



**FOURTH PIDA WEEK**  
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**FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ**



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## **FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE FOURTH PIDA WEEK HELD FROM 26 TO 28 NOVEMBER 2018 IN VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE**

**We**, Ministers and delegates to the Fourth PIDA Week and the organizing and partners institutions (African Union Commission (AUC), NEPAD Agency, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the Government of Zimbabwe, the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA), the German Cooperation (GIZ), the European Union (EU), China, NDRC, AFUR, GWP, the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), member states as well as distinguished invitees:

1. **Express** our sincere gratitude to the Government of Zimbabwe, its people and COMESA for hosting this PIDA Week and for the hospitality accorded to us;
2. Acknowledge the relevance and timeliness of the theme of the 4th PIDA Week of Realizing Africa's Integration through Smart Infrastructure and Good Governance;
3. **Welcome** the appointment of Honorable Raila Odinga as the African Union High Representative for Infrastructure Development in Africa and acknowledge his active participation during the deliberations of the PIDA Week 2018;
4. **Reaffirm** the crucial role of PIDA sectors (transport, energy, ICT and Water) in the achievement of the main goals of the AU Agenda 2063 for continental integration, prosperity and peace;
5. **Affirm** our commitment to develop integrated and efficient systems through the application of sound policy and development strategies with a view to enhancing efficiency, sustainability and affordability of transport, energy, ICT and Water services;
6. **Note** the progress made on the AU Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructures, Energy and Tourism (TIIET) Action Plans ;
7. **Acknowledge** the diligent work accomplished during 2018 which was presented in the PIDA Annual Implementation report and the ongoing Mid Term Review of the PIDA PAP and the early start of the preparation for the second phase of PIDA;

On the conclusion of the PIDA Steering Committee, it discussed and agreed upon the process to develop the PIDA PAP 2 highlighting the following key elements: The process shall be participatory and consultative involving the key PIDA Stakeholders and actors of the private sector, civil society, partners and academia. The RECs play a crucial role in liaising with their Member States to develop respective project proposals. The selection process shall be based on clearly agreed upon selection criteria against which the project proposals will be pre-screened. Projects which meet the criteria will be presented to the AU Summit in January 2021 for adoption.

8. **Take note** of:

The detailed status reports on the following projects: Single Air Transport Market (SAATM) Progress made and the impact of the African Internet Exchange Points System (AXIS), and the work of African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR), the ongoing construction of the Rusumo Falls, sections of the ZTK between Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya. Construction of the first three berths of Lamu Port and plans for the development of the remaining 30 berths. Financial closure of the Mbeya-Tunduma ZTK section in Tanzania. The ongoing negotiations between the Government of Zambia and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) for the second circuit of the ZTK sections in Zambia. Financial commitments made by DFIs on Ruzizi III pending finalisation of the preparatory studies for the newly proposed optimised option. The formalisation of the appointment of the African Development Bank as the lead arranger of the Batoka Gorge project and progress made towards the finalisation of the preparatory studies. The establishment of the Abidjan – Lagos management corridor and remaining financial gap for the preparation of the corridor. The resource mobilisation efforts by the Government of Sudan to raise Capital for the Ethiopia-Sudan interconnector. Proposals to initiate early stage preparation activities for the Praia-Dakar-Abidjan Corridor.

9. **Recognize** the Trans African Highway Network (TAH), African Integrated High Speed Network, Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) as key enablers of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA);
10. **Acknowledge** the importance of Integrated Transboundary corridors to connect the rural areas and hinterland of Africa;
11. **Commend** the efforts of ECOWAS to establish the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Management Authority (ALCOMA), and call upon other transboundary Corridor Authorities to learn from this Supranational arrangements of ALCOMA;
12. **Encourage** the involvement of African and international private sector as well as emerging partners to promote technical and financial contribution to PIDA projects;

#### **Agree to**

- Establish good governance frameworks and mechanisms for African infrastructure projects to boost investor confidence and facilitate an enabling environment for the private sector to have “space” to buy in into priority projects.
- Facilitate capacity building in key areas of infrastructure development in the continent so as to boost technical capacity and skills at all levels of the project life cycle and at project level to ensure efficient development and management of infrastructure.
- Sustain efforts to accelerate development of key PIDA projects, especially transboundary infrastructure projects that will bolster regional integration and are a pre-requisite for unleashing Africa’s growth potential.

- Enhance the efforts on reporting on PIDA projects progress, tell our own stories and learn from each other. Thus, put in place a strong communications strategy to communicate progress on priority PIDA project and facilitate sharing lessons and experiences on the implementation of PIDA projects.
- Launch and use the Job Creation Toolkit as a part of the package and mean to attract and convince pertinent stakeholders including financiers and development partners on the benefits of a key PIDA priority projects in the construction phase.

### **Recommend**

1. PIDA PAP 2020-2030 draws from the ongoing review and consultative process and ensure that it is has a realistic list of projects that should be inclusive of all sectors and the development should follow the PIDA PAP roadmap that was presented to the PIDA Steering Committee.
2. A strong communications strategy to communicate progress on priority PIDA projects and facilitate sharing of lessons and experiences on the implementation of PIDA projects.
3. Our partners and stakeholders to put in place sustainable capacity building mechanisms for key infrastructure sectors.
4. Further invest in the efforts to accelerate development of key infrastructure projects.
5. African Institutions to develop a PIDA PAP Two financing model.
6. Acceleration of the STC Action Plans.

Done in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, on the 28th of November 2018.

**Delegates of the 2018 PIDA WEEK**