

Beginning

- 2006: EC adopted an integrated regional response strategy - 'EU political partnership for peace, security and development in the Horn of Africa'
- The aim: To have a coherent and common EU approach to the Horn of Africa and engage the Horn countries in cooperation that facilitates peace and security
- Approach:
 - Regional
 - Multidimensional
 - Long-term

Main areas of action of the regional strategy

1. Regional political and economic cooperation and integration
 2. Country-level strategic political issues
 3. Regional cross-cutting and cross-border challenges
- Political will and ownership of the IGAD countries and the EU member states are essential



Operationalisation of the Regional Strategy - HOAI

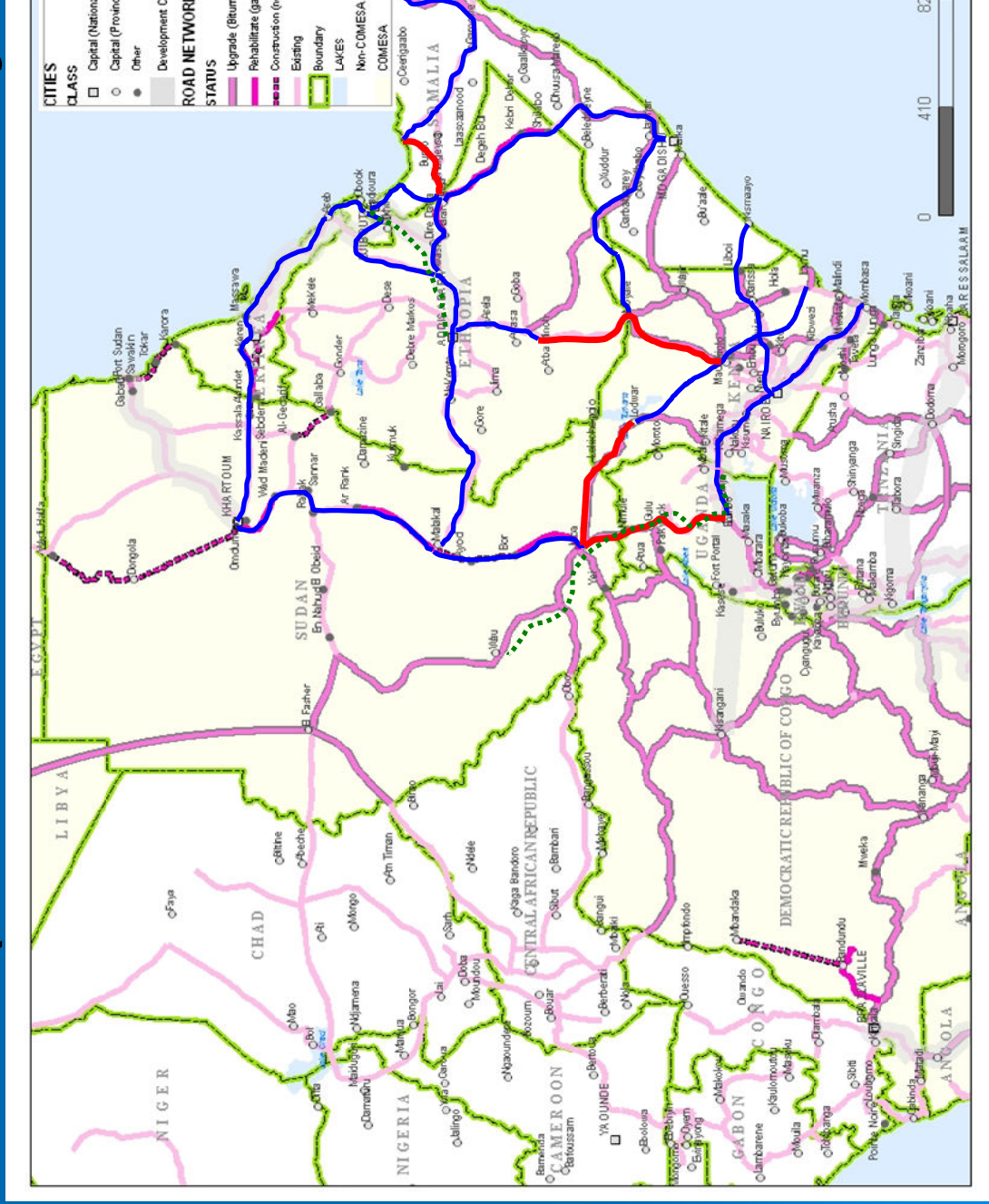
- April 2007 - implementation of the strategy launched jointly by the seven governments in IGAD region and EC Commissioner Louis Michel
- Agreed activities:
 - Interconnectivity in transport; Focus on transport and trade facilitation
 - Interconnectivity in energy; East Africa Power Pool, market study to prepare regional power sharing, renewable energy sources
 - Water resources for food security; Regional water dialogue forum

Political Support

- June 2008: IGAD Heads of State endorsed the recommendations of Joint Assessment Mission
- 15 January 2009: The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the Horn of Africa and strongly supported the Horn of Africa Initiative
- Second experts meeting in Mombasa in May 2009 endorses a priority list of HOAI projects
- 7-8 December 2009 – IGAD Council endorses all HOAI jointly agreed projects

Agreed Platform of Priority Projects (Mombasa 12-15 May 2009)

- 4 roads (red)
- +
- 4 energy links
- +
- 4 renewable energy projects
- +
- 6 water / food security projects
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- approximately 3.9 billion euros



Implementation

- Keen interest of donors to jointly move forward on the initiative (Su-Ke, Su-Ug, Ke-Eth road links already supported – AfDB, JICA, WB, USAID)
- IGAD and AfDB have initiated work on Energy Inter-Connectivity projects formulation (FS for Su-Er, Su-Ug from IPPF)

10th EDF support for the HOAI:

- Su-Ke road FS and design (COMESA and RISP2)
- Water issues of the HoA - the Inland Water Programme (approved in 2009)
- Proposal for the Renewable energy projects
- Proposal for the Berbera Corridor

Forthcoming activities

- Meeting of the National Authorising Officers (NAOs) – June 2010
- Planned donors' conference

Bottlenecks

1. Securing financing (road to the donors' conference)
 - Harmonisation with other donors (mapping activities/pooling resources)
2. Maintaining African ownership (no earmarked funds for the HOAI needs a change of approach)
3. Alignment with IGAD member states + nat-reg linkage (NAO meeting)
 - Galvanising HoA member state support to IGAD Secretariat – political and capacity
4. Building a proper political, policy and regulatory framework for the whole concept
5. Neutralising « creeping politics » - HOAI is after all a political project aimed at technical cooperation

ICA role

ROAD TO THE DONORS' CONFERENCE

- Promotion
- Coordination (convening power/technical meetings on the HOAI)
- Mapping donor commitments (pooling resources)
- Helping secure finance (road shows + follow up on project preparation)
- Exchange of best practices