



## INFRASTRUCTURE CONSORTIUM FOR AFRICA

The Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) was launched in 2005, with the mission to help improve the lives and economic well-being of Africans by supporting and promoting increased investment in infrastructure in Africa, from both public and private sources.

Better infrastructure is key to accelerating Africa's growth, reducing poverty, realizing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and promoting regional integration. The ICA is committed to improving infrastructure service delivery and advocates for increased investment and financing for infrastructure development.

ICA's work in infrastructure covers four sectors: **Transport, Energy, Water, and ICT.**

ICA acts as a platform to catalyse donor and private sector financing of infrastructure projects and programmes in Africa to:

- increase financing,
- highlight and help remove policy and technical barriers,
- facilitate greater cooperation, and
- increase knowledge through monitoring, reporting and sharing best practices.

### ICA MEMBERS & SECRETARIAT

ICA members include the G8, World Bank (WB) Group, African Development Bank (AfDB) Group, European Commission, European Investment Bank (EIB) and Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Membership on the African side is led by the AfDB, while the African Union Commission, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), and Regional Economic

Communities participate as observers in ICA meetings. ICA recently decided to extend membership to all G20 countries.

ICA is supported by a small Secretariat, funded by voluntary contributions, and staffed by a combination of permanent AfDB staff, consultants and experts on secondment from ICA members. ICA is hosted by the AfDB in Tunis, Tunisia.

### ICA & TRANSPORT SECTOR

#### CHALLENGES

The poor state of much of Africa's transport network (ports, roads, airports and railways) prevents countries from competing effectively on the global market. Effective transport networks are key to increasing overall investment, providing people and goods with access to markets and reducing the costs of doing business. Currently, intra-African trade is less than 10% of all African GDP and Africa's share of world trade is only 2%.

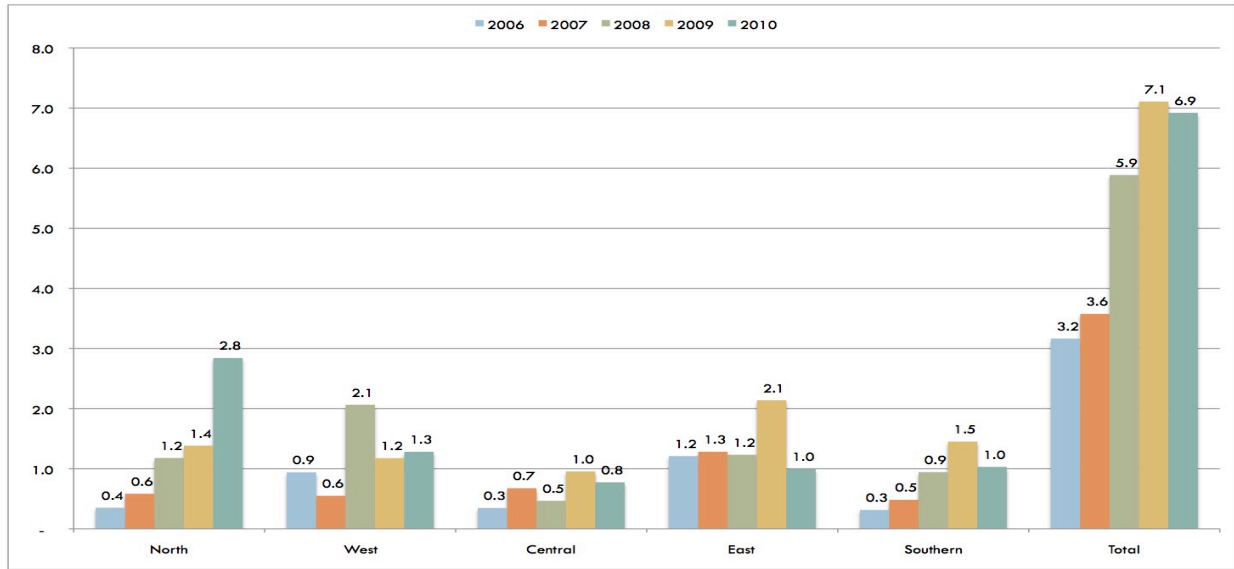
ICA supports the African Infrastructure Country Diagnostic (AICD), a comprehensive WB study to assess the magnitude of Africa's infrastructure needs. The 2009 AICD Flagship report, *Africa's Infrastructure: A Time for Transformation*, revealed many important challenges for African transport infrastructure:

- Poor links among transport modes cause long delays and raise costs in movement of international freight.
- Logistical services are in their infancy, and their development is impeded by administrative, regulatory, and governance barriers.
- Landlocked countries are most affected by these issues, explaining the need for regional collaboration to facilitate trade along key transport corridors.
- Improving the efficiency of transport services calls for a liberalised transportation market that extends a greater role to the private sector.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT BY ICA MEMBERS

ICA transport commitments topped the list of commitments for all sectors in 2009. In 2010, energy ranked first, while transport commitments remained stable, with US\$6.9 billion (bn). ICA member support for Central, East and Southern African regions (including South Africa) decreased, while support for North Africa doubled to US\$2.8bn. Commitments to West Africa remained stable.

The top multilateral financiers were the WB (US\$2.13bn) and the AfDB (US\$1.45bn), while the strongest bilateral support came from France with US\$1.04bn and Japan with US\$0.71bn. Levels were similar to previous years. The 2010 ICA Annual Report provides further information on total ICA member commitments.



ICA Funding to Transport Sector by African Region 2006-2010, in billions US\$.

## ICA TRANSPORT PLATFORM

The ICA Strategic Business Plan (2010-2012) encouraged greater involvement of ICA members in sector-related activities. It proposed 'sector ownership', whereby an ICA member could champion assignments and provide leadership, benefitting from ICA's 'convening power' and base within an African institution.

The ICA Transport Platform was established in 2010, led by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the

European Investment Bank (EIB). Under the ICA Transport platform umbrella, JICA activities focus on facilitating One-Stop Border Posts via development of the OSBP Sourcebook and Sensitization Workshops, while the EIB promotes Port and Airport development through Public-Private Partnerships.

## ICA TRANSPORT OBJECTIVES

- **Facilitate effective dialogue** between African partners and development partners,
- **Coordinate development partners** to make their interventions even more effective, and
- **Deepen transport infrastructure knowledge sharing** among African and development partners via the One-Stop Border Post Source Book, workshops, Port and Airport PPP Study, and support of ICA Knowledge Center.

## ICA TRANSPORT PROJECTS

- Preparation of OSBP Sourcebook in English.
- Translation of OSBP Sourcebook into French & Portuguese.
- Sensitization workshops in Arusha in May 2011, Johannesburg in October 2011 and Ouagadougou in April 2012.
- Preparation of Port and Airport PPP study.
- Sensitization workshop for Port and Airport PPP study in June 2012.