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# Strategic Infrastructure Partnerships: A Common African Position

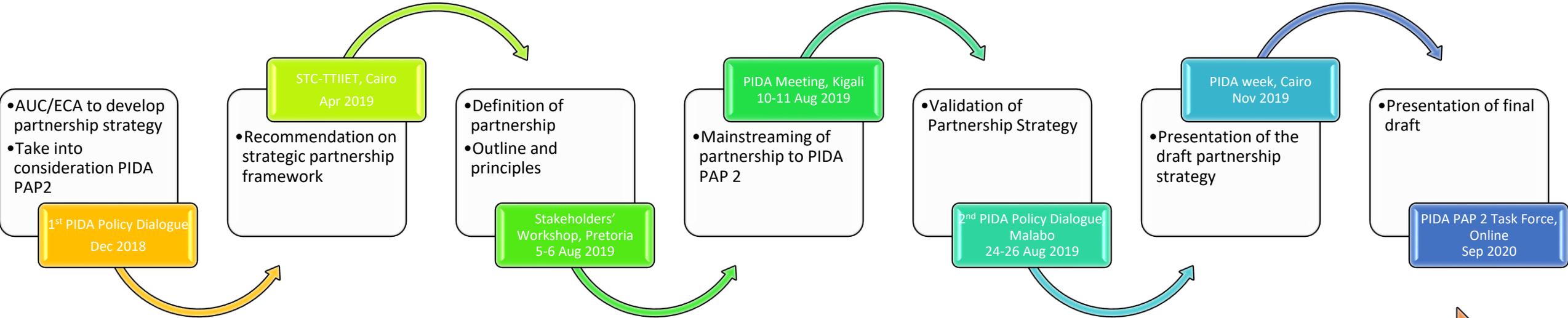
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# Mandate and process



- AUC/ECA to develop partnership strategy
- Take into consideration PIDA PAP2

- Recommendation on strategic partnership framework

- Definition of partnership
- Outline and principles

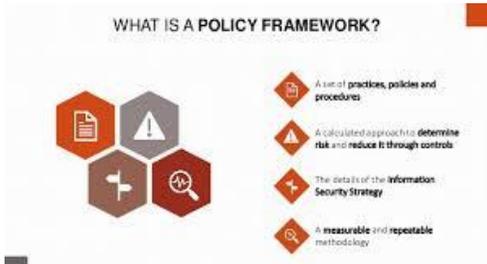
- Mainstreaming of partnership to PIDA PAP 2

- Validation of Partnership Strategy

- Presentation of the draft partnership strategy

- Presentation of final draft

# Why a need for common strategy?



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Top priorities for the continent 2020-2030



- Lack of a framework (with guiding principles/detailed guidelines) to engage with partners on infrastructure development
- Need for proactivity especially for trans-continental infrastructure development
- A common African strategy would provide a sense of direction and help avoid distractions from Africa's priorities



- Increasing competition among Africa's partners for a share of the continent's infrastructure space and investment opportunities
- A strategy that stresses investment perspective of own development than from external viewpoint
- Alignment with the overall partnership strategy of AU





An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's renaissance



World-class, integrative infrastructure that criss-crosses the continent to support Africa's accelerated integration and growth, technology transformation, trade and development – this includes high-speed railway networks, roads, sea and air transport, as well as well-developed ICT and the digital economy.

### Vision guided by the following principles



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# Summary of Principles

African Union	NEPAD	South-South Cooperation	Paris Declaration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sovereign equality and independence</li> <li>• Respect for borders</li> <li>• Participation of the African peoples</li> <li>• Non-interference</li> <li>• Self-reliance</li> <li>• Gender equality</li> <li>• Social justice/balanced economic development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good governance</li> <li>• African ownership and leadership</li> <li>• Broad and deep participation by all sectors of society</li> <li>• Anchoring development on Africa's resources and resourcefulness of its people</li> <li>• Partnership between and amongst African peoples</li> <li>• Acceleration of regional and continental integration;</li> <li>• Building competitiveness of African countries</li> <li>• Changing unequal relationship between Africa and the developed world</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respect for national sovereignty</li> <li>• National ownership and independence</li> <li>• Equality</li> <li>• Non-interference in domestic affairs</li> <li>• Mutual benefit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ownership</li> <li>• Alignment with national development strategies, institutions and procedures</li> <li>• Harmonisation</li> <li>• Management for result</li> <li>• Mutual accountability</li> </ul>



# Issues and options for strategic partnerships

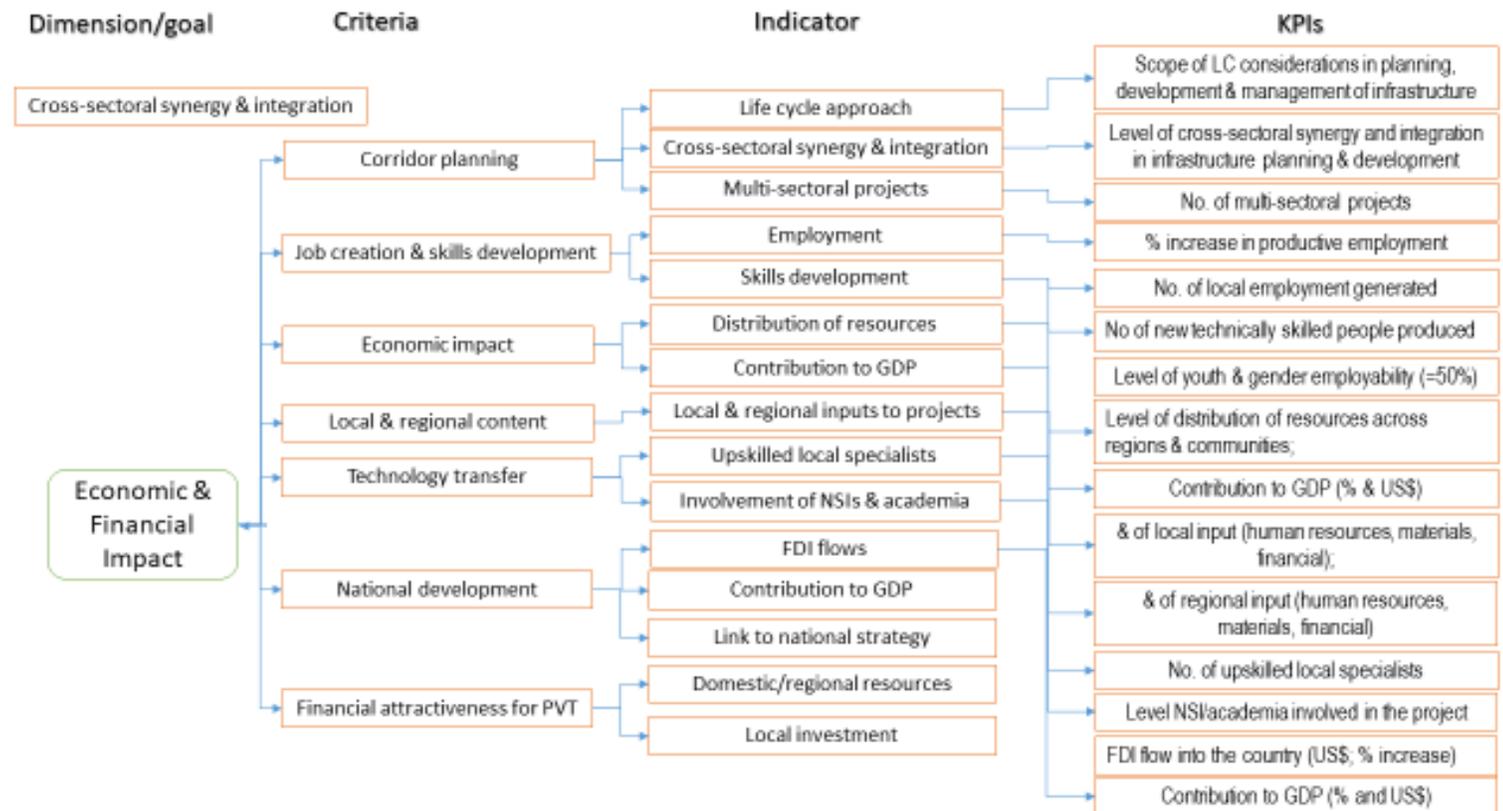
- Scope
  - Regional infrastructure development
  - Improving regulatory environment for infrastructure development esp. for private sector
  - Infrastructure programme development and project preparation
  - Investment/project finance
- Dealing/interface with existing partnerships
- Alignment of continental, regional and national priorities
- Diversity of actors, projects and partnerships objectives – may be a challenge for a common African partnership strategy
- Multiple platforms of engagement with the strategic partners
- Sustainability
  - Shifting priorities of both the development partners and African governments owing to the long gestation of infrastructure projects
  - Involving African private sector, academia in the strategic partnerships

# Consolidated accountability framework

Framework for cooperation in regional infrastructure development consists of the **goals or dimensions** of the partnerships, the **building blocks or criteria** for each goal, **indicators** for each building block and measurable **KPIs**

- **Regional Integration**
- **Inclusiveness and sustainability**
- **Economic and financial impact**
- **Quality infrastructure**

**Extension of the Integrated Corridor Approach of PIDA PAP 2 project selection**



# Implementing the accountability framework

- Developing strategic partnership Task Forces (TFs)
- Coordinating engagement with strategic partners and pursuing a differentiated partnership approach
  - AUC and AUDA-NEPAD to lead & coordinate engagement with partners, supported by TF of experts
  - Mapping regional projects with strategic infrastructure development partners
  - National engagements to be anchored on PIDA, Agenda 2063 & PIDA focal points to play active roles
  - Governments encouraged to take accountability framework into account in bilateral engagements
  - Governments encouraged to prioritise projects that feed into regional and continental networks in bilateral engagements
- Evidence-based engagement with partners
- Monitoring and evaluation
  - Use of Accountability Framework and PIDA focal points
  - Monitoring should be continuous and reports presented to PIDA Steering Committee, PIDA Dialogues, PIDA Week
  - Mid-term evaluation in 2025 and 2030



**THANK YOU!**