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**SECOND SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION  
CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORT  
21 – 25 NOVEMBER 2011  
LUANDA, ANGOLA**

**AU/TPT/EXP/1 (II)**

**DRAFT AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME**

***MEETING OF EXPERTS***

## DRAFT AGENDA OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS

### I. OPENING CEREMONY

### II. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- Election of the Bureau
- Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

### III. WORKING SESSIONS

#### **1. *Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA):***

- a. Transport sector programme
- b. Implementation framework: Institutional Architecture for Infrastructure Development in Africa

#### **2. *Implementation of Plans of action in the transport sub-sectors:***

##### AIR TRANSPORT

1. Implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision:
  - Executing Agency;
  - Competition rules and dispute settlement mechanism;
  - Evaluation of the Implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision;
  - Harmonisation of aeronautical taxes, charges and fees.
2. African Civil Aviation Common Policy
3. Aviation Safety
4. Aviation Security
5. Environmental protection
6. External air transport policy
  - Progress report on the implementation of the Guidelines for negotiation of air service agreements between African Union Member States and EC/AU Member States
7. Ratification of International Air Law Instruments including the AFCAC Constitution
8. Capacity Building
  - Assessment of the Guidelines for negotiation of air service agreements between African Union Member States and EC/AU Member States

##### MARITIME TRANSPORT

#### Implementation of the Maritime Transport Plan of Action

- i. African Maritime Transport Charter
- ii. Implementation of the Durban Resolution on Maritime Safety, Maritime Security and Protection of the Marine Environment:

iii. Port management and development

LAND TRANSPORT (ROAD & RAIL)

1. Development of transport corridors
2. Facilitation of transit transport
3. Harmonisation of road standard and Intergovernmental Agreement on the trans-African Highways network
4. Improvement of road safety
5. Development of railway transport in Africa
  - Financing;
  - Privatisation;
  - Training.

**3. Draft Plan of Action**

**4. Draft Ministerial Declaration**

**5. Draft Agenda and Programme of Work of the Ministers meeting**

**6. Any other business**

**IV. CLOSING OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS**

## DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS

DAY 1: MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2011	
<b>09:00-10:00</b>	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introductory Remarks: Director of Infrastructure and Energy of the AU Commission</li> <li>▪ Address of the Representative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</li> <li>▪ Address of the Representative of the African Development Bank</li> <li>▪ Address of the Representative of the World Bank</li> <li>▪ Address of the Representative of the European Union</li> <li>▪ Opening Address of the Deputy Minister of Transport of the Republic of Angola</li> </ul>	
<b>10:00-10:15</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>10:15-10:30</b>	<b>PROCEDURAL MATTERS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Election of the Bureau</li> <li>▪ Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme</li> </ul>	
<b>SESSIONS DE TRAVAIL</b>	
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Session 1 (Plenary): Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Transport sector programme</li> <li>▪ Implementation framework: Institutional Architecture for Infrastructure Development in Africa</li> </ul>
<b>12H00-13H00</b>	<b><i>Discussions, conclusions and recommendations of session 1</i></b>
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>14:30-16:00</b>	<b>Sessions 2A, 2B, and 2C (Parallel): Implementation of plans of action in the transport sub-sectors:</b> <p><b>2A. <u>AIR TRANSPORT</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Executing Agency;</li> <li>→ Competition rules and dispute settlement mechanism;</li> <li>→ Harmonisation of aeronautical taxes, charges and fees.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. African Civil Aviation Common Policy.</li> <li>3. Aviation Safety.</li> <li>4. Aviation Security.</li> <li>5. Environmental protection.</li> <li>6. External air transport policy.</li> </ol>

- ➔ Assessment of the Guidelines for negotiation of air service agreements between African Union Member States and EC/AU Member States
- 7. Ratification of International Air Law Instruments including the AFCAC Constitution.
- 8. Capacity building

## **2B. MARITIME TRANSPORT**

Implementation of the Maritime Transport Plan of Action

- i. African Maritime Transport Charter
- ii. Implementation of the Durban Resolution on Maritime Safety, Maritime Security and Protection of the Marine Environment:
- iii. Port management and development

## **2C. LAND TRANSPORT: RAILWAY & ROAD**

- 1. Development of transport corridors
- 2. Facilitation of transit transport
- 3. Harmonisation of road infrastructure and equipment standards
- 4. Improvement of road safety
- 5. Development of railway transport in Africa
  - i. Financing;
  - ii. Privatisation;
  - iii. Training.

<b>16:00-16:15</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
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<b>16:15-18:00</b>	<b><i>Discussions, conclusions and recommendations of session 2</i></b>
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<b>18:00</b>	<b>END OF DAY 1</b>
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<b>19:00-23:00</b>	<b>WELCOME COCKTAIL / DINNER</b>
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<b>DAY 2: TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2011</b>	
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<b>09:00-10:30</b>	<b>Session 3 (Plenary): Consideration of the reports of parallel sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Report of the session on Air transport</li> <li>▪ Report of the session on Maritime transport</li> <li>▪ Report of the session on Land transport</li> </ul>
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<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
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<b>10:45-13:00</b>	<b><i>Discussions, conclusions and recommendations of session 3</i></b>
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<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
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14:30-15:00	<b>Session4: Draft Ministerial Declaration and Plan of Action</b>
15:00-15:30	<i>Discussions, conclusions and recommendations of session 4</i>
15:30-15:40	<b>Session5: Draft Agenda and Programme of Work of the Ministers meeting</b>
15:40-16:00	<i>Discussions, conclusions and recommendations of session 5</i>
16:00-16:15	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
16:15-16:45	<b>Any other business</b>
16:45-17:00	<b>END OF DAY 2</b>
<b>DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2011</b>	
09:00-13:00	Preparation of the Report of the Meeting of Experts, translation and reproduction
13:00-14:30	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
14:30-15:45	Preparation of the Report of the Meeting of Experts, translation and reproduction (contd.)
15:45-16:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
16:00-18:00	<b>Session 6:Consideration and adoption of the documents to be submitted to the Ministerial session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Report of the Meeting of Experts</li> <li>▪ Draft Plan of Action</li> <li>▪ Draft Declaration of the Ministers</li> <li>▪ Draft Agenda and Work Programme of the Ministerial Session</li> <li>▪ Draft Final Communiqué</li> <li>▪ Draft Vote of Thanks</li> </ul>
18:00-18:30	<b>CLOSING OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS</b>