

PIDA WEEK 2019

Positioning Africa to deliver on Agenda 2063 and economic integration through multi- sectoral approaches to infrastructure development

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COMMUNIQUÉ

FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE FIFTH PIDA WEEK HELD FROM 25 TO 29 NOVEMBER 2019 CAIRO, ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

1. **We**, Ministers and delegates to the Fifth PIDA Week and the organizing and partners institutions, African Union Commission (AUC), African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD), the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the other African Union Members States, the Regional Economic Communities, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the German Cooperation, the European Union (EU), the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Private Sector representatives, as well as distinguished invitees;
2. **Express** our sincere gratitude to the Government and the People of the Arab Republic of Egypt, for hosting this PIDA Week and for the warm hospitality accorded to us;
3. **Reaffirm** the crucial role of PIDA in the achievement of the main goals of the AU Agenda 2063 for continental integration, prosperity and peace;
4. **Reiterate** our commitment to develop integrated and efficient systems through the application of sound policies and development strategies with a view to enhancing efficiency, sustainability and affordability of transport, energy, ICT and water services, in line with AU Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals;
5. **Acknowledge** the diligent work accomplished during 2019 which was presented in the PIDA Annual Implementation report; and Take note with appreciation of the detailed status reports and updates on the projects presented during the PIDA Week;
6. **Further acknowledge** the Digital Transformation Strategy (DTS) for Africa and **encourage all stakeholders** to speed up its implementation upon its adoption by the Assembly with a view to fully benefit from its huge potential for Africa's socio-economic transformation and the attainment of the objectives of the Agenda 2063;
7. **Note with appreciation** the validation of the PIDA PAP 2 process (integrated corridor approach and project selection criteria) by the Bureau of the STC on Transport, Intercontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism (STC-TTIET) on behalf of the STC-TTIET and invite the AUC, AUDA- NEPAD, AfDB and UNECA to implement the recommendations of the Bureau of the STC;
8. **Acknowledge** the significance of the maritime transport sector as a key component for PIDA PAP 2 integrated corridor approach; and Encourage African Union Member States to join the Single African Air Transport Market, and other key infrastructure projects particularly facilitating transportation for fast tracking the operationalization of AFCFTA.
9. **Welcome** the revival of the involvement of African and international private sector, the academia as well as partners to promote technical and financial contribution to PIDA projects.
10. **Welcome** the launch of the African Network for Women in Infrastructure (ANWI) and express our support for the network;

11. **Encourage AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, AfDB and UNECA** in partnership with other stakeholders, and financial institutions to pursue the mobilization of funding for the complete implementation of the PIDA projects;
12. **Call upon** African Union Member States, development partners and members of the Continental Business Network (CBN) to provide adequate resources for the PIDA project preparation facilities: the PIDA Service Delivery Mechanism (SDM) and the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (NEPAD- IPPF), among others;
13. **Encourage** partner organisations, as well as bilateral development partners to provide the necessary technical and financial support to the implementation of the second phase of PIDA Priority Action Plan projects by 2030;
14. **Urge** the AUDA-NEPAD in consultation with the AUC, and the member states to coordinate continental stakeholders toward the operationalization of the Africa Infrastructure Guarantee Mechanism (AIGM) as a strategic instrument to scale up risk mitigation and mobilize greater investment for PIDA projects.
15. **Welcome** the launch of the PIDA Job Creation Toolkit, encourage all project owners, financiers and other stakeholders to make use of the Toolkit and further recommend its continued promotion, development and application in the PIDA PAP 2 process.
16. **Encourage** the use of cross-sectoral approaches to promote and demonstrate the economic viability of projects on the continent;
17. **Appreciate** the recognition of the tourism sector as one of the five priority services sectors under the AfCFTA and urge the Member States, AUC, AUDA- NEPAD, AfDB and UNECA, to fast track the establishment of African Tourism Organisation in line with the recommendations of Agenda 2063.
18. **Encourage** partner organisations, as well as bilateral development partners to promote and provide the necessary technical and financial support for the development and implementation of the Continental Transmission Network Master Plan, INGA 3 Hydropower and High-Speed Rail projects within the framework of the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063. In the context of the High- Speed Rail Project, and in order to crowd-in private sector financing of rolling stock; encourage Member States to ratify the Luxembourg Rail Protocol.
19. **Urge AUDA-NEPAD and AUC** to ensure that digitalisation, gender and youth mainstreaming are fully integrated with other PIDA sector projects to support and promote job creation and entrepreneurship;
20. **Call upon** AUDA-NEPAD to operationalise reporting strategy to ensure smooth and coordinated flow of information on PIDA projects and programmes;
21. **Urge** ECA and AUC to finalise the common African strategy for infrastructure partnerships;
22. **Encourage** African sovereign wealth funds and pension funds to invest a greater part of their assets in Africa's development including the implementation of PIDA projects; to attain the target of 5%Agenda.

