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## **CONCEPT NOTE**

**THE 4<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE  
AFRICAN UNION SPECIALISED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
ON  
TRANSPORT, TRANSCONTINENTAL AND INTERREGIONAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ENERGY  
(STC-TTIIIE)**

***THEME: Accelerating Infrastructure to Deliver on  
Agenda 2063 Aspirations***

**Zanzibar, Tanzania  
12 – 15 September 2023**

co-organised with



## I. BACKGROUND

1. The African Union Commission (AUC), in collaboration with the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and Afrieximbank is organising the fourth ordinary session of the African Union (AU) Specialised Technical Committee on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, and Energy (STC-TTIIE) from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in Zanzibar, Tanzania.
2. The STC-TTIIE is the Ministerial decision-making organ of the AU for the transport and energy sectors as well as overall infrastructure development matters. Its main role is to provide policy and strategic guidance for continental integration in the infrastructure sectors of transport and energy. It was established with other similar sectoral organs initially as the *Committee on Transport, Energy and Communications* under Article 25 of the African Economic Community Treaty (the Abuja Treaty) adopted by the Assembly of the Organisation of the African Unity (OAU) in 1994 and, subsequently, under Articles 14, 15, and 16 of the Constitutive Act of the African Union adopted by the AU Assembly in 2000. It was reconfigured into the *STC on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism* (STC-TTIET) in February 2009 by the AU Assembly through its decision: Assembly/AU/Dec.227 (XII). Following the AU institutional reform process and the transfer of the Tourism function from the Department of Infrastructure and Energy (IED) to the Department of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade, Industry, Mining (ETTIM), the STC-TTIET has been functioning as STC-TTIIE since 2021.
3. In accordance with its Rules of Procedure, the STC meets biennially. The first meeting of the STC-TTIIE took place from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Lomé, Togo while the second one was held from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 in Cairo, Egypt. The third STC meeting was held virtually from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 due to Covid-19.
4. The Bureau of the STC-TTIIE is constituted according to AU rules of procedure on the basis of balanced sectoral representation, rotation and geographical distribution and serves for two years. The current Bureau was elected in June 2021 and is made up of the following Member States:

Chair	:	Lesotho (Southern Africa)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair	:	Comoros (Eastern Africa)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair	:	Congo (Central Africa)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chair	:	Benin (West Africa)
Rapporteur	:	Egypt (Northern Africa)

## II. THEME

5. The first session of the STC-TTIIET rallied around the theme: ***Financing Infrastructure in Africa***. The second session focused on the development of transport, energy and tourism infrastructure towards the achievement of specific AU Agenda 2063 goals under the theme of ***“Developing SMART Infrastructure to boost Africa’s Continental Transformation and Integration”***. The third session of the STC was held under the shadow of Covid-19 and sought to stimulate action towards recovery and resilience under the banner of the ***“Role of Infrastructure & Energy in the Post Covid-19 Africa - Towards Sustainable Economic Recovery, Resilience, Jobs, Industrialisation & Trade”***.
6. The fourth session of the STC comes at a time when the AU is in the process of evaluating the implementation of the First Ten-Year Implementation Plan (FTYIP) of Agenda 2063 and gearing to launch the Second Ten-Year Implementation Plan (STYIP). It is, therefore, an opportune moment to rally the Member States and stakeholders to commit to the implementation of the STYIP by highlighting the crucial and catalytic role of infrastructure and energy in attaining the aspirations of Agenda 2063. Hence, the 4<sup>th</sup> ordinary session of the STC will revolve around the theme, ***“Accelerating Infrastructure to Deliver on Agenda 2063 Aspirations”***.

## III. OBJECTIVES

7. The overall objective of the STC-TTIIIE meeting is to evaluate the implementation of the various activities and programmes in the infrastructure and energy sectors to consider prevailing global and continental issues touching on infrastructure and energy, and to agree on specific interventions as the way forward.

## IV. EXPECTED RESULTS

8. The main expected results are:
  - i) A new Bureau of the STC-TTIIIE for the period 2023-2025;
  - ii) A recommendation to the Executive Council to formally drop Tourism from the STC and change its name from STC-TTIIET to STC-TTIIIE;
  - iii) Dissolution of the STC Sub-Committee of Tourism;
  - i) A recommendation to the Executive Council to approve amended STC Rules of Procedure reflecting the removal of Tourism and change of STC name;
  - iv) STC Plans of Action for 2023-2025;
  - v) A Ministerial Declaration on the commitments of the meeting.

## V. PARTICIPATION

9. In line with the structure of STCs, the following entities will participate in the meeting:
- i) All AU Member States: Ministers and experts responsible for transport (i.e. Air, Road, Railway and Maritime Transport), and energy sectors;
  - ii) Regional Economic Communities (RECs);
  - iii) Continental Organisations: AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, AfDB and UNECA;
  - iv) Specialised Agencies and Institutions; and
  - v) Invited partner organisations.

## **VI. AGENDA**

10. The Meeting will be organised in two sessions starting with the Experts Session from 12<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 followed by the Ministerial Session on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
11. The Experts meeting will comprise a plenary session to consider cross-cutting issues and updates on PIDA; and parallel sessions on transport and energy to consider sector-specific issues. The Ministers' meeting will be held entirely as a plenary session.
12. A detailed agenda and work programme is annexed to this Concept Note.

## **VII. VENUE AND DATES**

13. The Fourth Ordinary Session of the STC on Transport, Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, and Energy will be held in Zanzibar, the United Republic of Tanzania, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
14. The exact meeting location will be communicated at a later stage.

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