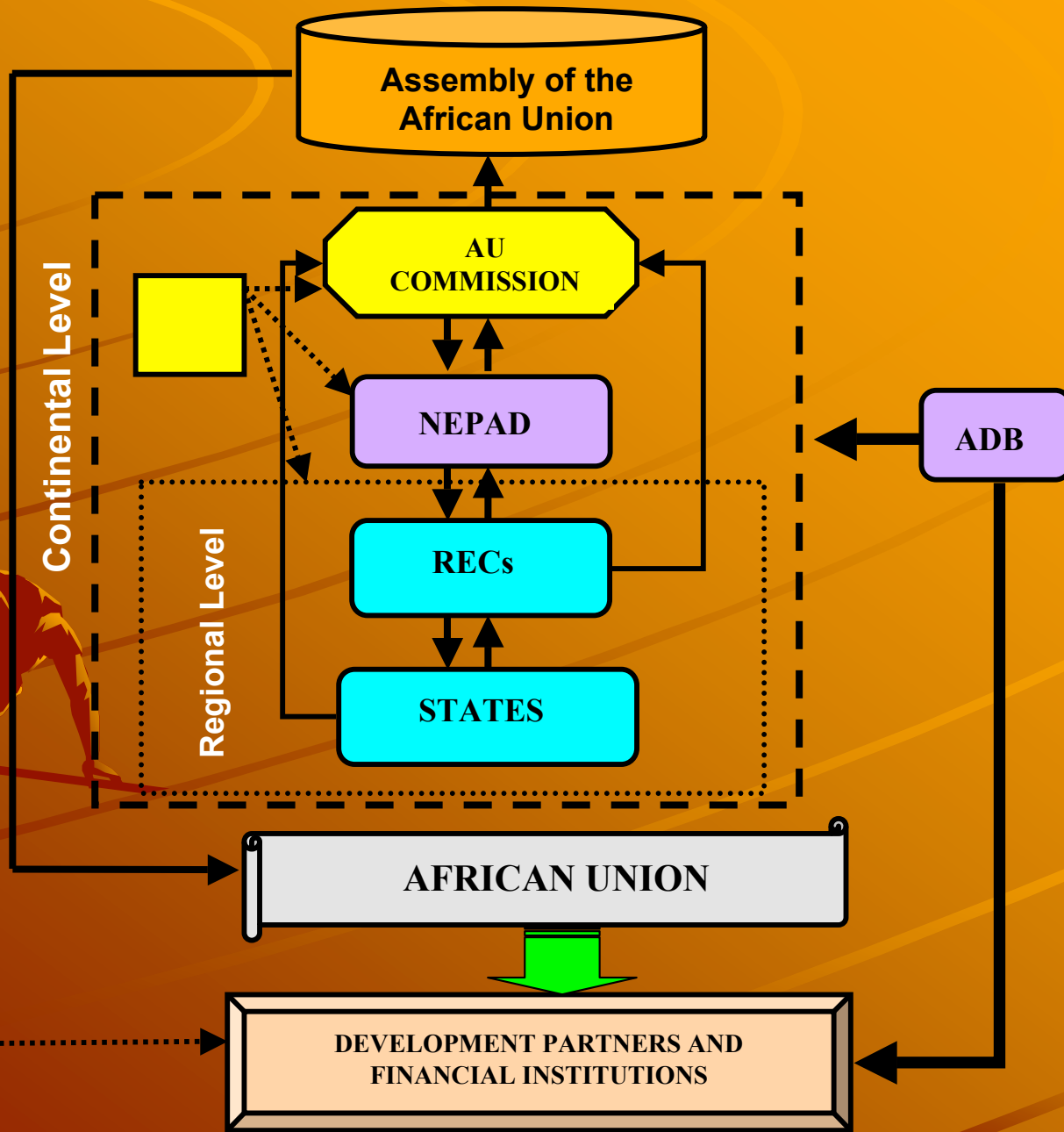


Coordinating Infrastructure Development in Africa

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Developing Effective Regional Capacity

Significant progress since Addis Ababa on rationalizing institutional architecture. AU/ADB proposal moves us forward significantly.

Responsibilities and accountabilities developed around principles of 'Solidarity' and 'Subsidiarity.'

Clear responsibilities for vision, strategy, program definition, funding between AU, NEPAD, RECs, national governments, ADB.

Matrix provides important blueprint for capacity development and harmonization: Keys to improve effectiveness of resources.

Matrix: Work-in-progress. How will it work in practice?

Solidarity and Subsidiarity

Clear African leadership in definition of contiguous institutional architecture. Clear ownership. Essential for implementation.

Complement African leadership with international partnerships. Knowledge as well as financial resources. Access global best practice in strategy definition, program elaboration. ICA.

More infrastructure versus more infrastructure plus more cost effective. Important to sharpen competitiveness for more trade led growth.

Matrix highlights complementary nature of 'Hard' and 'Soft' dimensions of infrastructure development. Need to proceed in parallel. Capacity limitations can and will constrain. Effectiveness: Arteries of professional capacity within matrix. How?

Matrix: Work-in-Progress

Complete with intermediate functionality: Program – Funding – Implementation. In reality more complicated.

Define matrix roles and responsibilities of regional sector bodies. Delineate vis-à-vis RECs and national bodies. Important.

Political Economy: Reflect on accountabilities of utilities to national governments. Implications for 'nuts and bolts' of making regional projects happen. Can expect little unless clarity and agreement.

Requires an African conversation. Partner support: international examples, good and bad experiences.

Developing Regional Capacity

Africa: Needs are considerable, constraining, urgent.

Matrix provides excellent basis to develop coordinated baselines of needs at different stages of program and project development and by main actor.

Germany: Initiative to partner with AU/NEPAD to provide incremental support: Timely, important. Complement incremental resources with leadership on harmonization.

NEPAD fund administered by ADB targeting RECs (regional bodies?)

Relationship with bilateral support, ACBF, resources at regional level.

Harmonization

Uneven progress in ad hoc approaches. Limited compared with achievements in national programs.

Important to leverage effectiveness of partner support for capacity development.

Matrix: Excellent blueprint to focus coordination of efforts. Can significantly improve outcomes.

Requires leadership, discipline: Africa: agree and implement matrix responsibilities; delineate sector roles. Partners: Move beyond statements of good intent. Extend Paris Declaration?

Moving Forward

Define intermediate matrix functionality, identify missing actors. Delineate REC and sector agency roles.

Clarity on knowledge partnerships in strategy, programs

Baseline capacity development needs across coordinated functionality in matrix. Need more systemic approach.

Incremental resources (German Initiative) to accelerate progress. Definition of modalities.

Parallel work on harmonization to sharpen effectiveness.