

INFRASTRUCTURE CONSORTIUM FOR AFRICA (ICA)

MEMBERS' MEETING

TUNIS, TUNISIA

22-23 NOVEMBER 2011

OUTCOME STATEMENT

Members of the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) met in Tunis, Tunisia, from 22-23 November 2011. The meeting was co-chaired by Alex Rugamba, Director NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade (ONRI) at the African Development Bank (AfDB), and Max-Oliver Gonnet, assistant director for food security and economic development at the French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.

In addition to G8 countries, the ICA extended invitations to the G20 as a result of the G20 Development Working Group's recommendation for ICA expansion. Representatives from India, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and Turkey attended as observers.

The meeting's primary purpose was to provide ICA Members and observers with the opportunity to review ICA's progress since its last meeting in May 2011. ICA activities were presented in line with the objectives of the ICA Strategic Business Plan (2010-2012), and consideration was given to the organization's future activity and strategic direction.

The agenda focused on ICA's potential direction emerging from the final report of Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) that will be considered by the African Union Summit in January 2012 and the outcomes of the infrastructure pillar of G20 Development Working Group. Presentations were organized around the three key pillars of ICA activities – Coordination, Regional Infrastructure Programme Brokering and Knowledge & Information – and considered ICA planning, management and staffing issues. A workshop on Project Preparation and the Project Marketplace ("Facilitating Engagement and Project Coordination") was held on the second day of the meeting.

An overview of the presentations (sessions 3-6) and the workshops are given in Annex 1. The list of participants is presented in Annex 2.

KEY ISSUES AND OUTCOMES

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr. Bobby Pittman, Vice-President for Infrastructure, Regional Integration and Private Sector at the AfDB, welcomed ICA Members and G20 observers, and set the scene by providing a brief summary of the previous Members' Meeting hosted by France in May 2011. Mr. Pittman also presented a brief outline of the important outcomes of the G20 Development Working Group and the G20 summit of November 2011, which are all part of the G20 Report and Action Plan of the Multilateral Development Banks and the Report of the G20 High Level Panel.

Mr. Rémy Rioux, Deputy Assistant Secretary at the French Ministry of Finance, presented detailed outcomes of the infrastructure pillar under the G20 Development Working Group. Mr. Rioux underlined the importance of infrastructure development for the G20 and of the ICA's role in this process, especially regarding the quality of information (Sokoni, AIKP, assessment of existing project preparation facilities) and follow-up and support to regional infrastructure projects highlighted by the G20 for Africa. This led to discussion of the enhanced ICA role to be adopted for 2012 and beyond. ICA Members recognize that this enlarged G20 mandate requires investment of additional resources for the ICA Secretariat. These additional ICA activities and programs will have a strong impact on the planning and implementation presented in the next ICA Strategic Business Plan (SBP).

Strategic outcomes of the meeting:

- Members agreed that ICA should continue its work on membership expansion, reaching out to new members by informing them of ICA activities and directions, and inviting them to strategic ICA meetings. The ICA was requested to invite incoming G20 chair, Mexico, as a potential new ICA Member, while France will ensure the reporting of 2011 G20 outcomes and progress during the new presidency in 2012. The ICA Secretariat will report on the status of its expansion at the next ICA Annual Meeting in 2012.
- ICA will also undertake a G20-endorsed performance assessment of existing project preparation facilities for Africa. The review will include the volume of funds available, the accessibility of the facilities and their efficiency, building on on-going work in the mapping of project preparation facilities and the online update of the ICA Project Preparation User Guide.
- It is recommended that ICA leverage its convening power to exploit strategic synergies, such as the G20 outcomes based on the HLP report, MDB Action Plan and PIDA. Particular attention shall be paid to exemplary regional projects.
- ICA will undertake a mid-term review of the SBP. Results of this review, combined with considerations of recommendations from the new initiatives under the G20, will be reflected in the drafting of a new SBP Plan towards the end of 2012.
- ICA will undertake a resource assessment study to evaluate implications of ICA role under PIDA and the G20 Action Plan, and present the report at the next ICA meeting. This study will facilitate the search for additional resources to implement the new programs. DFID announced the possibility of UK facilitating the study.
- ICA members were briefed about the transition of AICD to AKIP which will serve as a knowledge platform for ICA. In this regard, the AfDB team presented a progress report on AIKP and highlighted the estimated funding gap of about USD \$6.6 million required to implement the second phase. ICA Members were encouraged to offer their support to AKIP. ICA was encouraged to track the change landscape of financing infrastructure and track non-traditional sources of financing such as foundations and climate investment funds which will become increasingly significant in Africa. The use of new instruments such as guarantees and bonds were also recommended in order to scale up investments in infrastructure.
- ICA members broadly endorsed ICA's orientation and achievements in 2011, with appreciation for the quality of ICA's new knowledge-sharing products and its effective sector platform coordination, despite limited staff.

In conclusion, the chair thanked the participants for their rich contributions to the discussions and noted that the consortium has clearly been able to keep the infrastructure high on the agenda of key stakeholders. PIDA and in particular its Priority Action Plan (PAP) and the G20m Agenda offer a window to move ICA to the next



level with the possibility of widening membership while retaining the light touch that has characterised the group since its inception. The Chair took opportunity to announce two departures: Bobby Pittman, Vice-President for Infrastructure, Regional Integration and Private Sector at the AfDB, and Bernhard Tilemann, Advisor to the ICA Coordinator, and expressed thanks and gratitude for their support over the past 2 years.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The date and venue of the next ICA Members' Meeting, scheduled for spring 2012, shall be communicated at a later date.

ANNEX 1 OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

SESSION 3 – COORDINATION

Presentations highlighted the status, progress and work of the ICA Sector Platforms (Energy - USA, Transport – Japan/EIB and Water - Germany), PIDA (AfDB - including links with the ICA) and the ICA-commissioned Initiative for Risk Mitigation in Africa (IRMA, by AfDB). Updates on the Sector Platforms were well received by Members, taking positive note of the various products that have resulted from their activities.

- Germany presented Water Sector Platform activities and announced a first Water Platform Workshop to take place in February at KfW in Frankfurt, Germany. ICA Members were asked to support the workshop and its attendance. In addition the 2012 work plan of water sector platform was elaborated.
- Japan presented outcomes and planned activities on the Transport Sector Platform. Work on the One-Stop Border Posts (OSBP) has progressed and will be extended to West Africa (including French translations of the Source Book and workshops). The study on PPPs in African airport and Ports (with EIB) began in November 2011 and will be completed in the first half of 2012.
- The US Treasury presented Energy Sector Platform activities, including the videoconference (VC) sessions under the Virtual Working Group. The aim of the discussion was to identify bottlenecks in attracting private sector investment to the power sector, and seek ways and means to address. Technical Assistance (TA) needs identified by the ICA diagnostic studies reports were also briefly presented.

SESSION 4 – REGIONAL PROGRAMME BROKERING

The ICA Secretariat presented an update on the delivery of ICA Regional Programme Brokering activity. This included the pilot ICA grant facility for Regional Programmes of up to USD \$100 000, with the first grant approved for IGAD, Horn of Africa Initiative, and will be repeated for other ICA-championed programmes, such as the West African Power Pool (WAPP), the North-South Corridor, and the Eastern and Central Transport Corridors. In addition, the ICA Secretariat presented the implementation of its Regional Programmes Information and Brokering tool, created in 2011 and located on the ICA website.

- The grant facility and the webpages were well received by ICA Members.
- ICA Secretariat requested members to encourage regional economic communities (RECs) and their specialized institutions to use the Regional Programme web pages and apply for grant support.

SESSION 5 – KNOWLEDGE & INFORMATION

The presentation highlighted progress on specific knowledge programs, activities, and products. The ICA Secretariat presented highlights of the 2010 Annual Report, communication activities for 2011 and a new product for the ICA website called the “Knowledge Center”. Members presented updates on GIS (by EIB) and AIKP (by AfDB).

- Members and observers gave useful feedback on how these products and activities can be enhanced. The 2011 Annual Report will therefore include tracking of Project Preparation facilities and, if possible, innovative financing. The next questionnaire for data collection for the 2011 Annual Report will be distributed in January 2012. Members were kindly asked to support the process by responding.

- The Knowledge Center was welcomed and will receive support from ICA Members, with their contribution of relevant documents and information. The linkage with other knowledge-sharing resources, e.g. AfDB, should be elaborated. JICA will provide strong support to the ICA Knowledge Center, and sees it as a useful tool in sharing master plans, feasibility studies, working papers and other relevant infrastructure information. The Knowledge Center will also help avoid duplication of studies that wastes scarce and valuable resources.
- AfDB presented progress on AIKP and highlighted the funding gap to be filled under Phase 2. Discussion revolved around the update of previous work and the overall expansion of AICD under the G20 outcomes. (Remember: migration process from WB to AfDB highlighted challenges and financing needs for data collection, including a projected financing gap of USD \$6.6 million up to 2016). AfDB asked ICA members for assistance in filling the funding gap.
- Japan confirmed that AICD has been a useful study that they have relied on at all levels. JICA will discuss a contribution to fill the funding gap.

SESSION 6 – ICA MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The Presentation by the ICA Coordinator highlighted ICA achievements in 2011 and planned activities for 2012. Members received an overview of staffing concerns, the ICA Secretariat budget and a summary of ICA challenges. Progress made in ICA reporting (e.g. the Management Report and logframe) was well received by Members. Members were also briefed on the key challenges facing ICA in terms of the expansion from G8 and activities arising from the G20 MDB Action Plan.

Results stemming from the above presentation and discussion with members:

- Staffing: JICA has kindly announced to extend the contract of the Japanese Transport Seconded. The current Advisor to the Coordinator might be replaced by an operational officer (consultant). The recruitment process of a TA financed by France is in its final stage, with the arrival of a new colleague planned for early 2012.
- G20 enlargement of ICA membership and scope of activities: UK announced their willingness to facilitate the review of ICA's future role resulting from the new MDB Action Plan. The ICA strategic framework must be taken to the next level, with links between the different projects to be made and clarified: NEPAD IPPF, PIDA, PPF and Sokoni, which is at the initial phase of formulation. The operational procedures of ICA will be updated to reflect the upcoming changes.
- The logframe (indicators) and management report were well received by ICA Members. The difference between reporting on activity by ICA Members as opposed to reporting by the ICA Secretariat was also considered.
- It was proposed that, for better ICA reporting arrangement, it would be more effective and efficient if the spring meeting review the Annual Progress report of the last year against the logframe indicators and higher level outcomes, and the fall meeting examines the costed work plan for the next year.



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FACILITATING ENGAGEMENT AND PROJECT COORDINATION

The ICA Secretariat presented a working model of the updated online Project Preparation User Guide (ongoing mapping has identified up to 60 facilities for Africa). The new tool, called the “Project Preparation Fund Finder”, was welcomed by Members. Some of the suggestions included: (i) an assessment of the volume of project preparation finance in the market, (ii) concerns about how the tool will be populated, and (iii) concern about quality control and confidentiality. In the second session, the AfDB presented an update on the NEPAD-IPPF (Project Preparation Facility). Members noted that IPPF has a funding gap in its Business Plan of USD \$196 million. IPPF needs to replenish funds in the very near future to address the immediate needs of PIDA.

Workshop on Sokoni

The final session provided an update and information session on the ‘Sokoni’ marketplace, a G20-endorsed online multilingual project that has been in preparation in 2011. Plans are for Sokoni to be housed by the African Development Bank, funded by various sources, including the AfDB, for a total budget of approximately USD \$10 million over 3 years. The session led to a very good discussion among ICA members on issues including the need for more complete understanding of the complexity of the suggested operations of Sokoni, the technology used, the overall institutional framework, governance arrangements and the cost of the project.

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