THEME: “Positioning Africa to deliver on Agenda 2063 and economic integration through multi-sectoral approaches to infrastructure development”.

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1 Background

PIDA Week was inaugurated in 2015 as a platform to bring together key stakeholders involved in the implementation of the PIDA programme, to take stock of progress and identify ways to continue to advance implementation. The first PIDA Week was held in Abidjan under the theme “Accelerating In-restructure Implementation for Africa’s Integration” while the second event focused on job creation - “Creating Jobs through Regional Infrastructure Development”. In 2017, PIDA Week continued with emphasis on job creation and economic transformation - “Regional Infrastructure Development for Job Creation and Economic Transformation” and in 2018 the key theme was “Realising Africa’s Integration through Smart Infrastructure and Good Governance”.

PIDA Week 2019 takes cognisance of the formation of the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD), tasked among other things to coordinate and execute priority regional and continental development projects and to promote regional economic integration towards the accelerated realisation of Agenda 2063 – Africa’s vision and action plan. As such, this year’s PIDA Week will focus on anchoring infrastructure development as a key element through which AUDA-NEPAD will support and strengthen the capacity of member states and associated regional institutions to deliver on Africa’s transformation agenda.

At the first session of the Specialized Technical Committee on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructures, Energy and Tourism (STC-TTIIET) held in March 2017 in Lomé, Togo as well as the second session of the STC held in April 2019 in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, the Ministers in charge of Transport and Energy recommended that the African Union Commission prepares the second phase of PIDA (PIDA PAP 2, 2021-2030).

The preparatory process of the second phase of the PIDA PAP is being inclusive of all stakeholders namely: Member States of the African Union, Regional Economic Community (RECs), African institutions, civil society, private sector, youth and the women, African and non-African development partners.

This edition of PIDA Week will assess the progress made in the preparation the PIDA PAP2.

2 Value Proposition

Since its inception in 2015 PIDA Week has evolved and grown to become the flagship advocacy and marketing event for the PIDA programme and specifically projects in need of financing. The format of the event provides an opportunity to engage and exchange information on PIDA in particular and infrastructure development in general. Going forward, PIDA Week will take into account the mandate of AUDA-NEPAD, and the need to deliver as one and will thus be positioned to deliver value internally and externally by promoting a multi-sectoral ‘corridor approach’ that links all sectors to infrastructure development and stimulates spatial economic development. Further PIDA Week 2019 will:

a) Provide a platform to advocate and market PIDA as part of the recommended strong communications strategy to communicate progress on priority PIDA projects and facilitate sharing of lessons and experiences on the implementation of PIDA projects
b) Promote involvement of stakeholders including Member States in the development of PIDA PAP 2 and hold the meeting of STC TTIIET bureau meeting to assess the PIDA PAP 2 studies
c) Provide a transactional Platform for member states developing PIDA Projects to mobilise resources for project preparation from Project Preparation Facilities, Market Sounding of projects under preparation, showcase projects going into procurement and structuring to developers and financiers.
d) Showcase spatial economic development opportunities along the PIDA Corridors in Industry, Trade & Commerce, Mining, Agriculture, Health, Education etc.
Develop and foster linkages with External Stakeholders - As a continental initiative, PIDA provides a common framework for African stakeholders to build the infrastructure necessary to integrate the continent physically, economically and socially, offering opportunities to boost intra-African trade, create new jobs for Africa’s growing population and improving overall socio-economic development on the continent.

f) INGA Dam Ministerial Round Table, Hydropower project at the AU Agenda 2063 flagship project

g) Harmonization Regulatory Framework of Electricity Market in Africa

h) New energy initiatives: Solar, Small Hydro, and Small Island States

i) African Forum for Utilities Regulators (AFUR) annual meeting

j) Africa Europe Energy Partnership (AEEP)

k) Digital transformation Strategy and Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa (PRIDA)

l) Sectors specific workshops will be also held during this week, including:
   - Validation workshop of the Detail Scoping Study for the Continental High Speed Railway Network (CHSRN), an Agenda 2063 flagship project
   - Efficiency and Competitively of ports in Africa
   - Coordination workshop on the implementation of the tourism action plan 2019-2021
   - Meeting of the Working Group in charge of the Feasibility study on the African Tourism Organisation

PIDA Week 2019 will take the approach of fostering connections between infrastructure and other sector specific projects and programmes, focusing on issues such as the connections between infrastructure and energy, job creation in infrastructure and tourism, and Agriculture and Industrialisation, infrastructure and trade/economic integration and Infrastructure and Health and Education.

As part of the strategy of cross-linkages with PIDA stakeholders, the 2019 PIDA Week will incorporate the Africa Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR) AGM and annual conference. The event will be hosted by the Government of Egypt under the auspices of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

3 Proposed PIDA Week Themes

PIDA Week is organised around a topical theme that brings to the fore key aspects of the implementation of PIDA taking into account the current implementation context. The theme is also intended to be broad enough to accommodate the inclusion of other sectors to underscore the multi-sectoral nature of the impact of infrastructure in the socio-economic development of the continent. At the PIDA Steering Committee of 2019 the following thematic areas were proposed for consideration for PIDA Week 2019:

- Fostering industrialisation through development of smart infrastructure
- Delivering PIDA results through strong partnerships
- Realising AfCFTA through accelerated infrastructure development
- Environmental social governance and climate-smart infrastructure
- Re-engaging private sector for improved infrastructure financing
- Fast tracking the implementation of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM) as key enabler for the operationalization of AfCFTA
- Detail scoping study of the Continental High Speed Railway Network as step to the feasibility assessment

Taking into account these suggestions and other emerging developments, it is proposed to hold PIDA Week 2019 under the theme: “Positioning Africa to deliver on Agenda 2063 through multi-sectoral approaches to infrastructure development”. In this way, the proposed themes above could be adopted as sub-themes of specific sessions.
4 PIDA Week Programme Structure

Prior to the official opening of the PIDA Week, there will be a meeting of the bureau of the STC on Transport Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism (STC TTIIET) on 24th November 2019 in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.

PIDA Week is structured to accommodate a variety of sessions and events including thematic plenary sessions, parallel sessions, project showcasing, statutory meetings, partner events and bilaterals. The general outline proposed for PIDA Week 2019 is as follows:

Day 1 (Monday)
- Morning: official opening, presentation of PIDA 2019 report, High level panel on PIDA Week theme
- Afternoon: Up to 8 parallel sessions (1.5 hours each). These are proposed by interested partners and stakeholders

Day 2 (Tuesday) – Plenary sessions on sub-themes, Experts meeting on the PIDA PAP 2 process

Day 3 (Wednesday) – Spotlight on PIDA projects, PIDA implementation, AUDA-NEPAD side-events, Continental validation workshop of the strategy paper as well as the Detail scoping study of the continental high speed railway network project.

Day 4 (Thursday)
- Morning: Report-back session on key outcomes and recommendations
- Afternoon: presentation of communique, official closing

Day 5 (Friday) - Project site visit (to be confirmed by host)

5 Target Audience

PIDA Week targets the participation of key stakeholders in infrastructure and related thematic areas including: AUC Member states

Member States of AU
Regional Economic Communities & Institutions
PIDA Project owners
AFUR members
Project developers
Government officials
National and Regional Development Banks, Private Equity & Debt investors
Project Preparation Funds
Law firms, Advisory and Auditing Firms
Institutional Investors: Pension Funds, Insurance Companies, Commercial Banks, Mutual Funds, Hedge Funds & Sovereign Wealth Funds, Guarantee and Risk Mitigation Instrument Providers
Public Private Partnership Units
Investors, Business Executives & Entrepreneurs

Multilaterals & Development Finance Institutions
Utilities and Regulatory Bodies
Industry Sector Specialists
Media
Logistics / Supply Chain Companies
Academic & Research Bodies
Civil Society
Allied Industries (Cement, Iron, Steel Producers, Construction Companies)
International Development Partners
6 Outcomes

The Intended outcomes of PIDA Week are:

- Provide a platform for advocacy of implementation of priority PIDA Project as part of an enhanced communications strategy to act as a catalyst for Africa to attain and deepen economic integration and the relevant targets set under Agenda 2063.
- Facilitate cross sectoral linkages to continental Infrastructure Projects and facilitate sharing lessons and experiences on the implementation of PIDA projects.
- Promote private sector participation in PIDA and provide a market place to showcase PIDA Projects.
- Validation of key studies that contribute to the PIDA PAP 2 process
- Validation of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism (DSM) for operationalization of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM)
- Progress on the Digital Transformation Strategy
- Validation of the Strategy to unlock access to rural areas
- Validation of the strategy paper as well as the Detail scoping study of the Continental High Speed Railway Network, followed by a capacity building workshop on the Luxembourg Protocol on railways
- Launch of the African Network for Women in Infrastructure (ANWIn)

7 Venue

Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt