

# PIDA M&E and Information Management

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#### Monitor:

- progress and track PIDA programmes and projects implementation using African Infrastructure Database (AID)
- o interventions made by a range of PIDA stakeholders and partners in facilitating PIDA through:
  - securing funds for project preparation and implementation
  - involving the private sector
  - gaining high level political support for PIDA projects and increase visibility

#### Facilitate:

o sharing of information on success stories, challenges and lessons learnt in infrastructure project cycle

#### Promote:

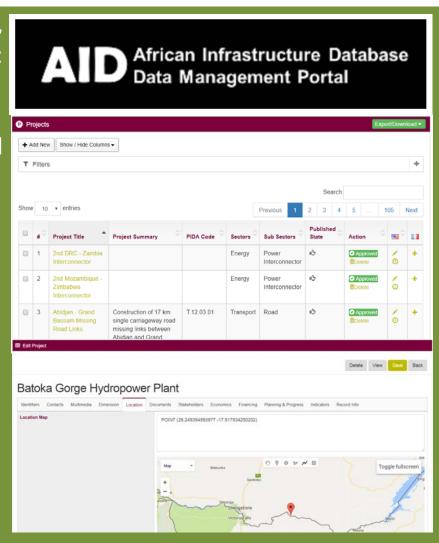
- o stakeholder participation and collaboration in PIDA Implementation Communicate using:
  - Virtual PIDA Information Centre (VPIC) on a continuous basis
  - PIDA Progress Report annually





# African Infrastructure Database (AID)

- a tool for collection, compilation, validation, storage and sharing of infrastructure project information in Africa in a central location
- for use by regional institutions and project owners/implementing agencies to create and update project information.
- allows RECs, other reginal and national institutions to:
  - manage their infrastructure projects information for tracking progress
  - share their challenges and success stories and learn from one another
  - increase the visibility of their projects to a wider target audience and attract interested parties (investors)
- AID has been enhanced with new features and is currently being populated with data



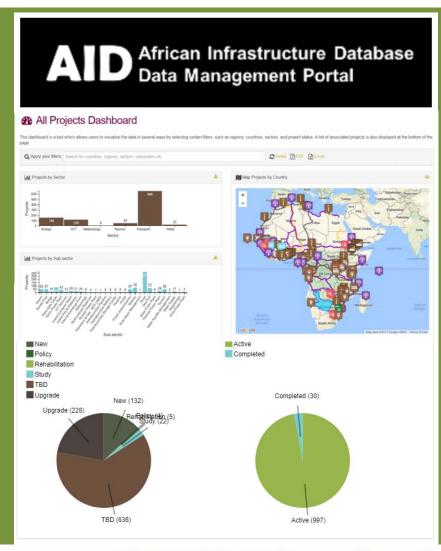




# African Infrastructure Database (AID)

## Some of the key features include:

- Dashboards for visualizing data in maps and interactive charts for data filtering
- Indicators from PIDA M&E framework integrated for monitoring project progress
- More project descriptors introduced including project contact persons, multimedia, maintenance and operation costs etc.
- Data approval workflow for data validation and ensure data quality
- Revision control to manage data changes
- Screen digitizing to capture geographic data
- Role based user management
- Interface to share information to other systems such as VPIC





# Virtual PIDA Information Centre (VPIC)

- a web portal for disseminating information related to activities undertaken under PIDA
- contents managed by NEPAD Agency reporting team and AUC PIDA communications team
- provides users with all relevant information on PIDA including history, vision, governance documents, images, news, events etc..
- presents PIDA project profiles directly coming from AID. Users can search, filter, export data and get summary graphs and individual project profiles
- VPIC has been enhanced and is currently being populated with data





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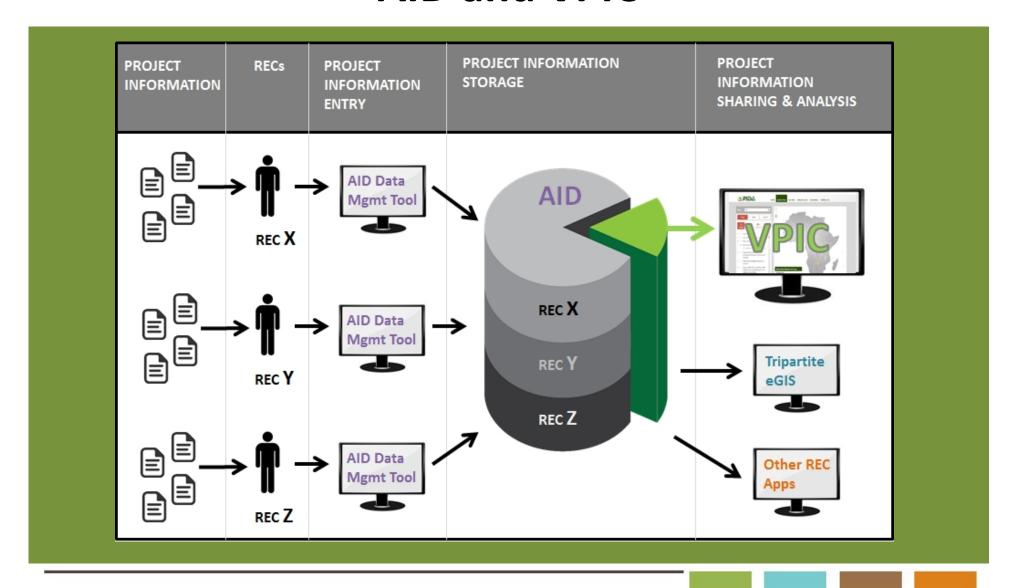
- Redesigned home page and landing pages
- News and event sections on PIDA activities
- Informative text on PIDA such as history, governance, success stories, impact, PIDA Instruments and related initiatives etc.
- Sections for document and media gallery
- Dashboard on PIDA projects information with data coming from AID
- Individual PIDA project profile pages with data coming from AID
- Social media integration with PIDA accounts and for sharing (Facebook, twitter, linkedin)
- Feedback and e-newsletter subscriptions
- Conducting online surveys







## **AID and VPIC**





## Data collection, validation and reporting

- Two training workshops on the enhanced AID were conducted in 2017
- Status updates for 108 out of 400+ PIDA projects were obtained (a total of 180 project updates in 2016 and 2017)
- Qualitative survey on PIDA Implementation was undertaken and responses compiled and analysed
- Periodic reports on PIDA Implementation were collected
- PIDA Progress report 2017 prepared and published
- All project data collected in 2016 and 2017 were uploaded to the enhanced AID
- Enhanced VPIC has been updated with static content PIDA Implementation, News & Events, documents. VPIC also presents PIDA Project information directly from AID.
  - PIDA Projects information in VPIC and AID are still incomplete, partly inaccurate, inadequate and outdated for quite a number of projects



## Data collection, validation and reporting

#### Issues on data collection

- PIDA versus none-PIDA projects
- Number of Bundled versus actionable projects and its implication on reporting
- Physical versus Study projects
- Priority PIDA PAP Shortlist, DFS
- 102 actionable projects with no stage information at all
  - Energy (2)
  - ICT (54)
  - Transport (54)
  - Water (1)



## **Lessons Learned**

## A successful PIDA M&E Information System needs:

- Improved and effective methods for data collection and validation
- Increased awareness on the importance of sharing project information and exchange of knowledge in project development
- Well defined and approved strategy for collection, validation and reporting of PIDA project implementation
- Effective and continuously improved information systems to assist in data collection, validation, storage and dissemination
- Continued commitment of PIDA Implementing agencies and allocation of resources required





# Way-forward

### Short term (3 - 6 months)

- Provide additional trainings to users and collect more project information
- Use online surveys to collect qualitative data
- Communicate regularly to PIDA Stakeholders through e-newsletters and social media in addition to VPIC and PIDA Progress report
- Integration of existing systems to other new and ongoing initiatives such as the job estimation toolkit and SOURCE platform from SIF

#### Long term

- Develop data collection, validation and reporting strategy to ensure smooth and coordinated flow of data
- Some of the key elements of the strategy include defining:
  - Roles and responsibilities of the various institutions involved
  - Content moderation processes to ensure data quality
  - Information disclosure agreements between institutions
  - Collection of baseline data for improved reporting on impacts
- Operationalize the strategy to undertake data collection, validation and reporting in a systematic way on a continuous basis



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