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FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE THIRD PIDA WEEK HELD FROM 10 TO 14 DECEMBER 2017 IN SWAKOPMUND, NAMIBIA

We, Ministers and delegates to the Third PIDA Week and the organizing and partners institutions (African Union Commission (AUC), NEPAD Agency, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the Government of Namibia, the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the German Cooperation, the European Union (EU), the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), Turkey and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)), member states as well as distinguished invitees:

1. **Express** our sincere gratitude to the Government of Namibia, its people and SADC for hosting this PIDA Week and for the hospitality accorded to us;
2. **Reaffirm** the crucial role of PIDA sectors (transport, energy, ICT and Water) in the achievement of the main goals of the AU Agenda 2063 for continental integration, prosperity and peace;
3. **Affirm** our commitment to develop integrated and efficient systems through the application of sound policy and development strategies with a view to enhancing efficiency, sustainability and affordability of transport, energy, ICT and Water services;
4. **Acknowledge** the diligent work accomplished during 2017 which was presented in the PIDA Annual Implementation report;
5. **Take note** of the detailed status reports on the following projects: the Central Corridor (Dar Es Salam to Chalinze Toll Road), the Kinshasa Brazzaville Rail and Road Bridge, the Ethiopia-Sudan Interconnector, the Zambia Tanzania Kenya Power Interconnector and the Batoka Gorge Hydropower Project and INGA III Hydropower Project;
6. **Encourage** the involvement of African and international private sector as well as emerging partners to promote technical and financial contribution to PIDA projects.

Agree to:

1. **Pursue** the mobilization of funding for the complete implementation of PIDA projects including the showcased projects: Dar-Chalinze Toll Road on the Central Corridor, Kinshasa-Brazzaville Rail/road Bridge, the Ethiopia-Sudan Interconnector, the Zambia-Tanzania-Kenya Interconnector, Batoka Gorge Hydropower project and the Inga III Hydropower Project.
2. **Call upon** member states, development partners and members of the Continental Business Network (CBN) to provide adequate resources including domestic resources for the PIDA project preparation facilities: the PIDA Service Delivery Mechanism (SDM) and the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (IPPF) among others;
3. **Engage** partner organisations, as well as bilateral development partners to provide the necessary technical and financial support to the implementation of PIDA Priority Action Plan projects by 2020;
4. **Urge** the NEPAD Agency in consultation with the AUC to coordinate continental stakeholders toward the establishment of the Single Air Transport Market (SAATM) and inclusive implementation of the Abuja Declaration and Framework for a Plan of Action for Development of Aviation Infrastructure in Africa within the Move Africa initiative and PIDA work plans.

Recommend:

1. **Fast track** the PIDA mid-term review and the preparation of the PIDA PAP 2 (2020-2030) with an updated list of priority projects;
2. **Promote** integrated corridor development using data-driven decision-making models to prioritise projects for commercial viability and promote the setting up of legal frameworks and instruments for corridor management;

3. **Support** the full implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision (YD) towards establishment of the SAATM within the framework of the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063, **Support** the implementation of the 2017 Abuja framework action plan for aviation infrastructure development, **Promote** the EAC Upper Flight Information Region (UFIR) as a replicable model for a single African Airspace and **Urge** all member states that have not signed the solemn commitment towards the establishment of the SAATM to do so and promote aviation infrastructure development in Africa to sustain the traffic growth;
4. **Support** the PIDA Model Law for Investment in Transboundary Infrastructure and **domesticate** it to address issues such as skills transfer, job creation and training;
5. **Use** cross-sectoral approaches including the water-food-energy nexus approach to promote and demonstrate the economic viability of water projects on the continent;
6. **Engage** partner organisations, as well as bilateral development partners to promote and provide the necessary technical and financial support for the implementation of the INGA 3 Hydropower and High Speed Rail projects within the framework of the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063;
7. **Ensure** that ICT is fully integrated with other PIDA sector projects to support and promote job creation and entrepreneurship;
8. **Raise** awareness on the importance of the digital economy as an integral part of PIDA and Africa's development, **Promote** the online domain name industry and raise public awareness on DoTAfrica (.Africa) as a continental identity for African organisations, companies and citizens;
9. Operationalise data collection, validation and reporting strategy to ensure smooth and coordinated flow of data on PIDA projects and programmes;
10. **Operationalise** the 5% Agenda by encouraging African sovereign wealth funds and pension funds to invest a greater part of their assets in Africa's development including the implementation of PIDA projects;
11. **Operationalise** the MoveAfrica Traffic Light System along the 4 Border Posts - Beit Bridge, Chirundu, Kasumbalesa and Kazungula - on the North South Corridor and share good practice lessons with other regions.

The Dome in Swakopmund, Namibia, on the 13th of December 2017.

Delegates of the 2017 PIDA WEEK