

WORKING GROUP TWO ROADS AND RAILWAYS

BACKGROUND

The group deliberated and considered the criteria provided in the plenary. The agreed criteria are as follows:-

1. Number of participating and benefiting countries
2. Number of benefiting citizen
3. The project contribution to GDP and GNP.
4. Number of new employment.
5. Cost.
6. Economic revenues
7. Community sectors and other economic activities of the country affected by the project.
8. Anticipated project completion period.
9. Utilized technology.
10. Legislation and policy changes.
11. Missing links and lengths.
12. Status of project preparation.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1- policy and legislation
 - a) COMESA Secretariat is requested to develop a common transport policy and model bill to act as base for the member countries to have the necessary national policies and legislations.
 - b) COMESA Member States are requested to develop their national transport policy and legislation based on the COMESA on the COMESA policies within a period of three years.
 - c) Member States should have common standards for the Railways gauge which shall be in line with the international standards.
 - d) Member States are requested to implement facilitation transport instruments such as load limits and safety road measures within a period of three years.
- 2- Physical Infrastructure.

Roads

The committee recommended a mega road project linking the region.

The proposed mega project is construction of following missing links:-

1. Aswan- Wadi Halfa_ Dongula
2. Malakal- Juba- Numoli- Gulu
3. Moyale- Isiolo

Railway

The committee discussed the current situation of railways networks as well as the COMESA Great Railways Project which includes Zambia, Rwanda, Burundi, D.R.Congo and Uganda.

The committee recommended the following mega railway mega railway project as follows:-

1. Implement the COMESA Great Railway Projects.

2. Implement the Egypt – Sudan- Uganda railway missing link.
3. Implement interchanges where gauges are different.

CONCLUSION

The committee appreciated the idea of concentrating the efforts in implementing one project per sector.

The committee emphasizes the importance of the above mentioned projects and its contribution to economic development, cross border trade and regional integration.

The committee requests the workshop to recommend these projects to the coming Ministers meeting for endorsement and implementation.

COMESA Secretariat as well as member States are requested to mobilize resources to implementation.