



Making the AfCFTA Annexes work: case of Beitbridge Border Modernization

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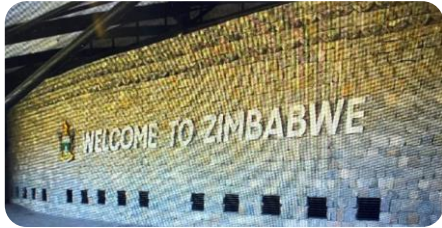


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Beitbridge Border Upgrade & Modernization BACKGROUND & KEY FEATURES



USD330M Public-Private Partnership : 20yrs BOT

- Aimed at Border De-congestion through
- INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT & TRADE FACILITATION



SEGREGATION BY TRAFFIC TYPE – “3-Border- Posts-in-1”

a) Commercial Freight Terminal b) Bus Terminal and c) Pedestrian & INDIV Vehicle Terminal. At the centre is the ADMINISTRATION HUB



AUTOMATION, and, EFFICIENCY (ANNEX 4-TRADE FACILITATION)

BAGGAGE SCANNERS, High Efficiency NII X-Ray, Automated Boom Gates, Biometric, Pre-clearance, ASYCUDA, Strong Networks, e-Clearances, 24hrs Electricity Back-Up System, UMV(Drones), AEOs, Advance Rulings, Administrative Recourse/Justice, GVT STAKEHOLDERS ONE-STOP SHOP, Electronic/Digital Screens, Flood lights, Public Address System, Traffic lanes by Risk

Implementation Preparations for ANNEXES: - 1 (tariffs), 2 (RoO), 6 (TBT), 7 (SPS), 8 (Transit/Freedom of Transit)

- Tariff Concessions – Awaiting AU Re-submission Outcome
- 24 hr svcs include; Radiation Authority Inspection Services, Standard As. Of ZIM (SAZ), Vehicle Inspectorate Department (weighbridges), P/Inspector, Environmental Management Authority (EMA), Agric & Vet, Holding facilities - Animal Shed, Plant and Animal Quarantine Centre), fully-fledged standalone Port Health Unit (isolation rooms for men and women, triage rooms, in-Post clinic, treatment rooms, medical doctor consultation room, sick bay, screening facilities, ambulance facilities and rooms for attending to human remains) and housed inside this block is the office of Civil Registrar. Annex 8 - Transit Mgmnt Unit (TMU) in place, use of e-Cargo Tracking System (ECTS), ASYCUDA World, Enforcement Services, Automated Removal-in-Transit (RIT) Bond Guarantee System, Corridor Trip Monitoring System (CTMS) at advanced stage
- Outside Border Preps – 220 staff housing units , Newly constructed 11,4 million mega litre water tank, Sewer Oxidation Plant (Water Recycle), Modern Fire Station, Aerodrome, Widened Highway, e-Passport Office

How will the AfCFTA Annexes be implemented?

- For all the 54 out of 55 countries - implementation of Annexes begin by the process of RATIFICATION of the AfCFTA
- Zimbabwe deposited its instrument of ratification with the Chairperson of the African Union Commission in Nov 2018
- Submit MAO (Tariff Concession) with a minimum tariff liberalization threshold of 90% of the tariff lines (Annex 1)
- Upon approval by AU, domestic implementation of MAO
- RoO (Annex 2) – negotiations still on-going

What needs to be done and what challenges may arise?

- Annex 3 (Customs Co-op & Mutual Admin. Assistance) required - Increased Customs Co-op & enhanced collaborations in removing NTBs, Simplification of Procedures, use of Harmonized System: Customs Formalities, Customs Tariff & Statistical Nomenclatures, Valuation Systems and Practices, Advance Information Exchange. Introduce CBM Systems, SW Systems, Port Authority
- Challenges may include – costly existing different clearance systems, legislation, differing priorities and budgetary constraints, mistrust, fear of loss of employment among Border Stakeholders, etc