



Infrastructure Consortium for Africa 2010 Annual Meeting Ramada Hotel, Tunis, May 5 - 7, 2010



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The 2010 Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) Annual Meeting is co-hosted by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Tunis, May 5-7th, 2010. Co-chairs are David Moloney, Executive Vice-President, CIDA, and Bobby J. Pittman, Vice-President, Infrastructure, Private Sector and Regional Operations, AfDB.

Integrating African Economies through Regional Infrastructure is the theme of this year's meeting. The contribution of regional economic integration to Africa's long-term prosperity has long been recognized and championed by the African Union and its member countries. In order for Africa to become competitive and realize its productive potential, massive improvements in infrastructure, especially in trans-boundary infrastructure, are needed. Furthermore, building efficient infrastructure holds the key to attaining the MDG targets.

Meetings of African Stakeholders and ICA Members on May 5th will be followed by a Welcome Reception for all participants to the ICA Annual Meeting that evening. The Opening Session of the 2010 Annual Meeting will be on the morning of May 6th 2010.

Wednesday, 5 May 2010

9:00 - 12:00

African Stakeholders' Meeting – Room Didon 3

Co-chairs: AUC and AfDB
Participants: AUC, NEPAD Secretariat, RECs, AfDB, Sub Regional Development Banks and ICA Secretariat

Expected Outcome: Greater understanding of latest developments in delivery of infrastructure in Africa and actions required to accelerate delivery.

The discussion will consider:

- How stakeholders can align behind African priorities
- The role African Institutions can play in removing bottlenecks to progress
- Status of the coordination mechanism and of PIDA.

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch for African Stakeholders and ICA Members

14:30 – 18:00

ICA Members' Meeting – Room Didon 3

G8 countries plus AfDB, EC, EIB, DBSA, World Bank, IFC, and ICA Secretariat

Expected Outcome: Review of ICA progress in 2009; consensus on 2010 Workplan and Budget and future directions for ICA.

This meeting will be an opportunity for ICA members to:

- Review ICA 2009 achievements against the ICA Business Plan
- Review ICA annual workplan and ICA budget for 2010
- Review operating procedures for the ICA
- Discuss Strategic directions for ICA in 2010 and beyond.

19:00

Welcome Cocktail Reception hosted by AfDB at Ramada Hotel

Thursday, 6 May 2010

**2010 ICA ANNUAL MEETING
INTEGRATING AFRICAN ECONOMIES THROUGH REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Co-Chairs: Mr. David Moloney, Executive Vice-President, CIDA
Mr. Bobby J. Pittman, Vice-President, AfDB**

8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Coffee

9:00 - 9:45 Session 1 – Welcome and Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks: Mr. David Moloney, CIDA, Co-Chair
Mr. Bobby J. Pittman, AfDB, Co-Chair
HE Dr. Elham M.A. Ibrahim, Com. Infrastructure and Energy, AUC
Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, Chief Executive, NEPAD

9:45 -11:15 Session 2 – Setting the Stage

Expected Outcome: Understanding of recent developments in infrastructure in Africa, the contribution of AICD and PIDA to building the knowledge base, and the role played by ICA and other partners.

Lead: HE Dr. Elham M.A. Ibrahim, AUC

Presenters: Highlights of 2009 Financial Commitments, Alex Rugamba, ICA Secretariat
Report on outcomes of “Joining-Up Africa” Conference, John Burton, DFID
Report back on AICD regional workshop, Ms. Cecilia Briceño Garmendia, World Bank
Report back on African Stakeholders Meeting including an update on the African Action Plan and PIDA, Ababoukar Baba Moussa, AUC

11:15 -11:45 Coffee

11:45 -13:00 Session 2 – Setting the Stage (continued)

Presenters: Sector Platform for Water, Peter Radloff, BMZ and Klaus Gühr, KfW - Germany
Sector Platform for Power, Alexander Severens (on behalf of the US Treasury), USA

This will be followed by an opportunity to discuss key challenges and issues in managing infrastructure information/knowledge and facilitating infrastructure in Africa.

Presentation of CEMAC Vision for Infrastructure, Commissioner Dr. Bernard Zoba.

13:00 -14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 16:00 **Session 3 – Accelerating successful implementation of regional infrastructure programmes**

Expected outcome: *Greater in-depth understanding of the progress being made in the delivery of regional infrastructure in Africa (with an emphasis on the four priority programmes brokered under the ICA platform) and issues impeding development.*

Lead: Mr. David Moloney, CIDA

Panellists: Ms. Marie Aye, WAPP - West African Power Pool
Mr. Maciej Golubiewski, European Commission - Horn of Africa
Mr. Mark Pearson, DFID - North-South Corridor
Mr. Amadou Oumarou, AfDB – East African Corridors

Panellists will review progress on the four priority programmes being brokered under the ICA platform and the challenges they are encountering. Issues of harmonization & alignment, financing, public-private partnerships and engaging national governments will be examined. The role African institutions and countries can play in removing some of the bottlenecks to progress on regional projects will be explored.

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee**

16:30 – 18:00 **Session 4 – Delivering Regional Infrastructure in Africa**

Expected Outcome: *Greater understanding of how major financiers are addressing infrastructure in Africa, their experiences thus far, and how they are aligning with African priorities to close the infrastructure gap, with an emphasis on regional infrastructure.*

Lead: Mr. David Moloney, CIDA

Panellists: Dr. Gu Yang, China Development Bank
Mr. Bassen Roumani, Kuwait Fund for Economic Development
Mr. Jang-soo Jun, Korea ExIm Bank
Dr. Hani Enayi, Islamic Development Bank

The session will focus on major infrastructure financiers in Africa and hear their views on how to deliver regional infrastructure and help close the infrastructure gap. This will also include a discussion on how linkages between the ICA and these major financiers can be enhanced, and how opportunities for engagement can be enhanced.

19:30 – 21:30 **Reception hosted by Canada at the Official Residence of the Canadian Ambassador to Tunisia**

Friday, 7 May 2010

9:00 – 11:00 Session 5: Workshop on Public-Private Partnership Frameworks for Regional Infrastructure

Expected outcome: Greater knowledge of innovative ways to leverage financing for regional infrastructure projects drawing on the railway sector, but seeing how experiences may be applied to other types of regional infrastructure.

Lead: Mr. Bobby J. Pittman, AfDB

Facilitator: Roger Gaillard, Lead PPP Expert, AfDB
Panellists: Sébastain Thouvenot, Eversheds law firm
 Hosea Nyangweso, EAC Secretariat
 Abdelaziz Souissi, Transrail

This session will look at innovations in investment and how they might apply to regional infrastructure deals. There is growing recognition of the need to leverage additional resources to support delivery of Africa's infrastructure. Private Sector Investment has gained traction at the national level. But the challenge of successfully structuring fully private and PPP deals for multi-national operations is far more complex. This session will draw on lessons learned from concessions in the East and West African railway sector to understand what has worked well, what has not and how we might improve in future. Legal experts who have experience in infrastructure law globally will provide a considered response to issues raised. Is a regional PPP framework required to help facilitate investment? What types of targeted technical support is required for regional institutions?

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee

11:30 – 12:30 Session 6 – Closing Session: Wrap Up and Next Steps for ICA and other participants

Wrap up and summary of outcomes, key actions and next steps for the ICA and other stakeholders in moving forward on the infrastructure agenda in Africa.

13:00 Lunch

13:00 Press conference (by invitation)