of Understanding (IGMOU) which provides for a framework under

which the project should be developed is in place. Phase one (Kenya-Tanzania component) is in its final stages of completion, while phase two (Tanzania-Zambia component) will be commissioned by December 2018. Completion of this project will expand and strengthen power markets on the continent as it will link Eastern Africa Power Pool and Southern Africa Power Pool.

- **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam**

Project Status: Construction commenced in April 2011 and is expected to be completed within four to six years, with the first generators operational after 44 months. Financing to the value of USD4.8 billion was secured through a construction contract with Italy, while China has provided USD1.8 billion for the construction of the turbines. In March 2015, Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia signed a declaration of principles on the dam, agreeing to safeguard the interests of all three countries. The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, scheduled to be completed in 2017, will be Africa's largest hydroelectric power plant with a storage capacity of 74 billion cubic meters of water. On the Ethiopia-Kenya interconnection Line funding has been successfully completed and construction has started.

- **Beira and North South Corridor Multimodal Development Corridor**

Project Status: Work on the pilot on Beira North South Corridor (NSC) based on lessons learnt from the Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA). In that regard, SADC and NPCA convened a Task Force, Senior Officials and Ministerial Meetings from 30th May to 3rd June 2016 to prepare legal frameworks and a detailed road map for that will outline the acceleration process including identification, prioritization consideration and endorsement by the Ministers on 3 June 2016. Thereafter, the projects were showcased after packaging at a High Level investor Forum in October.

3. Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA)

Project Status: The Agency supported the CCTTFA DFIS/Donor roundtable that sought financing to accelerate the implementation of 18 of the 23 projects that were identified by the regional task force of the CCTTFA member States (Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, DRC and Uganda) in March 2015. The 18 projects were presented using the newly adopted Quality at Entry Criteria (QaE) for validation of NEPAD IPPF. The CCTTFA projects database will be linked with other PIDA platform such as the Africa Infrastructure Database (AID) and Virtual PIDA Information Portal (VPIC). NEPAD is engaging with CCTTFA further through the Service Delivery Mechanism to and provide accelerated support and financial closure.

3. INDUSTRIALISATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation (AMRH)

AU Model Law on Medical Products Regulation: 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 in the EAC Partner States.

Medical products regulation harmonisation: Implementation of harmonised standards and tools for registration of medicines in the EAC came into effect in January 2015. These standards are purposed on facilitating the marketing authorisation of products in the five partner States of the region. The EAC has also initiated a process of drafting a regional pharmaceutical policy and bill for the establishment of an EAC Medicines and Food Safety Commission.

NEPAD response to Ebola Virus: The NEPAD Agency has taken decisive action to fight Ebola in the countries worst hit by the virus. Regional technical working groups to provide oversight on clinical trials for candidate Ebola vaccines were established in the East and West African regions. The joint reviews in the two regions will not only fast-track the approval process for the vaccine trials but also serve as a mechanism for strengthening regulatory systems and ethical standards in Africa.

Fast-tracked approval of 5 anti-malarial and reproductive health products in the EAC: In a pilot demonstration project conducted in March 2014, EAC member countries jointly assessed and registered five pharmaceutical products of varying origin, with assistance from the WHO Prequalification of Medicines Programme. In less than a year, the WHO and EAC jointly assessed and authorised two antimalarial drugs and three generic pharmaceuticals: Falcimon, Misoprost 200 and Pill 72. The procedure was completed 30 to 40 per cent faster than usual, resulting in significant cost and time savings.

Four Regional Centres of Excellence have been initiated in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda to help strengthen regulatory capacity development in the EAC, including medicine evaluation and registration, licensing of the manufacture, import, export, distribution and; inspection and inspection of manufacturers, importers, wholesalers and dispensers of medicines, and in pharmacovigilance.

National Drug Regulatory Authorities (NMRAs): The coming into force of the harmonized guidelines for registration of medicines in the East African Community (EAC) region in January 2015 enabled national drug regulatory authorities (NMRAs) in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania (Mainland), Tanzania (Zanzibar), Rwanda and Burundi to authorize 643, 152, 58, 4, 30 and 5 products respectively. In addition, 4 products have been authorized by the NMRAs of Kenya, Uganda and

Tanzania (Mainland) through joint assessments conducted at regional level. Furthermore, harmonization of guidelines and standards for inspection of pharmaceutical manufacturing sites has resulted in inspection of 9 manufacturing sites in the East African Community region as well as Egypt and India with subsequent approval of 5 facilities. All these efforts are geared towards facilitating faster approval of medicines that meet internationally acceptable standards of quality, safety and efficacy.

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.

4. SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUTH

Agriculture Technical Vocational Education and Training (ATVET)

EAC was sensitised on the implementation of Agricultural Education and Skills Improvement Framework (AESIF). The EAC and SADC workshop was attended by seven countries at Kigali on 6-8 Sept 2015.

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. Subsequently, the IGAD Capacity Development Strategy was developed in alignment with the IGAD 2016-2020 Regional Development Strategy, CD Strategy and Agenda 2063.

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), the civil society and private sector.