



CLOSING REMARKS

BY THE

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AT THE

PIDA WEEK

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The Dome, Swakopmund*

- *Hon. Ladislas Kapandji Nzambi Mfumu, Minister in Charge of INGA*
- *Mr. Willem Goeieman, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Works and Transport, Namibia*
- *Mr. Mbeuta Ua-Ndjarakana, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Namibia*
- *Cheikh Bedda, AUC, African Union*
- *Symerre Grey-Johnson, Head of Regional Integration & Trade Programme, NEPAD Agency*
- *Emilie Mushobekwa, Deputy Executive Secretary, SADC Secretariat*
- *Mr. Mohan Vivekanandan, Director of DBSA*
- *Mr. Jacques Moulot, AFDB*
- *Mr. Siphon Khumalo, CEO of CBRTA*
- *Mr. Shem Simuyemba, AFDB*
- *Mr. Franceso Carrera Sequeros, Head of Cooperation Section at the EU delegation to the AU*
- *Yinka Adeyemi, UNECA*
- *Distinguished Delegates*
- *Members of the Media/Journalists*
- *Ladies and Gentlemen*

On behalf of the Agencies, Organizers and sponsors of this conference, it is indeed my pleasure to make a few remarks and express gratitude to all those who made the 3rd Programme for Infrastructure Development (PIDA) Week a reality. A conference becomes a success only if participants attend, as they are the vital spark. Thus, we do express our sincere thanks to all of you who have come from elsewhere to be with us at this event.

I was reliably informed that at the last PIDA Week, held in Abidjan in 2016, it was recommended to:

- 1) Fast-track key infrastructure project delivery;**
- 2) Stimulate growth and**
- 3) To keep the momentum around PIDA which include encouraging infrastructure investment from donors, governments and pension fund managers to commit long-term resources.**

This year's PIDA Week's theme" **Regional infrastructure development for job creation and economic transformation**" is remarkable as the main objective of the PIDA Week is to provide a marketing platform for selected PIDA Projects in order to accelerate their implementation.

It is widely accepted that poverty reduction and economic growth cannot be sustained without economic transformation and productivity change but, despite this obvious point, the development community has traditionally paid relatively little attention to these long-term determinants of development.

My pledge will be to continue to:

- i) Engage stakeholders on effective infrastructure delivery on the continent;***
- ii) Take key conclusions and recommendations that will be resolved;***
- iii) Put resolved key conclusions and recommendations in the design of projects into action to ensure achievement development outcomes that can demonstrate results.***

Once again, it is my sincere duty to thank you all for being here today. Do enjoy your stay here in Namibia, most particularly in Erongo Region where the ocean meets the dunes. My sincere request is to partake actively and once back in your own environment, use the concepts to make this earth a better place for all.

I thank you