

NEPAD-OECD-SADC-IFC-JICA Seminar on Overcoming Challenges to Private Sector Participation in Africa’s Infrastructure

1. Background and objectives of the seminar

Since 2009 the NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative has been undertaking country-level studies on investment policy bottlenecks in SADC Member States, and has been taking these projects to the regional level since early 2012. Meanwhile, since its inception, SADC has recognised the importance of infrastructure as a pivotal means for regional integration, accelerated development and competitiveness of the region. The OECD and SADC have begun working together closely on co-ordination of investment policy frameworks across Member States, including in the field of infrastructure investment. Building on these bases, the OECD and SADC will reinforce their collaboration in coming years, to notably obtain successful implementation of the SADC Regional Infrastructure Development Master Plan (RIDMP, released in end 2012). IFC has been supporting the promotion of sustainable private sector investment in developing countries and aims at attracting investment in Africa by private companies through Public-Private Partnership schemes and concessional loans.

2. The objectives of the seminar are:

- To present common bottlenecks to infrastructure investment in the SADC region, and available best-practices and policy options for overcoming them ;
- To raise awareness within the Japanese business community;
- To provide guidance to African policymakers in the SADC region and beyond;
- To create sustainable opportunities and avenues for infrastructure investment negotiations between Japanese investors and SADC countries.

3. Key questions to be addressed will include:

- What investment opportunities do Japanese private companies have in Africa?
- What difficulties do Japanese private companies face in investing in Africa, and how could they best overcome these?
- What key take-aways can African governments derive in terms of enhancing their policy frameworks for private investment in infrastructure?
- What role can African policymakers play in the successful roll-out of public-private infrastructure projects, at national as well as regional level?

4. Speakers

- H.E. Macky SALL, President, Republic of Senegal(TBC)

- H.E. Paulo Francisco ZUCULA, Minister, Transport and Communication of the Republic of Mozambique (TBC)
- Mr. Rintaro TAMAKI, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
- Mr. João Samuel CAHOLO, Deputy Executive Secretary, SADC
- Mr. Jean Philippe PROSPER, Vice President for Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, IFC
- Mr. Remigious MAKUMBE, Director, Infrastructure & Services, SADC Secretariat
- Mr. Vipul BHAGAT, Global Lead, Public-Private Partnerships, IFC
- Mr. Karim DAHOU, Executive Manager, NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative, OECD
- Mr. Masakazu ICHIKAWA, Vice-President, JICA

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