Improving Transport Connectivity for LLDCs – Northern Corridor Experience

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Transport Corridors in Africa

The Northern Corridor Experience:

- Institutional Framework
- Achievements
- Challenges
- Way Forward
• Africa has a number of Transport Corridors.
• The Corridors mainly links Landlocked countries to various maritime ports around the continent.
• Transport Corridors facilitate Trade and boost regional integration.
• Most African Corridors have management and/or coordination Authorities to promote efficiency.
The African Road Transport Networks
• The Northern Corridor is a Transport Corridor linking the Great Lakes countries of Burundi, DR Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan and Uganda to the Kenyan seaport of Mombasa.

• The Corridor also serves Tanzania, Ethiopia and Somalia.

• It is a multi-modal Corridor encompassing: Road, Rail, Pipeline and Inland Waterways.

• The Corridor is the busiest route in the whole of the East and Central Africa.
The Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority was established in 1985.

Partner States signed a Treaty known as the Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Agreement.

The Agreement has 11 Protocols aiming at transforming the Corridor into an economic development Corridor.

The Legal Framework took into account the three pillars of Sustainable Transport (social, economic and environmental)

The highest policy making organs are the Council of Ministers and the Executive Committee.
PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Development of One Stop Border Posts (OSBPs)  
  *7 developed and operational.*
- Improvement of road transport infrastructure and network.
- Development of the Standard Gauge Railways (SGR)
- Implementation of High Speed Weighing in Motion (HSWIM).
- Expansion of the Port of Mombasa and development of connecting transport links (road/rail/pipeline).
- Program for the establishment of Road Side Stations (RSS).
SOFT INFRASTRUCTURE

- Harmonization and automation of Customs Administrative procedures.
- Implementation of the EAC Single Customs Territory.
- Promotion of voluntary Vehicle Load Compliance.
- Development and maintenance of Web-based Northern Corridor Transport Observatory portal.
- Implementation of the Northern Corridor Green Freight Program.
- Establishment of the Public-Private Stakeholders consultative forum.
Challenges

• Slow domestication of some of the provisions of the Northern Corridor Agreement and Protocols.
• Varying National priorities in the Northern Corridor Member States.
• Limited capacity and insufficient financing for infrastructure projects in some Member States.
• General Governance issues.
• The slow process of regional integration.
Sustaining the partnership in infrastructure development (hard and soft).

Strengthening the Transport and Trade Facilitation.

Maintaining strong M&E mechanisms to foster national & regional ownership.

Harmonizing and streamlining of policy, legal framework and regulations.

Enhancing of productive capacity and promoting the private sector investment.

Capacity building at key National, Corridor and Regional levels.
Thank you All
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