



6th PIDA Week

New decade, new realities, new priorities - positioning PIDA and infrastructure development in Africa's continued growth and economic recovery

Virtual Event

18th to 21st January 2021

Detailed Program



United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa

18TH JANUARY 10:00-11:30 (GMT+2) - PARALLEL SESSION

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CBN Virtual Breakfast

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD

Moderator: Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster and Author

Opening Remarks:

- H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO AUDA-NEPAD
- H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Birgitte MARKUSSEN, Head of the EU Delegation to the African Union
- Mr. Hubert Danso, Chairperson, CBN Council, CEO-Africa Investor

Presentation:

- Mr. Ibrahim Gourouza, Head, Private Sector Engagement, AUDA-NEPAD

Panel Discussion:

- Mr. Ibrah Wahabou, Lead-Private Sector Development & Infrastructure Project Preparation, AUDA-NEPAD
- Mr. Mohan Vivekanandan, Group Executive: Origination & Coverage, Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
- Mr. Robert Lisinge, Chief, Energy, Infrastructure and Services Section, UNECA
- Mr. Bonga Masoka, Founder and Chief Executive at Splash Coatings Afrika
- Mr. Hubert Danso, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Investor (Ai) and Chairperson of the Continental Business Network Council, CBN

Concluding Remarks:

- H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO AUDA-NEPAD

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Mobilising resources for PIDA Water Projects

Organizer: GWP/AUDA-NEPAD

Moderator: Dr. Loreen Katiyo

Speakers:

- Welcome: Mr. Alex Simalabwi, Executive Secretary of GWPSA and Head of GWP Africa Coordination Unit
- Opening Statement: Mr. Amine Idriss Adoum, Director Programme Delivery and Coordination, AUDA-NEPAD

Presentation:

- Dr. Towela Nyirenda-Jere, Head, Economic Integration (a.i) AUDA-NEPAD
- Mr. Alex Simalabwi, Executive Secretary of GWPSA and Head of GWP Africa Coordination Unit
- Mr. Graham Chingambu, Fund Manager, SADC Water Fund, DBSA

Case study:

- Mr. Lenka Thamae, Executive Secretary, ORASECOM

Closing remarks:

- Dr. Towela Nyirenda-Jere, Head, Economic Integration (a.i) , AUDA-NEPAD
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Africa Single Electricity Market – Evolution and Progress of AfSEM and CMP

Organizer: AUC-AUDA-/EU-EU TAF

Moderator: Mr. Atef Marzouk

Speakers:

- Mr. Atef Marzouk, Head of Energy Division, AUC-DIE
- Dr. Dimitris Papastefanakis, Coordinator and leading key expert in the EU TAF team
- Mr. Nijaz Dizdarevic, NKE10, Senior Power Systems Engineer

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The Luxembourg Rail Protocol: A new Rail Rolling Stock Financing Tool

Organizer: UNECA

Moderator: Mr. Robert Lisinge, Chief, Energy, Infrastructure and Services Section, UNECA

Speakers:

- Mr. Howard Rosen/ Chairman
- Mr. Soteri Gatera / Lead Infrastructure Expert, UN ECA
- Ms. Mesela Nhlapo /CEO, Road and Rail Association of South Africa
- CEO, Transnet: South Africa

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The PIDA Quality Label: linking PPFs to projects

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD,GIZ

Moderator: Dr. Morgan Pillay

Speakers:

- Mr. Ibrah Wahabou, Lead-Private Sector Development & Infrastructure Project Preparation, AUDA-NEPAD
- Mr. Joan Miquel Vilardell
- Ms. Elisabeth Tesfayohannes Tedros, Principal Programme Officer – Infrastructure Finance and Project Preparation, AUDA-NEPAD

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Africa Single Electricity Market - Continental Transmission Masterplan

Organizer: AUC/AUDA/EU-EU TAF

Moderator: Mr. Atef Marzouk

Speaker:

- Mr. Simbini Tichakunda
- Mr. Dimitris Papastefanakis

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AUDA Cyber-Security Assessments Report

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD

Speakers:

- Dr. Towela Nyirenda-Jere, Head, Economic Integration (a.i), AUDA-NEPAD
- Mrs. Pria Chetty, Regional Director, EndCode

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African High Speed Rail (AHSRN)

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD, AUC

Facilitator: Younes Touitha

Speakers:

- Welcome address: Ms. Raissa Ada-Allogo (AUC)

Presentation:

- Mr. Younes Touitha (AUDA-NEPAD)
- Mr. Placide Badji (AUC)
- Mr. Chris Appiah (ECOWAS)
- Mr. Kazaura Kamugisha (EAC)
- AfDB

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Explore opportunities to use 5 IR technologies and Business Intelligence to inform new infrastructure finance pathways along the North-South

Organizer: DBSA

Facilitators

- Pregar Pillay, Technical Analyst (GIS), Development Bank of Southern Africa
- Dr. Towela Nyirenda-Jere, Head, Economic Integration (a.i), AUDA-NEPAD

Format: Open discussion

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AfCFTA closed session

Organizer: AfDB

Moderator: Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster & Author

Opening Remarks:

- Mr. Khaled Sherif, Vice President, Regional Development, Integration and Business Delivery, African Development Bank

Guest Speaker:

- H.E Wamkele Mene, AfCFTA Secretary General, AfCFTA Secretariat (Represented by Mr. Silver Ojakol, Chief of Staff)

Invited Speakers:

- H.E Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, CEO AUDA-NEPAD
- Mr. Alain Ebobissé, Chief Executive Officer, Africa50 Infrastructure Fund

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Making the AfCFTA work for Africa's development: Focus on Infrastructure and Trade in Services

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD, TRALAC

Moderator: Trudi Hartzenberg

Opening remarks:

- Director – Programme Delivery & Coordination/ Representative

Speakers:

- Trudi Hartzenberg, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre
- Etiyel Chibira, Cross-border Road Transport Agency, South Africa
- John Stuart, Trade Law Centre Associate

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21st Century Infrastructure in Africa - PIDA Quality Label and Community of Practice

Organizer: OECD

Opening remarks:

- Tobias Gerster, Head of Division Africa Supra-Regional and Horn of Africa, GIZ
- Towela Nyirenda-Jere, Head of Economic Integration Division, AUDA-NEPAD

Session 1: Promoting the use of the PIDA Quality Label as a reference standard for quality infrastructure projects pipelines across Africa

Moderator: Richard Carey, Senior Advisor, African Center for Economic Transformation

Kick-off remarks:

- Ibrah Wahabou, Lead-Private Sector Development & Infrastructure Project Preparation, AUDA-NEPAD,

- Arthur Minsat, Head of EMEA Unit, OECD Development Centre

Comments and open discussion:

- Solomon Asamoah, Chief Executive Officer, Ghana Infrastructure Investment Fund
- Samaila Zubairu, Chief Executive Officer, African Finance Corporation
- H.E. Yoshifumi Okamura, Ambassador of Japan to the OECD

Session 2: Developing a platform for knowledge sharing and peer learning among infrastructure professionals and stakeholders across Africa

Moderator: Hubert Danso, Chief Executive Officer, Africa Investor (Ai) and Chairperson of the Continental Business Network Council, CBN

Kick-off remarks:

- Nirav Shah, Snr. Manager – Research & Advisory Services, ACET
- Bakary Traoré, Economist, Africa Unit, OECD Development Centre

Comments and open discussion

- Herbert Robinson, Director, Knowledge, Research and Learning Knowledge and Learning Department, ACBF
- Mtchera Johannes Chirwa, Chief Infrastructure and PPP specialist, AfDB

Closing remarks

- Rob Floyd, Director and Senior Advisor, African Center for Economic Transformation
- Federico Bonaglia, Deputy Director, OECD Development Centre

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The AfCFTA, Infrastructure and Economic Transformation in Africa

Organizer: AUDA-ISM

Moderator: Terence McNamee

Opening remarks:

- Director – Programme Delivery & Coordination/ Representative

Speakers:

- Prudence Sebahizi, AfCFTA Technical Advisor & Head of AfCFTA Negotiations Support Team, AUC
- Stephen Karingi, Director, Regional Integration and Trade Division of the UNECA
- Mark Pearson, Economist & Consultant
- Salma Okonkwo - CEO Bluepower Energy.
- Samallie Skiyingi, Director, Legal Services at Afrixim Bank

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6th PIDA Week Opening (incl. presentation of 2020 PIDA Progress Report)

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD

Moderator: Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster & Author

Opening Ceremony

- **African Union Anthem**
- Welcoming Remarks: Mr. Kgabo Mahoi, Director-General, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa
- Remarks by H.E. Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer of African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
- Remarks by H.E. Dr Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy of the African Union Commission (AUC)
- Opening Remarks by H.E. Dr. Naledi Pandor, Minister for International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa

Presentation of PIDA Progress Report by Mr. Amine Idriss Adoum, Director, Programme Delivery and Coordination, AUDA-NEPAD

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High-Level Roundtable: New decade, new realities, new priorities – positioning PIDA and infrastructure development in Africa’s continued growth and economic recovery

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD

Moderator: Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster & Author

Speakers & Panelists:

- Dr. Naledi Pandor, Minister for International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa
- Dr. Ibrahim A. Mayaki, CEO AUDA-NEPAD
- Dr. Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, AUC
- Mr. Mohan Vivekanandan, Group Executive: Origination & Coverage, Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
- Eng. Gaber El Dessouky, President of the Egyptian Electricity Holding Company
- Ms. Mfon Ekong Usoro, Africa Network for Women in Infrastructure (ANWIN)

Intervention from the floor:

- Mrs. Carla Montessi, Director for Planet and Prosperity, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, EU

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Africa Development Dynamics Report Launch

Organizer: AUC/OECD

Moderator: Amani Abu-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, AUC (awaiting confirmation)

Opening remarks

- Stella Tembisa Ndabeni-Abrahams, Minister of Communications, Telecommunications and Postal Services, Republic of South Africa (awaiting confirmation)
- Cheikh Kanté, Minister of State, Special Envoy of the Republic of Senegal

Presentation of the Report

- Victor Harison, Commissioner for Economic Affairs, African Union
- Mario Pezzini, Director of the OECD Development Centre, Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General on Development

Panel discussion

- Ibrahim Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, AUDA/NEPAD
- Koen Doens, Director-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission
- Stefan Oswald, Director for Africa, German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Magdaline Chepkemoi, Founder and Executive Director, EldoHub
- Seynabou Dia, CEO, Global Mind Consulting Group (awaiting confirmation)

Concluding remarks: Amani Abu-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (awaiting confirmation)

DAY 2: Wednesday 20th January, 2021

PIDA PAP II Roundtable: AUDA-NEPAD, RECs and Regional Institutions working together to boost the second phase of PIDA amidst COVID-19

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD

Moderator: Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster & Author

Speakers:

- AUDA-NEPAD: Amine Idriss Adoum, Director Programme Delivery and Coordination
- AMU: Nouradin O.A. Abulaid
- COMESA: JEAN BAPTISTE MUTABAZI
- EAC: Dr. Kamugisha Kazaura
- ECCAS: Mr. Guichard Tsangou
- ECOWAS: Mr. Chris Appiah
- IGAD: Dr. Elsadig Abdalla
- SADC: Ms. Mapolao Mokoena

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PIDA Implementation Strategy

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD

Moderator: Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster & Author

Speakers:

- Remarks by AUC
- Opening Remarks: Amine Idriss Adoum, Director Programme Delivery and Coordination, AUDA-NEPAD
- Overview of PIDA PAP II: AUC
- PIDA Implementation Strategy Presentation: Dr Towela Nyirenda Jere, Head, Economic Integration (a.i.), AUDA-NEPAD

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Mainstreaming PIDA in Strategic Infrastructure Partnerships: A Common African Position

Organizer: UNECA

Moderator: Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster & Author

Presenter: Mr Robert LISINGE: Chief, Energy, Infrastructure and Services, Private Sector Development and Finance, UN Economic Commission for Africa

Speakers:

- Dr. Towela NYIRENDA-JERE: Head, Economic Integration(a.i.), AUDA-NEPAD
- Mr. Mike SALAWOU: Division Manager, Infrastructure & Partnerships, African Development Bank
- Dr. Wang JIANMING, Deputy Director of GEIDCO Africa Office
- Mr. Paolo CICCARELLI: Head of DEVCO Unit C5 (Cities, Local Authorities, Digitalisation, Infrastructures)

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Economic Recovery Through Infrastructure Services: AUDA-NEPAD Call for Proposals for MSMEs and NGOs

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD

Moderator: Mrs. Millicent Kgeledi

Speakers:

- Opening Remarks: Mr. Amine IDRIS ADOUM, Director of Programme Delivery and Coordination, AUDA-NEPAD
- Kick off Presentation: Mr. Ibrah Wahabou, Lead-Private Sector Development & Infrastructure Project Preparation, AUDA-NEPAD

Discussion:

- Mrs. Anna Waldmann – Programme Manager, GIZ
 - Ms. Asmae BOUREDDAYA, Special Advisor on Private Sector Engagement and Resource Mobilisation
 - Dr Salifou Sidlo, CEO SME TradeLinks (TBC)
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The PIDA Service Delivery Mechanism (SDM) Support to Advance Regional Infrastructure Projects Preparation

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD

Moderator: Mr. Simbarashe Chitapi, GIZ

Speakers:

- Mr. Ibrah Wahabou, Lead-Private Sector Development & Infrastructure Project Preparation, AUDA-NEPAD

Cases:

- Dr. Morgan Pillay, GIZ

DAY 3: Thursday 21st January, 2021

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Gender-responsive Financing for Post-COVID-19 Recovery Efforts

Organizer: AUC

Speakers:

- Mary Chege, ANWIN Founding Member
- Amel Hamza, AfDB Gender Expert

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PIDA Jobs Outlook: Shining the spotlight on job creation through corridor development

Organizer: AUDA-NEPAD, GIZ

Moderator: Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster & Author

Opening remark:

- Hon. Ebrahim Patel, Minister for Trade, Industry & Competition, South Africa

Speakers:

- Dr. Towela Nyirenda-Jere, Economic Integration Division, AUDA-NEPAD – The 2nd PIDA Jobs Outlook
- Dr. Bernice MacLean, Industrialisation Division, AUDA-NEPAD – Industrialisation and Job Creation
- Mr. Maikel R. Lieuw-Kie-Song, ILO – Optimizing employment outcomes from infrastructure investment

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Report-back/highlights from parallel sessions

Moderator: Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster & Author

Presenters: Organisers of Parallel Sessions

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Study on the trade-carrying Infrastructure Gap in SADC Region

Organizer: Afreximbank

Moderator: Dr. Robert Ochola, Director, Strategy and Innovation, Afreximbank

Opening Remarks:

- Mrs. Kanayo Awani, Managing Director, Intra-African Trade Initiative, Afreximbank

Presentation:

- Mr. Graham Smith, Consultants (Nathan Associates Inc)

Discussants:

- Mr. Amine IDRIS ADOUM, Director, Programme Delivery and Coordination, AUDA-NEPAD
- Lovemore Bingandadi, Programme Coordinator- Tripartite Transport and Transit Facilitation Programme (TTTFP), SADC Secretariat
- Lufeyo Banda, Chief Regional Operations Officer, AFDB
- Mr. Gainmore Zanamwe, Senior Manager, Intra-African Trade Initiative, Afreximbank

Closing Remarks:

- Ms. Oluranti Doherty, Acting Director, Project and Asset Based Finance
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Closing (incl. reading of Communique and Press Conference)

Moderator: Ms. Iman Rappetti, Award-Winning Broadcaster & Author

Closing Ceremony

- **African Union Anthem**
 - Reading of 6th PIDA Week Communique by Ambassador Ghulam Hoosein Asmal, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa
 - Remarks by H.E. Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer of African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)
 - Closing Remarks by Mrs. Patricia de Lille, Minister for Public Works and Infrastructure, South Africa
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