Title of the session

Monitoring and Tracking Infrastructure Development – PIDA VPIC and other initiatives

Introduction of issue

Obtaining up-to-date and quality assured information on PIDA projects has been a challenge for quite some time resulting in incomplete, partly inaccurate, and mainly inadequate information in our systems.

Summary of discussion

Presentation of the PIDA M&E and Information Management (Ephrem)

- Increased awareness of PIDA stakeholders on the need to collect and disseminate information and ensure the sharing of project information on a regular basis.
- Stream line the flow of information by institutionalizing the data collection and validation process with clearly defined roles and responsibilities
- African Infrastructure Database (AID) as a tool for collection, compilation, validation, storage and sharing of infrastructure project information in Africa in a central location
- Virtual PIDA Information Centre (VPIC) as a web portal for disseminating information related to activities undertaken under PIDA
- Continuous improvement of the information systems by exploring advances in technology and through collaboration with similar initiatives at all levels (national, regional, continental and global)

Mapping of Energy Initiatives and Programmes in Africa website (Hadley)

The Africa-EU Energy Partnership presented the web portal that gives an overview of the different initiatives in the energy sector in Africa. Building on the work done for the Mapping of Energy Initiatives Report launched in May 2016, the website database includes details of over 200 multilateral, bilateral and national energy programmes and initiatives collected through a consultative approach with representatives of the initiatives themselves validating the data. This tool helps stakeholders to coordinate their efforts, leverage synergies and address key gaps in the market.

Key recommendations

- Review the data collection method that have been used so far and make it more efficient
- Integration of existing systems to other new and ongoing initiatives such as the job estimation toolkit and SOURCE platform from SIF
- Develop and operationalize data collection, validation and reporting strategy to ensure smooth and coordinated flow of data with confindentialities
- AEEP and SEforALL website to establish link to VPIC for information on the PIDA project level.