

# INTERCONNECTING AFRICA

The EU - Africa Partnership on Infrastructure

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# UE-Africa Partnership on Infrastructure

- A joint EU Africa response to the AU-NEPAD Infrastructure Plan
- A framework for interconnecting Africa – country with country, region with region & Africa with the rest of the world
- A Partnership that works at three levels – continental, regional and country – using the principle of subsidiarity
- Financing Infrastructure - **TRANSPORT, ENERGY, WATER & ICT** – and support for regulatory frameworks that facilitate trade and services
- Coordination with other international initiatives, e.g. Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) & WB Africa Action Plan. EC members of ICA will facilitate coordination.



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**The EU-Africa Partnership on Infrastructure was launched on the 25<sup>th</sup> on October 2007 in Addis Ababa , Ethiopia.**



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## **Objectives**

- To Stimulate sustainable economic growth
- To Promote competitive trade
- To Foster regional integration
- To Contribute effectively to poverty reduction and Africa's MDGs

## **Strategy:**

- Support programmes that facilitate interconnectivity at continental & regional level
- Support programmes coherent with national poverty reduction strategies and infrastructure sector strategies



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## The Partners

### **European Commission, *inc.* Delegations**

- Leadership of EU-side of Partnership,
- coordinate with MS, ICA, AfDB
- securing finance

### **European Member States**

- Financiers of NIPs/RIPs and co-financiers of the Trust Fund

### **European Investment Bank & EU MS Development Banks, EDFIs**

- Promoters and co-financiers of projects
- Administration of Trust Fund (EIB)

### **Africa Union Commission & Sectoral Partners**

- Political leadership of AU-side of the Partnership

### **African Regional Institutions – NEPAD AfDB, RECs**

- Technical leadership of AU-side of Partnership

### **African Member Countries**

- Owners of Partnership projects – key to sustainability

### **African Development Bank, DBSA, DFIs**

- Potential project promoters and co-financiers



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## How it works?

- AU with its continental-wide political mandate will facilitate dialogue at REC level and between RECs
- AU ensures continental ownership at all levels providing policy guidance & ensuring the integrity of the continental vision
- RECs ensure regional ownership by reaching consensus on regional priorities with their Member countries, facilitating implementation of regional projects, regional & international protocols etc. linked to Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)
- **African country ownership - project owners - align national & regional priorities, enforce regional & international agreements**



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## What it finances?

### **All Infrastructure sectors**

Planning & prioritisation of investments, capacity building, harmonisation & implementation of international & regional agreements, regulatory reform....

### **Financing Levels are:**

Continental, Regional and National



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## The Financial Instruments

- **National and Regional Indicative Programmes (EDF)**
- **Intra-ACP resources (EDF)**  
Grant-to-grant financing (capacity building, regional initiatives and facilitation programmes; support to African Infrastructure sectors)
- **EU-Infrastructure Trust Fund for Africa (EDF)**  
open to all EU MS through co-financing EIB,  
EDFIs European Development Finance Institutions, AfDB



# **Operationalization of the EU-Africa Partnership on Infrastructure**



# Port-Moresby Agreement

The Port-Moresby Agreement signed on the 21th December 2007 between the ACP and EC aims at supporting the AUC in the **Preparatory Actions and Studies** : Technical Assistance for formulation, preparation and service management for Regional Infrastructure priority projects in the fields of **Transport**, **Energy** and **ICT**.

***The total amount of the Port-Moresby agreement is 10,000,000.00 USD.***



## Implementation of the Port-Moresby Agreement

An international Bidding process was launched to select a firm to provide the necessary Technical Assistance to the AUC. **Egis-Bceom International** was awarded the contract.

The Technical Assistance started activities on February 2010 under an agreement with the identification contract number **EuropAid/125741/C/SER/ACP** and as contracting firm



## Implementation of the AUC-EC, Port-Moresby Agreement

The Priority Project identified for the ICT Sector is:

***Support for development of African ICT broadband backbone and related policy objectives and a system of interconnected regional databases for infrastructure***

This project has four (04) components

The maximum indicative budget is: 950,000.00 USD



## **Priority Projects for the ICT Sector under the Port-Moresby Agreement**

1. Feasibility study of selected missing links on the African ICT broadband backbone and preparation of priority sections
2. Development of harmonized guidelines on Open Access and related services and strategies
3. Study on the implementation of harmonized continental public resource and services (numbering, IP, DNS and emergency numbers)
4. Support for development of a system providing interconnected regional databases for infrastructure.



# Priority Projects for the ICT Sector under the Port-Moresby Agreement

## Progress status

1. The Forecast has been published in both AUC and EuropAid Websites on June 2010, respectively with the following links:  
[www.africa-union.org/root/au/BIDS/AUCBIDS.htm](http://www.africa-union.org/root/au/BIDS/AUCBIDS.htm) and  
<http://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome>  
under the reference Number: **EuropeAid ref: 130160.**
2. The same Forecast is also published in the African Business Magazine starting from July 2010 with the N0-366 in French and English.
3. The procurement Notice is also Published early July 2010.



## Priority Projects for the ICT Sector under the Port-Moresby Agreement

### **Progress status** (cnt.)

4. The Evaluation for prequalification of the tender took place in August 2010 in Addis Ababa.
5. The Draft Terms of Reference finalised in July 2010.



# Priority Projects for the ICT Sector under the Port-Moresby Agreement

## **Progress status** (cnt.)

6. After lunching the tender process, no tender received
7. The tender process was declared unsuccessful and notification sent to all short listed companies.
8. A negotiated procedure was initiated after reviewing all questions raised by the shortlisted companies
9. A new deadline was fixed for the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2010
10. At the end of that second period, no offer has been received
11. The ICT component has been declared unsuccessful and cancelled



# Priority Projects for other Sectors under the Port-Moresby Agreement

## **Progress status**

Seven were successful: Energy (1) and Transport (6) and the contracts are expected to be signed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 2010 in Addis Ababa.



## Why the ICT component was not successful?

1. The procedure of the European Union (EDF procedures)
2. The time constraint. All the contract have to be signed before the 21th of December 2010
3. No enough time for preselected companied to submit offers

# GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1- Member States and RECs to consider the ICT Sector the in their respective National and Regional Indicative Programmes
- 2- Member States and RECs to be familiar with the Infrastructure Trust Fund mechanism.
- 3- RECs and Member States to jointly define eligible projects and programmes in the Framework of the EU-Africa partnership on Infrastructure

# Thank You



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