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Promotion of Regional Integration and Building Attractive Business Environment : Deepening Regional Economic Integration

Status Quo and Challenges

- Doubling population (2020:1.3 bn, 2050: 2.5bn), need to cope with rapid urbanization.
- Regional Integration contributes to growth, peace and stability thru ensuring flow of goods, people, etc. Lack of production value chain, skilled labor, and infrastructure.

Direction of Activities towards TICAD-8

●Overview:

Pursuing maximum impact and value-for-money in new initiatives, continued commitment to existing initiatives with improvements, and legal foundation to offer direct support to RECs

- Deepening regional economic integration, challenging new issues: Keywords “connecting corridors” “secure corridors” “free & open smart city” “trade facilitation & security, disease control, IT”
- Establishing long-term cooperation with AU and RECs (EAC, UEMOA, etc.)
- Co-financing with AfDB (EPSA), WB, IOM, etc.
- Partnering with the private sector and other diverse actors

(1) Integrated Corridor Approach 2.0(PIDA-PAP2)

- Emphasis on software and knowledge support (global logistics research, road asset management, etc.)
- Continued support to 3 priority corridors (prioritized resource allocation)
- Supporting AU’s PIDA-PAP2 (corridor development)
- Utilizing recommendations from automobile industry promotion survey and Home Grown Solutions (HGS) Accelerator Program

(2) Free and Open Smart City Development (Quality Infrastructure)

- Abidjan as showcase of urbanization (DX, data utilization, and start-ups; consider support to install City OS in the future)
- Proposing showcase model infrastructure (such as urban transportation projects) together with M/P development
- Promoting DX in public transport (TOD development initiative, promoting DX such as MaaS)
- COVID-19 response in urban areas

(3) Continental Trade Facilitation and Border Management (Accelerating Implementation of AfCFTA, Promoting OSBP)

- Enhancing OSBP functionality (comprehensive support for trade facilitation, border management and disease control)
- AfCFTA support (based on ASEAN experience)



Contributing SDGs



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JICA's Efforts to Date



Mombasa Port in Kenya. Supported under 3 projects; Port Development, Port Area Road Development, and Port Development (Phase 2) (Photo: Toyo Construction Co., Ltd.)



The Tema Motorway Interchange, with the largest underpass in Ghana. Constructed under the "Project for Improvement of Ghanaian International Corridors"



Delivery services for agriproducts using drones. Verified under "SDGs Business Verification Survey with the Private Sector for Increasing Added Value for Agriculture Utilizing Drones".



Traffic Jam in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The sustainable urban planning was supported under the "Project for the Development of the Urban Master Plan in Greater Abidjan".



Report "BUILDING RESILIENCE COVID-19 IMPACT & RESPONSE IN URBAN AREAS - CASE OF KENYA & UGANDA"



Inside the OSBP facility at Zambia-Botswana boarder (Zambian side). Supported under the "Kazungula Bridge Construction Project" and the "Project for Capacity Development on Smooth Operation of OSBPs on the North-South Transport Corridor"