

Corridor Development in Africa

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1. Background and objectives of the seminar/workshop/forum

With 54 countries in Africa and 16 of them are landlocked countries, inadequate border posts, ports, and corridors are potential bottlenecks to enhance trade both inter-regionally and internationally. Africa tries to eliminate those trade barriers through Corridor Development Approach including introduction of OSBPs, harmonization of laws and regulations with multiple countries as such. JICA has been supporting these initiatives of Africa and recently JICA expands the concept of Corridor Development Approach to broader “Comprehensive Corridor Development Approach”, which includes not just only the infrastructure development but also cross-cutting issues. The Program will give overview of the traditional corridor development approach in Africa and JICA’s support towards it in first part of this event. Then, we will introduce new concept of “Comprehensive Corridor Development Approach of JICA” with an example of the Nacala Corridor in second part.

2. The objectives of the seminar are:

- To present overview of “Corridor Development Approach” by African countries.
- To present JICA’s Corridor Development Strategy with examples.
- To present “Nacala Corridor Comprehensive Development Approach”.

3. Key questions to be addressed will include:

- Africa has 54 countries. Within 54, 16 of its countries are landlocked countries and border of countries becomes trade barriers. Ports are also another obstacle of trade due to the inefficiency and capacities. How do corridor developments support eliminating trade-barriers?
- What is the strategy of JICA and development partners supporting corridor development in Africa to enhance international trade, promote private sectors and development of agriculture?

4. Speakers

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- Dr. Ibrahim Assane MAYAKI, Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD Agency (TBC)
- Mr. Ralph Jooma MP, Minister, Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, the

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- Representative from the Government of the Republic of Zambia
- Mr. João TABAJARA, Deputy Director, Brazilian Cooperation Agency
- Mr. Arne CATRIGE, Director of Grow Africa, World Economic Forum
- Mr. Mohamed H.HASSAN, Coordinator, Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA), African Development Bank
- FAO (TBC)
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