

ECA TRANSPORT CORRIDORS

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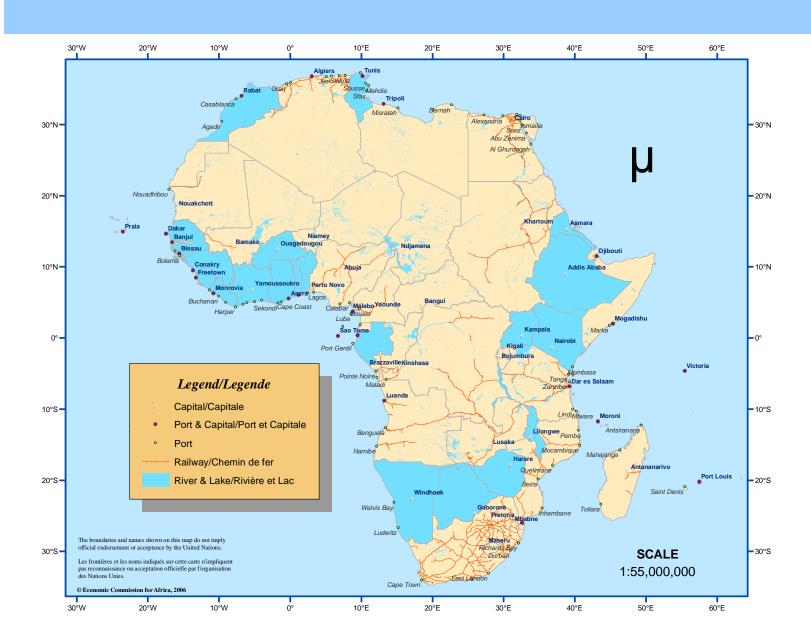


INTRODUCTION

- Transport is an indispensable element of socio-economic development.
- Efficient transport infrastructure and services are a vital prerequisite for Africa's development and integration. It would further facilitate the creation of a continental single economic space.
- As an engine for regional integration, transport infrastructure and services constitute a precondition for facilitating trade and tourism.
- Good transport infrastructure network and services would sustain the continent's full participation into the current global and competitive world.
- Given the challenges of globalization, Africa is lagging behind in the development of inter-African as well as international trade due mainly to a lack of reliable adequate transport system.

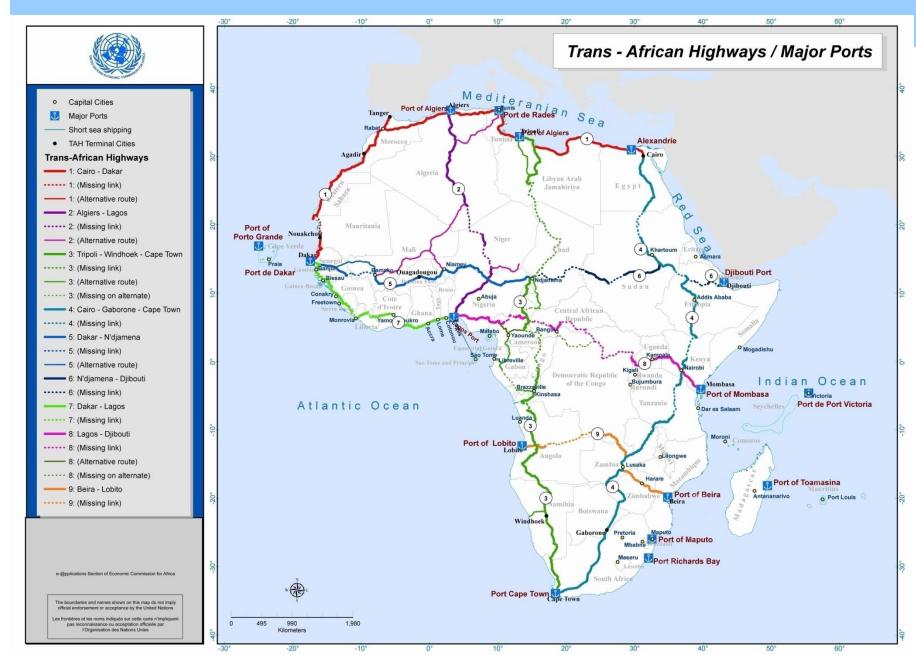


Rail transport network





African corridors





Transafricain Highway corridors

- 9 highway corridors:
 - Cairo- Dakar;
 - Algiers- Lagos;
 - Tripoli- Windhoek- Cape Town;
 - Dakar- Ndjamena;
 - Ndjamena- Djibouti;
 - Dakar- Lagos;
 - Lagos-Mombasa;
 - Beira- Lobito



- The transit transport is a big concern in the continent, the issues are addressed at regional, sub-regional and national levels.
- All African countries belong to at least one Regional Economic Communities (REC)
- RECs have adopted transit transport facilitations instruments and measures.
- To address the need of landlocked countries, corridor approach is promoted, therefore a number of transport corridors have been identified for development.



Western Africa

Corridor	Mode of transport	Remarks	
Dakar - Mali	Rail	No corridor management	
Abidjan - Burkina Faso - Mali	Multimodal (rail,road)options to Ouagadougou, then road	No corridor management	
Tema Takoradi - Burkina Faso - Mali	Road	No corridor management	
Lome - Burkina Faso - Niger Mali	Road	No corridor management	
Cotonou – Niger-Burkina-Mali	Multimodal (rail,road) options	No corridor management	
Lagos - Niger	Road	No corridor management	
Port Harcourt-Tchad	Road	No corridor management	
Lagos - Niger- Mali and Lagos- Tchad	Multimodal options available	No corridor management	



Central Africa

Corridor	Mode de transport	Remarks
Douala-Central African Republic- Chad	Multimodal(Rail/Road)	No corridor management
Pointe Noire- Central African Republic-Chad	Multimodal(Rail/ River	CICOS



Southern Africa

Corridor	Modes of transport	Remarks
Maputo - South Africa	Multimodal options available(rail,road)	Maputo Corridor LogisticsInitiative (MCLI)



Eastern Africa

Corridor	Mode of transport	Remarks
Dar-Es-Salaam – Rwanda – Burundi – Uganda - DRC	Multimodal (road, rail)	Central Corridor
Tange – Uganda		
Mombasa – Rwanda – Burundi – Uganda - DRC (Northern Corridor)	Multimodal(road,rail,lak e)	Northern corridor
Djibouti - Ethiopia	Multimodal(road,rail)	No management institution
Port Sudan - Ethiopia		



Transit corridor issues

 Inadequate transport infrastructure and the inefficient services are a contributing factor to high transaction cost in Africa and the lack of competitiveness of the African products.

Among others are:

- Inadequacy of transport and communication infrastructure and services;
- Lack of proper interconnection of railways system;
- Container terminals are not sufficient and adequate;
- Obsolete or lack of equipment;



Transit corridor issues

- Lack of appropriate maintenance;
- Numerous road blocks;
- Long of and inappropriate customs clearances; custom escort;
- Combersome administratives procedure and long waiting times at the the borders;
- High transit insurance bank garantee risk cost;
- Inefficient port, road and railways operations;
- Corruption;
- High number of road accidents;
- Lack of enforcement mecanism to implement agreed treaties, conventions signed;
- Limited capacities of the operators, etc.



Corridor management institutions

- Northern corridor;
- Maputo Corridor;
- Central Corridor;
- Dar es Salaam Corridor;
- Walvis Bay Corridor;
- Abidjan Lagos Corridor;
- CICOS;
- The other corridors have no management institutions.
- West Africa, the operations in the other corridors are coodinated by the RECs.



ECA and transport facilitation

- Capacity building activities;
- Organisation of workshops for addressing corridors and landlocked countries issues;
- Joint ECA/SSATP activities for the establishment of the RECs coordination committee in order to harmonise the RECs work, with focus on:
- The creation of joint border posts to harmonize and speed up the cross border formalities;
- The creation of abnormal observatories along the corridors;
- Facilitate the establishment of corridors management institutions which will operationalise the corridors.



Area of collaboration

- Trade and transport facilitation programme;
 - Assistance to member countries;
 - Capacity building;
 - Strentghening or establishment of corridor management institutions;
- Road safety on the corridors;
- Set up of database on transit transport and development of corridor performance indicators;
- Dissemination of best practices;
- Sharing of experiences.



Conclusion and recommendations

- Support the corridor management institutions, they are the
- implementation arms of the RECs transport facilitation measures;
- The corridor management can advocate for the infrastructure improvement; the modernisation of the borders agencies, equipment and operations.
- Countries and develoment partners should:
- Strengthen the capacities of the RECs and the countries,
- Increase the funds for financing the infrastructure development with an emphasis on the maintenance,
- Improve the efficiency of the operations for all the mode of transport;
- Improve safety and security;
- Promote the use of ICT;
- Increase their cooperation.

Thank you for your kind attention