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FOREWORD

The publication of the 2019 / 2020 PIDA Progress Report takes place at a critical time when the world has been thrust into a crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Africa has been disproportionately affected due to policy and structural gaps that have exposed her lack of resilience to such shocks. This has and will continue in the near term, to adversely affect the continent's plan to realise the much-needed developmental goals and aspirations in many areas including, in our context, attainment of key continental infrastructure goals. COVID-19 is expected to significantly widen fiscal deficits across the continent, making infrastructure financing harder to come by. The pandemic will likely set most large-scale development projects back in the short-to-medium term. However, with every problem, there is an opportunity. The pandemic presents an opportunity to re-shape the state of the world for years to come and for the better through adjusting our policy frameworks and development models. For PIDA, it means we pivot infrastructure implementation, so that it is not only responsive to our needs, but also builds the necessary resilience against such shocks. Resilience emphasises the importance of recovery and adaptation in the aftermath of disruption.

Despite this complex evolving context, the PIDA programme has entered a critical transition point. We are marking ten years of the implementation of the first phase of the PIDA programme (also known as PIDA PAP I) and its transition to the second Phase of the Programme (PIDA PAP II). Drawing from the lessons learned, PIDA PAP II, is anchored on two central pillars:

An Integrated Corridor Approach concept that ensures that all related corridor infrastructure, link to and complement each other, and

The integration of inclusivity, social and sustainability features into the planning process mirroring the AU Agenda 2063 vision, in order to realise the full socio-economic development impact of regional projects.



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The priority list of projects selected after a rigorous process based on the new criterion, is on track to be approved by the Heads of States during the AU Summit in February after the recent validation by the recent Ministerial STC meeting that took place on the 12th of January 2021. It is our firm belief that with the redefined approach we will see accelerated implementation of key infrastructure projects.

On 1st of January 2021 our continent marked a historic milestone as trading under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) kicked off. Whilst Africa has always traded amongst herself, intra Africa trade has been fraught with many challenges including logistical and trade barriers to name a few. At 16.6% of total trade, as a percentage of total African exports, intra African Trade remains low compared to other continents. The AfCFTA is expected to redefine intra African trade as it creates the largest single market in the globe. However, there are fundamental aspects that must be in place to enable this to happen. One key component is the requisite infrastructure. Therefore, developing robust infrastructure is crucial to its operationalisation and success of the AfCFTA. Member States must be seamlessly connected physically and digitally through hard infrastructure and connected in the harmonisation and coordination of processes through soft infrastructure. The Integrated Corridor Approach is expected to ensure that all related corridor infrastructure, link to and complement each other as a critical enabler of the AfCFTA.

This report provides a broad update of the implementation of PIDA to date. I thank our partners and stakeholders for their continued commitment to the PIDA programme. We value your continued support that will help us achieve concrete results and ensure PIDA becomes the most transformative African development programme.



LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACFTA	African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement
AFC	Africa Finance Corporation
AfDB	African Development Bank
AIGM	African Infrastructure Guarantee Mechanism
AIHSRN	African Integrated High-Speed Railway Network
AMU	Arab Maghreb Union (refer UMA)
AMCOW	African Ministers' Council on Water
AU	African Union
AUC	African Union Commission
AUCC	African Union Cybersecurity Convention
AUDA-NEPAD	African Union Development Agency
AUSP	African Union Support Programme
ANWIn	African Network for Women in Infrastructure
APV	Africa Power Vision
BIAT	Boosting of Intra-African Trade
CBN	Continental Business Network
CC	Central Corridor
CFTA	Continental Free Trade Area
CGP	Co-Guarantee Platform
CoE	Centre of Excellence
COMELEC	Magreb Electricity Committee
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
CwA	PIDA Compact with Africa
DBSA	Development Bank of Southern Africa
DFIs	Development Finance Institutions
DFID	United Kingdom Department for International Development
DIRCO	Department of International relations and Cooperation, South Africa
DST	South Africa Department of Science and Technology
DWS	South Africa Department of Water and Sanitation
EAC	East African Community
EAPP	East African Power Pool
ECCAS	Economic Community of Central African States
EIP	EU External Investment Plan
EFSD	European Fund for Sustainable Development
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West Africa States
EIB	European Investment Bank
EMCs	EAC-based Multimodal Multi-Sectoral Corridors
ESP	Experts Service Pool
EU	European Union
GIZ	Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

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GMI	Groundwater Management Institute
GWP	Global Water Partnership Africa
HSGOC	Heads of State and Government Orientation Committee
IAIDA	Institutional Architecture for Infrastructure Development in Africa
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority for Development
IPPF	Infrastructure Project Preparation Fund
IRIMP	IGAD Regional Infrastructure Masterplan
IUC	International Union of Railways
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KfW	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LAPSSET	Lamu Port Southern Sudan-Ethiopia Transport
NSC	North-South Corridor
OSBP	One-Stop Border Post
ONEE	Office National de l'Electricite et de l'Eau Potable
PAP	Priority Action Plans
PICI	Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative
PIDA	Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa
PIDA-PAP	Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa Priority Action Plan
PRIDA	Policy and Regulation Initiative for Digital Africa
RECs	Regional Economic Communities
RSAP	SADC Regional Strategic Action Plan
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
SAPP	Southern African Power Pool
SAEP	Southern Africa Energy Program
SANWATCE	Southern African NEPAD Water Centre of Excellence
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SDM	Service Delivery Mechanism
STC	Specialised Technical Committee
TBW	Trans-boundary Water
TLS	Traffic Light System
TTT	Technical Task Team
TWR	Trans-boundary Water Resources
UEMOA	Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine
UMA	Union du Maghreb Arabe (refer AMU)
VICMED	Lake Victoria and the Mediterranean Sea
VPIC	Virtual PIDA Information Centre
WAPP	West African Power Pool
WTO	World Trade Organization



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