



Africa Regional Department



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Who?

- Africa Union
- Regional Economic Communities
- African Ministers
- African Dev. Bank
- UNECA
- European Union
- World Bank
- Donors
- Infrastructure Consortium for Africa
- Private Sector
- Civil Society



Why?



- To **reaffirm** that accelerating regional integration is essential to growth and development in Africa

- To **recognise** the urgent need to enhance support for economic integration in Africa; and **strengthen** close co-operation of key African stakeholders.



All committing to...

- Accelerating successful **implementation** of regional transport, trade, energy and other infrastructure programmes; reducing barriers to trade
- Removing barriers to **private sector** engagement in regional integration
- Ensuring that the key **principles of aid effectiveness** are adopted regionally
- Supporting the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite process, and encouraging AU and other **RECs** to implement similar arrangements



Next Steps .. at the ICA Annual meeting



- **Joining Up Africa**
Review progress in resolving current constraints and non-tariff barriers
- **Aid Effectiveness**
Assess compliance with Paris Principles (Session 3, 6 May)



- **Private Sector Share**
knowledge on regional Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) (Session 5, 7 May)

And further follow up work....



- **Programme Development** Promote sharing of project and programme pipelines between countries, RECs and financing organisations.
- **Private Investment** Pilot innovative financial and insurance products.

- **Aid effectiveness**
Develop of full proposals for regional level to be agreed at Seoul

