



Cooperation on Transit Infrastructure Development and Transit Corridors - best practices, lessons learned from the development and management of transit corridors in Eastern and Southern Africa.

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Introduction

- ❖ **Corridor Concept** provides a number of benefits in the development of infrastructure and management of international traffic:
 - ✓ Coordinated infrastructure development, maintenance and management
 - ✓ Standardization and harmonization of infrastructure, equipment, policies and skills development
 - ✓ Harmonization of Legal Framework
 - ✓ Information sharing, performance monitoring and efficiency improvement
 - ✓ Development and promotion of a shared vision
 - ✓ Joint resolution of problems

- ❖ **COMESA** Like other regional economic communities (RECs) in Africa uses the corridor approach in the development and management of infrastructure and management of international traffic.

COMESA Treaty

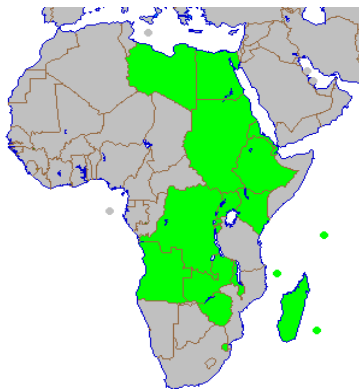
- **Article 4 (2b) – Transport and Communications**

MS **Undertake** to make regulations for facilitating trade within the Common Market

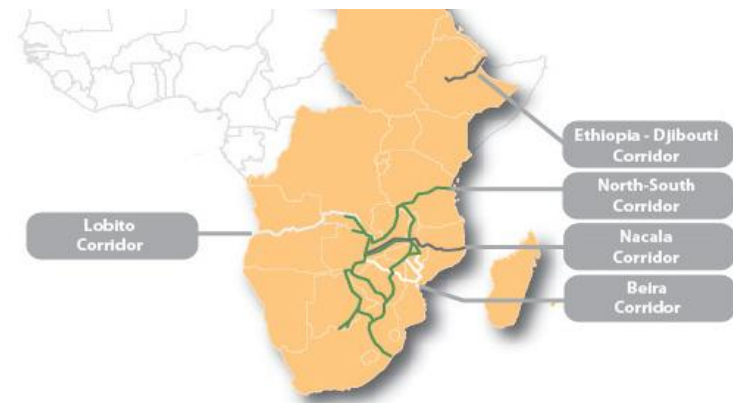
- **Article 85 – Roads and Road Transport**

(h) – establish common measures for the facilitation of road transit traffic

- **COMESA Protocol on Transit Trade and Transit Facilities is Annex 1** of the COMESA Treaty.



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Transit Challenges



Long Queues at Borders



Delays in Clearance at Borders



Un secured Open Bulk Cargo



Fuel Tankers Tampering



Regional Trade Challenges



Transport Transit Instruments Developed by COMESA



1. Yellow Card Scheme
2. COMESA Carrier License
3. COMESA Transit Plate
4. Regional Customs Transit Guarantee Bond (RCTG) Scheme
5. COMESA Customs Document
6. COMESA Transit Plates
7. Harmonized Transit Charges
8. One Stop Border Posts (OSBPs)
9. Vehicle Dimensions
10. COMESA Virtual Trade Facilitation System (CVTFS)



Other Legal Agreements on Transit Transport Cooperation

- ❖ Regional Model Legislation on OSBP
- ❖ Corridor Agreements
- ❖ Bilateral Agreements
- ❖ Inter-railway Agreements



Challenges

- ✓ Domestication of Harmonized policies and regulatory regimes across countries
- ✓ Guidelines and Procedures not set out clearly on a regional basis
- ✓ Protectionist tendencies by some MS
- ✓ Weak enforcement mechanism
- ✓ Capacity constraints



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