Regional Integration Pillar Work Program approved by REC TCC

REC TCC Meeting

July 2nd-3rd 2018

Abuja, Nigeria

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Overview of the Work Program

Ongoing activities

- Truck Monitoring System for E&S Africa
- Ports
- Efficient Transit Regime
- Support to CMIs (includes new activities recommended by the REC TCC)
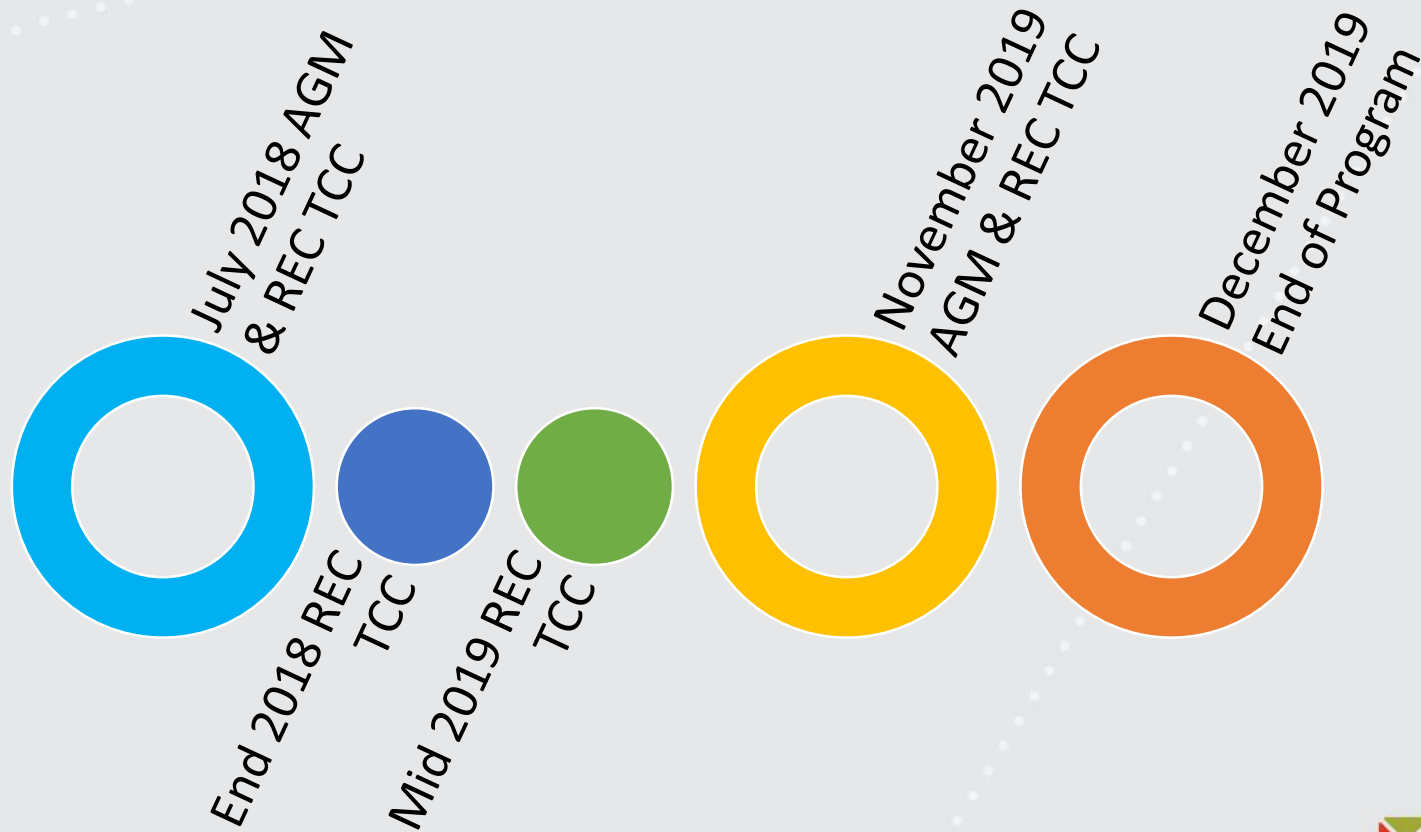- Tripartite Transport Standards

Newly launched or under preparation

- Transport Observatories
- West Africa Transport Legal and Regulatory Framework
- Central Africa Transport Legal and Regulatory Framework
- Dry ports

Recommended by REC TCC for further definition

- Assessment of SW
- Exploration of standards for electronic signature and certification of transport documents

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Tentative timeline for DP3: 18 months left

July 2018 AGM & REC TCC

End 2018 REC TCC

Mid 2019 REC TCC

November 2019 AGM & REC TCC

December 2019 End of Program

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Truck Monitoring System for Eastern and Southern Africa

- USAID took over the funding of the TMS in April 2018

- Main tasks ahead
  - Build partnership for adding value to the data and publish regular policy / highlight notes
  - Improve UI for the reports
  - Adjustments to zones and routes (buffer zones, variable routes)
  - Take stock of the experience with GPS data

- Closely related to the transport observatory activity

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Ports

- Container Terminal Concessions Guidelines
  - Dissemination PMAWCA August 2018
  - Joint funding with PPIAF for technical assistance to Nigeria Ports Authority
- Port Performance Indicators
  - Upcoming publication on African ports performances in cooperation with UNCTAD Q4 2018
  - PMAWCA Workshop on PPIs in Q4 2018
- No further activities planned beyond 2018

Effective Transit Regimes

- Upcoming publication on good practices on transit regimes identified through the two workshops, tentatively Q2 2019
  - The Single Customs Territory (SCT) in East Africa;
  - PACIR blueprint for Customs interconnection;
  - Review of the fees and charges (contravening rules principles and good practices) applied to transit goods in West Africa (as example of bad practice
  - Position paper on GPS tracking inter-operability and electronic seals for breakbulk trucks
  - Review of regional transit guarantee scheme (ECOWAS, COMESA)
- Input into the global WCO publication on good practices as companion to the WCO transit guidelines

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Support to CMIs (ongoing)

- Maputo Corridor
  - The three countries have agreed to proceed with the validation of the MoU for its signature, with support from the T^{3}FP

- Central Corridor
  - Strategic plan for the Corridor under development

- Lake Tanganyika Authority
  - Still under definition

Support to CMIs (to consider)

- Recommended for consideration by the REC TCC July 2018
  - Strategic plan for ISCOS (Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Tanzania, HQ in Mombasa)
  - Review of the Northern Corridor Treaty and Protocols
    - The current version of the Treaty, due for revision every 10 years, has been ratified in 2007
    - The changes in the region require revision of the Treaty, but also the Protocols annexed to the Treaty

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Tripartite Road Standards

- Preparation of guidelines on road side stations with preliminary areas of focus
  - RSS Planning
  - RSS Locations
  - RSS Layout and Specifications
  - Service Delivery
  - Enabling Legal and Institutional Environment
- Study still at an early stage

Transport Observatories

- Maputo Corridor Transport Observatory
  - Focus on port and rail data
  - Integration of TMS data

- Northern Corridor Transport Observatory
  - Part of a joint TMEA-SSATP program
  - Activity included in the TTCA work program
  - Review of the impact of SCT on Customs IT processes (with applications also for the Central Corridor Transport Observatory)
  - Integration of TMS data

- Upcoming publication Transport Observatory Guidelines volume 2 tentatively Q1 2019

West Africa Transport Legal and Regulatory Framework

- Activity launched with the publication of WP108 'Trucking competitiveness in West and Central Africa'

- Objective is to develop a template legal and regulatory framework for the professionalization of transport and logistics in West Africa, as well as promote competition and efficiency

- Activity builds on the WB corridor programs in West Africa

- Activity to be further discussed on July 5

Central Africa Transport Legal and Regulatory Framework

- Concept Note stage

- ECCAS Commission has received a grant from the AfDB under the EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund to implement a regional trade facilitation program

- SSATP will second an expert to assist ECCAS Commission in the definition and implementation of a regional transport instruments component

- Activity to be further discussed on July 5

Dry ports

- Concept Note stage

- Objective is publication of guidelines on dry ports
  - Role of dry ports in the overall corridor logistics infrastructure
  - Functions of dry ports
  - Dry ports, ICDs and logistics zones
  - Management

- Tentative publication by Q3 2019

Single Window Assessment Guidelines

- Activity proposed by AAEC (African Alliance for Electronic Commerce)

- Objective is to publish a standard methodology to assess SW performance and provide decision makers tools to measure how SW contribute to trade performance

- Follow-up from a WB supported activity

- Estimated budget requirement 200,000$

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Standards for digital signature and documentation for transport

- Logistics performance in corridors is becoming more and more tied to digital exchange capacity of data and document
  - Harmonized structure of data and documents is critical to ensure efficiency and continuity of flows
  - Digital signatures used in all countries along a corridor should be mutually recognized and accepted
  - Examples of documents: Drivers licenses, Vehicle licenses, Cross Border Permits, Road worthiness certificate, weighbridge certificates

- There is a technical and legal concern that SSATP could help to clarify through a guideline or advocacy and sensitization activities for RECs and at a global continental level

- T^{3}FP will collaborate with SSATP in this activity