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OVERVIEW OF TRANSPORT AND CUSTOMS ISSUES IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

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Overview

- Status of the African Transport Sector
- Africa's Transport Sector Priority Requirements
- Africa's Priority Actions
- Africa's Vision for Transport.
- Corridor Approach adopted by Africa for Transport Infrastructure and Services Improvement
- Concludes by giving Examples of Corridors for Trade, Food Security and Competitiveness



Status of the African Transport Sector

- Transport services are at the heart of regional integration
- Africa's transport systems are poorly integrated and inefficient
 - transport and insurance represent more than 30% of the total value of exports compared with 14.6% for all landlocked countries and 8.6% for developing countries as a whole
- High cost premium on trade, travel and business
- Crippling effect on Africa's trade competitiveness and its ability to participate in the world economy



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Africa's Transport Sector Priority Requirements

- Trade corridors without borders and barriers
- Better and safer roads to bring Africa together
- Competitive and seamless railways
- Efficient ports
- Safe seas and ports
- Efficient and safe inland waterways
- Safe, secure and efficient skies and airports





Africa's Priority Actions

- Reduce transport costs and improve the quality of services
- Improve the maintenance of transport infrastructure assets
- Attract public and private investment inflows for transport infrastructure development
- Remove formal and informal barriers to the movement of goods and people
- Support regional cooperation and integration of markets for transport services
- Ensure that transport makes the expected contribution to poverty eradication in Africa



Africa's Vision for Transport

- Completion of policy and institutional reforms
- Promoting knowledge sharing and innovation
- Achieving sector governance that is rule-based, predictable, transparent and participatory
- Creating conditions that favour participation of the private sector in operations as well as in financing
- Development of transport and/or multi-sectoral economic development corridors for poverty reduction and food security
- Prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS by mainstreaming actions in transport programmes



Corridor Approach

- Transport Corridors
- Development Corridors or Spatial Development Initiatives
- Integrated Trade Facilitations and Value Chain Approach along either corridors
- Corridors vital for both Trade, Food Security and Competitiveness





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DEVELOPMENT CORRIDORS AND SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION



Note: Madagascar and other island states not included on this map.

Scale: 0 500 Kilometers