

**Follow-up on the implementation of recommendations of the
Sixth Conference of African Integration in charge of Integration (COMAI VI)
14-18 July 2014
Swaziland**

N	Recommendation	Status of Implementation	Challenges
	African Union Commission		
1.	Request the AUC to Organize, pending the full implementation of the pertinent decisions on the operationalization of the Special Technical Committees (STCs), an Extra-ordinary Joint Conference of African Ministers in charge of Integration and the Ministers of Economy and Finance in order to ensure better involvement in the decision making process and mobilization of the necessary funding to implement the various integration programmes;	The AUC was unable to organize the joint Ministerial meeting because of prior logistical arrangements with the host country (Nigeria). However, the AUC submitted the study on African Integration Fund to the Extraordinary Experts session of the Conference of AU Ministers of Economy and Finance, held in Abuja, on 21-24 March 2014. The experts made their inputs and amendments to the report. Next year, the AUC will start implementing the decision and will convene the Specialized Technical Committee on Finance, Monetary Affairs, Economic Planning and Integration	Logistical constraints
2.	request the AUC to develop a harmonized framework to scientifically assess the implementation of the integration process, using integration indicators and Common Benchmarks of evaluation and assessment, based on the AU wide Development Plan,	The AUC and UNECA have started working on implementing this recommendation. In this respect a first draft of the African regional integration index was presented during the Joint Conference of AU Ministers of Economy and Finance and the UNECA Conference of Ministers of finance, planning and Economic development. The document was enriched by the comments and inputs and is presented during this conference for consideration and adoption.	
3.	invite representatives of civil society and private sector to future meetings of the COMAI;	The AUC has invited representatives of civil society and private sector to this Conference. During the upcoming conferences, the AUC will try to increase the number of participants from civil society and private sector.	Budgetary constraints
4.	organize an integration forum as a platform for public private dialogue on	This activity is planned and budgeted for in the 2014 Budget. The targeted period will be the fourth quarter of	Inadequate human resources

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	integration matters and help foster accelerated implementation and responsive policy making;	the year.	
5.	design a programme that promotes the interest of African youth to African integration and development issues;	The AUC has developed the African Youth Volunteer programme. Possibilities of crafting other initiatives will be looked at.	None
6.	Request the AU Commission to undertake a study on the integration needs of island and landlocked countries with a view to developing a special assistance programme to accelerate their integration;	The Economic Affairs Department is working on developing the Terms of Reference of the study on the integration needs of island and landlocked countries. A validation workshop is planned for by end of 2014.	Budgetary constraints
7.	Request AUC, in collaboration with the RECs, Member States and relevant partners, to convene a consultative meeting on "Blue Economy".	The Economic Affairs Department is planning to convene the consultative meeting on "Blue Economy" during the third quarter of 2014. The concept note was elaborated and the AUC is working on the practical modalities(identification of host country)	Budgetary constraints
8.	Request the AUC to expedite the finalization of the Concept Note on the formation of the Second bloc and forward it to the concerned RECs.	The Concept note on the formation of the Second bloc was finalized and sent to the concerned RECs for further consultation with their respective Member States. No feedback received from the concerned RECs. The AUC has called for a consultative meeting of the second bloc RECs in December 2013, in Johannesburg, South Africa, but due to the low level of participation and absence of some RECs, the meeting was postponed.	Lack of commitment from some RECs of the second bloc to push the process forward.
9.	Put in place an interdepartmental mechanism in order to coordinate both regional and continental integration;	The AUC is promoting the interdepartmental cooperation in order to enhance the coordination of the various continental programmes. Directors meeting are held regularly. Specialized technical committees grouping ministerial conferences will be implemented starting next year in order to promote better synergy and cohesion of the approach.	Follow up of the various initiatives remain a real challenge.

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10.	Develop, in consultation with the RECs and Member States, a continental driving license and motor vehicle insurance scheme, to be recognized and accepted in all African countries;	None	Human and financial resource constraints
11.	Accelerate the issuance of the AU passport for African citizens, emulating the ECOWAS and EAC experiences;	This issue was deliberated on during the AUC-RECS-UNECA-AfDB coordination Committee meeting held on 04 June 2014. A recommendation was made to eliminate the visa requirements and issuing the African Passport. This would be submitted to the Malabo Summit for decision.	Lack of political determination to tackle this issue.
	Regional Economic Communities		
12.	Urge ECOWAS, ECCAS, CEN-SAD and UMA and their Member States to accelerate their consultations for a rapid formation of the Second Bloc in accordance with the Decision Assembly/AU Dec.392 (XVIII) of the Assembly of the Union.	The AUC called for a consultative meeting with the concerned RECs, in December 2013, in Johannesburg, South Africa. Unfortunately not all concerned RECs were present and therefore the meeting couldn't take place.	Lack of commitment from some RECs of the second bloc to push the process forward.
		Member States	
13.	Mobilize domestic resources to support financing of regional and continental infrastructure projects that promote integration from various sources, including, the AUC alternative sources of funding and the African Infrastructure financing facility being planned by the	Members states to report	NA

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	African Development Bank;		
14.	Accelerate the free movement of people through liberalizing their visa regime;	Some countries (Rwanda) had recently removed visa requirements for Africans.	Lack of political determination.
15.	Empower the regional and Continental institutions in order to enable them play their role in coordinating and accelerating the integration process	Members states to report	NA
16.	Put in place national forums to discuss issues of integration with the various stakeholders, including, private sector, media, youth associations, and civil society	Members states to report	NA