

PIDA WEEK

STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIPS WITH NON-AFRICAN ORGANISATIONS

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Background

Mandate

- 1st PIDA Policy Dialogue, December 2018, Addis Ababa
 - Recommends “ECA and AUC to develop Common African Strategy for mainstreaming PIDA in Infrastructure Partnerships with non-African countries and organisations”
- Second Ordinary Session of STC, April 2018, Cairo
 - Recommends “all stakeholders to use PIDA as a strategic framework while engaging with African and non-African partners”
- Stakeholders’ meeting on strategic infrastructure partnerships, 5-6 August 2019, Pretoria, South Africa
 - Outlines context and recommends principles and strategies to optimize benefits from partnerships
- Stakeholders’ meeting on PIDA PAP 2 processes, 10-11 August 2019, Kigali
 - Emerging Common Position Presented
- 2nd PIDA Dialogue, 24-26 August 2019, Malabo
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Key Questions

- Why does Africa need a common strategy for engaging with non-African countries and organisations in infrastructure partnerships?
- On what specific issues do African countries and organisations need guidance in their engagement with non-African countries and organisations?
- What are the different mechanisms applied in Africa's partnerships with non-African countries and organisations and how could PIDA be incorporated/mainstreamed in these mechanisms?

Context: Why Africa Needs a Common Strategy

- Lack of framework to engage with partners on infrastructure development
- Partnership frameworks exist in other sectors such as peace and security
- Need to be proactive in initiatives on its infrastructure development
- Common African strategy will provide a sense of direction and help avoid distractions from Africa's priorities
- Competition among Africa's partners for a share of the continents infrastructure space is gearing up
 - Space perceived to offer huge investment opportunities

Emerging African Position (1)

Dealing with existing partnership agreements

- a. Integrating Infrastructure Partnership Strategy in PIDA PAP 2 (as a section)
- b. Strategy to be adopted by African Ministers (STC responsible for infrastructure) and Heads of State

Interface between Actions at Regional and National Levels

- a. Aligning continental, regional and national priorities
- b. Signing MoU between AUC/AUDA-NEPAD and member states

Emerging African Position (2)

Diversity of Actors, Projects and Partnership Objectives

- Differentiated partnership approach
 - i. Understand how partners operate and why they are interested in Africa's infrastructure development
 - ii. Use different partnership mechanisms/approach/objectives for different countries, partners, projects
 - iii. Identify and communicate the benefits of each PIDA project to relevant partners – not all PIDA projects will be attractive to all partners (undertake a mapping of projects and partners)

Emerging African Position (3)

Sustainability

- a. Build capacity for infrastructure development
 - i. Use African universities/think-tanks in PIDA processes.
 - ii. Engage Africa's youth, including those in the diaspora
 - iii. Engage Africa's private sector (use indigenous private sector as well as private sector within the continent)
- b. Undertake exhaustive consultations in preparing PIDA PAP 2
- c. Institutionalization of projects (inclusion in national development plans)

Emerging African Position (4)

Scope of partnership

- a. Partnerships should be comprehensive in terms of areas of cooperation
 - i. Finance
 - ii. Capacity building
 - iii. Improving regulatory environment for infrastructure development, particularly for private sector participation

Monitoring and evaluation

- a. Developing Key Performance Indicators to hold partners accountable for their commitments

Principles (1)

AU Principles for Smart Infrastructure Financing

- Improved Project Preparation and Project pipeline
- Inclusive and Social Considerations
- Enhanced Environmental Sustainability
- Involvement of Youth and Gender
- Private Sector and Institutional Investors participation

Principles (2)

Normative principles

- Respect for national sovereignty and ownership
- Partnership among equals
- Non-conditionality
- Non- interference in domestic affairs
- Mutual benefits

Operational principles

- Mutual accountability and transparency
- Development effectiveness
- Coordination
- Multi stakeholder approach

Accountability: Key Performance Indicators

National Development

- FDI flow into country
- Contribution to GDP

Job creation

- Number of local employment generated

Skills transfer/human capital development

- Number of new technically skilled people produced during the project period

Regional infrastructure and regional integration

- Number of countries participating in a regional project
- Number of km of infrastructure developed within partnership period

Development of resilient infrastructure

- Use of technical standards and norms (including environment standards and norms)

Local content

- Percentage of local input into the project (human resources, materials, financial, etc.)

Technology transfer

Implementing Partnership Accountability Framework

- Accountability framework to be implemented through protocol signed between AU and member states
 - Member states to include PIDA PAP 2 projects in their public investment programmes/National Development Plans
- Mid-term review of the framework to evaluate its implementation

Way Forward

- Drafting of Common Position using inputs from Pretoria and Kigali stakeholders' meetings, Malabo PIDA Dialogue, 2019 PIDA Week
- Final document to be incorporated in PIDA PAP 2 as part of the partnership strategy