

## PIDA Week Media Clippings (ENGLISH):

### [African policy-makers take stock at inaugural infrastructure meeting in Abidjan](#)

At the close of a week-long meeting in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, African policy-makers re-committed themselves to accelerating infrastructure development across the continent to further strengthen regional integration and boost economic growth.

**Naija 247 News** – 18 November 2015

### [Governments Called Upon to Do Their Part to Attract Private Sector Investment](#)

The first ever first-ever Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Week came to a close on November 17, 2015 with calls on African governments to play their role in ensuring policies and reforms are consistent in order to attract private sector investment to help bridge the infrastructure deficit.

**All Africa** – 18 November 2015

### [African policymakers pledge action on infrastructure](#)

African policymakers have committed to accelerate infrastructure development across the continent with a view to boosting regional integration and economic growth.

**Public Financing International** – 18 November 2015

### [Infrastructure Able to Create Jobs for Africa's Youth, Panel Hears](#)

On Day 3 of the first-ever Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Week at the African Development Bank headquarters in Abidjan, the session on "PIDA Creating Jobs for Africa's Youth" ended with one message: that the time to resolve unemployment in Africa is now.

**All Africa** – 17 November 2015

### [High Level Forum to Brainstorm On Solutions to Integrate Africa Through Bridging Its Infrastructure Gap](#)

The first-ever Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa Week (PIDA Week) will be held at the African Development Bank (AfDB) headquarters in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from November 13 to 17, 2015, under the theme "Accelerating Infrastructure Implementation for Africa's Integration".

**AllAfrica** – 17 November 2015

### [Pida Week Calls for Scaling-Up Project Preparation to Unlock Infrastructure Financing](#)

Delegates attending the consultative Week for PIDA (Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa), or PIDA Week, taking place at the headquarters of the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Abidjan from November 13-17, heard that the most binding constraint to unlocking infrastructure financing in Africa was lack of properly prepared projects, which in turn is due to lack of adequate capacity to prepare large projects. PIDA Week is being held jointly by the African Union Commission (AUC), New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the AfDB as part of ensuring coordinated approaches in moving PIDA to realization.

**AllAfrica** – 16 November 2015

### [Projects suffering funding: AU](#)

Speaking at a Press conference in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, African Union (AU) Commissioner for Infrastructure Development, Elham Ibrahim, said African countries should have national and regional infrastructure projects harmonised. "There are so many projects going on, but they are not at the rate or speed we would want them to be. We want to accelerate [project implementation]. If there is something delaying that implementation or if there are some challenges, we can intervene so as to accelerate the projects," Ibrahim said.

**News Day** – 16 November 2015

### [Innovative Financing Initiatives to Transform the African Energy Presented At the Pida Week](#)

On Sunday, November 15, 2015, best practices and innovative financing initiatives were presented and discussed during the session of the third day of the first-ever Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Week, hosted at African Development Bank (AfDB) headquarters in Abidjan.

**All Africa** – 16 November 2015

### [Infrastructure, a catalyst for Africa's development](#)

The first-ever Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Week opened on Friday, November 13 in Abidjan, with the African Development Bank (AfDB) reiterating its commitment to supporting efforts seeking to address the continent's infrastructure needs.

**Star Africa** – 15 November 2015

### [Africa Gears for Infrastructural Boom](#)

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**Footprint to Africa** – 14 November 2015

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**IPS** – 14 November 2015

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**All Africa** – 13 November 2015

### [PIDA holds Infrastructure Development Conference](#)

The Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) will hold a one-week meeting in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on infrastructure development on the continent starting tomorrow. The meeting, which runs under the theme, "Accelerating Infrastructure Implementation for Africa's integration", ends on November 17.

**Celebrating Progress Africa** – 12 November 2015

### [Infrastructure development in Africa takes centre stage](#)

On 13 – 17 November, the first ever Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Week will take place in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The event, which will be jointly hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB), the African Union Commission (AUC) and New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), aims to promote regional economic integration by bridging Africa's infrastructure gap.

**World Cement** – 11 November 2015

### [High level forum to brainstorm on solutions to integrate Africa through bridging its infrastructure gap](#)

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**Star Africa** – 10 November 2015

### [Africa can make its own fortune; it just needs to 'get' Francophone Africa—Part II](#)

It is a pointer to the infrastructure deficit in the region—and one recognised by the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), a major African Union plan that has identified a raft of game-changing infrastructure projects.

**Mail & Guardian** – 9 November 2015

### [Pida holds infrastructure development conference](#)

The meeting, which runs under the theme, Accelerating Infrastructure Implementation for Africa's Integration, ends on November 17. Fifty-one infrastructure projects are being implemented in Africa under Pida programmes at an estimated cost of \$80 billion under the first phase.

**News Day** – 9 November 2015

### [Transforming Africa through infrastructure development](#)

The development of efficient infrastructure is a basic requirement for sustainable economic growth and poverty alleviation in Africa. In order to unlock the continent's huge growth potential and to put Africa on the path to accelerated economic and social development, the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) was adopted by the AU Heads of State and Government in 2012.

**BiznisAfrica** – 2 November 2015