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AGENDA

**THE FIRST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
AFRICAN UNION SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

ON

**TRANSPORT, TRANSCONTINENTAL AND INTERREGIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURES, ENERGY AND TOURISM**

THEME: FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE IN AFRICA

**Lomé, Togo
13th – 17th March 2017**

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EXPERTS' MEETING

13TH – 16TH MARCH, 2017

I. FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Preliminaries:

1. Opening Ceremony
2. Procedural Matters
 - Setup of the Meeting Bureau
 - Adoption of Agenda and Work programme

Plenary Working Sessions

1. Consideration of the STC Rules of Procedures
2. Innovative Financing and Domestic Funds Mobilization Strategies;
3. Financing of major transcontinental, interregional and national infrastructure projects in the energy, transport and tourism sectors: opportunities and challenges;
4. Strengthening and promoting national and regional capacities for projects preparation;
5. Update on the implementation of the PIDA/PAP and the Way Forward;
6. Regional Infrastructures as a Catalyst for Job Creation in Africa;
7. AU Agenda 2063 and UN-SDGs

II. THEMATIC PARALLEL SESSIONS: ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

II.1 ENERGY

1. Electricity Market Development and Investments Promotion

- AUC Initiative on Harmonized continental Regulatory Framework in the Electricity Sector
- Regional Geothermal Program and Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility Operationalization.
- Africa Bioenergy Policy framework and Guidelines Implementation
- Africa Green Regional Energy: Efficient, New and Creditworthy Off-taker (Africa GreenCO) Initiative

2. New Initiatives, Strategies and Renewables

- AfDB New Deal on Energy for Africa
- Africa Renewable Energy Initiative and its operationalization phase
- SE4ALL and Global tracking Framework (The African Chapter)
- Green Mini Grid Africa Strategy and Rural Electrification
- Electricity Smart Grid.

3. Partnerships, Database and Flagship projects

- Successful Flagship Regional Energy Projects and Lessons Learned
- Africa EU Energy Partnership
- Oil and Gas: New Resources Discoveries and Investments and Benefits for Africa
- Africa Energy Information system and database;
- Atlas of Africa Energy Resources;
- Africa Clean Energy Corridors

II.2 TRANSPORT

1. Progress Reports on the implementation of adopted policies, programmes, projects and decisions

2. Air Transport:

- The future of the African Single Air Transport Market (SAATM) under the AU Agenda 2063
- SAATM and Regulatory Texts
- Consideration of the Windhoek Ministerial Declaration on Aviation Security and Facilitation
- Review of the Abuja Aviation Safety Targets including ANS

3. Railway Transport:

- Vision 2063 of the African Integrated High-Speed Railway Network (AIHSRN)

4. Road Transport and Corridors:

- Smart Corridors for Transforming Africa's Trans-border Infrastructure and Trade Facilitation
- African Action Plan for the Global Decade of Action on Road Safety
- Financing road infrastructure development and maintenance
- Vienna Action Plan

5. Maritime Transport:

- Validation of the Annexes to the Lomé Charter
- Increasing African Ports Capacity and Efficiency for Economic Growth

II.3 TOURISM

1. Progress Report on the implementation of adopted policies, programmes, projects and decisions;
2. Tourism Flagship projects;
3. Enhancing Africa's tourism competitiveness;
4. Harmonisation of Tourism Strategy in the Continent;
5. Tourism and Security in Africa;
6. Investing and financing tourism in Africa;
7. Update of Tourism Action Plan.

III. SECOND PLENARY SESSION

- **Adoption of the Experts' Report**

IV. Closing Ceremony of the Experts' Meeting

V. SIDE MEETING OF THE MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP ON SAATM

VI. PAN AFRICAN INVESTMENT FORUM AND MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE

Topic: Enhancing private sector participation in infrastructure financing.

Discussions to focus on:

- Investment climate, legal and regulatory frameworks in Africa
- Institutional stability aspect;
- Investment in infrastructure for job creation in Africa;
- Skills enhancement;
- Contribution of private investments and PPPs including SMEs;
- New and innovative financial instruments.

MINISTERS' MEETING

17TH MARCH, 2017

AGENDA: MINISTERIAL MEETING: 17th March 2017

I. Preliminaries:

- Opening Ceremony;
- Procedural matters:
 - Election of the Bureau
 - Adoption of Agenda and Work program.

II. Working Sessions:

- Consideration and adoption of the STC Rules of Procedures and establishment of the Sub-Committees;
- Consideration of the Experts' Meeting Report;
- Consideration and adoption of the STC Action Plan and Ministerial Declaration.

III. CLOSING CEREMONY