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Way Forward – Role for AUC

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Role for AUC

- **Range of interventions mentioned**
 - **Monitoring mechanism**
 - **Information and experience exchange**
 - **Coordination**
 - **Substantive engagement**
 - **Training/capacity building**

Political-level interventions (signals)

- **Explicit recognition by Leaders/Ministers of the fundamental importance of services to CFTA/AEC**
- **Continental action plan on services (AUC + other continental agencies)**
- **Create AUC ‘services desk’ + call on RECs to do same (ensure meaningful role)**

Monitoring/information interventions

- **Establish continent-wide monitoring mechanism on services integration**
 - **Track progress /consider tracking barriers**
- **Disseminate relevant information and knowledge on relevant cross-cutting and sectoral issues**
- **Engage relevant continental stakeholders on services issues**
 - **Private sector, regulators and civil society**

Substantive interventions

- **‘Mainstreaming’ services into AUC work programme**
 - **Ensure services is standing item on key AUC agendas (Trade, Regional Integration, etc)**
 - **Integrate services into Minimum Integration Program**
 - **Assist RECs to do the same**
- **Take a coordinating role to promote cooperation, convergence and/or harmonisation of regulatory policies for appropriate services sectors**

Substantive interventions

- **Commission targeted studies on regional and cross-regional regulatory issues**
- **Undertake work on supra-REC ‘model legislation’**
- **Play a role on training/capacity building on services issues**

Considerations...

- **Division of labour/Partnerships**
 - Other African agencies
 - RECs
 - Other agencies (IGO, NGO, etc)
- **Capacity**
- **Other...**

The end

- Thank you
- Merci

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