PIDA PRIORITY ACTION
PLAN 2 BROCHURE

A regional and continental effort for accelerated and integrated infrastructure development in Africa
Why PIDA?

The Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) is the African Union strategic continental initiative that has the buy-in of all African countries. PIDA comprises of cross-border programs covering transboundary water, energy, transport and ICT projects to be realized by 2040. The PIDA initiative seeks to improve the continent’s potential and places Africa on the path to accelerated economic and social development.

The AU initiative is building a vision for a global partnership to alleviate limitation in developing cost-effective and sustainable regional infrastructure. PIDA is developing trade routes for landlocked countries, increasing access to improved transport, electricity, ICT and water services and support other economic activities. The purpose of PIDA is to encourage regional infrastructure development to accelerate intra-African trade and boosting Africa’s trading position in the global market.
PIDA established a common vision, framework and global partnership to put in place regional infrastructure to promote Africa’s socioeconomic development and integration.

PIDA-PAP1 (2012-2020)

Agenda 2063
Alert 2063 identifies PIDA as the key strategic framework for the development of regional infrastructure and calls for “inclusive, sustainable and world class infrastructure.”

PIDA-PAP2 (2012-2020)
PIDA-PAP2 to set priorities for regional infrastructure development of the next decade incorporating NEW principles stated in Agenda 2063.
Priority Action Plan 1 (PAP1). The first PIDA Priority Action Plan (PIDA PAP 1) was adopted from 2012 to 2020. It has 51 cross-border programs decomposed into over 400 projects in the sectors of Energy, Transport, ICT, and Transboundary Water. The first PIDA PAP led to an infrastructure development program that articulated short term goals in prioritizing regional infrastructure development for the period of 2012-2020.

The graphic below articulate progress implements by PIDA through Priority Action Plan 1 for the period of 2012-2020.
The PIDA Priority Action Plan 2 (PAP2) phase is currently in preparation, and soon to be submitted for adoption by the Head of State and Government at the AU Summit in January 2021. This phase of PIDA is reflecting on the holistic infrastructure approach, introducing a robust selection criterion on selection of projects. The concept behind PIDA PAP 2 promotes the integrated multi-sectoral corridor approach and will observe a bottom-up approach. The process considers gender-sensitivity, employment orientated and climate-friendly infrastructure that will also connect to urban and rural areas. This procedure encourages inclusiveness that contributes to a sustainable growth, and development that speaks to the AU Agenda 2063.

The process developed for the elaboration of the PIDA-PAP 2 is articulated around 5 key steps as illustrated by the figure below.
The Integrated Corridor Approach

The Integrated Corridor Approach is a multi-infrastructure corridor approach to infrastructure development that works toward a more prosperous Africa by emphasizing projects that maximize job creation and climate friendliness. The integrated Corridor approach concept is guided by two pillars:

1. A planning approach that accommodates all related corridor infrastructure facilities (e.g. ports, roads, rail, pipeline, inland waterways, border post facilities, energy transmission line, optical fiber, and other telecommunications links complement one another),

2. The inclusiveness of social and sustainability features into the planning process to mirror the African Union Commission Vision and Agenda 2063 to realize the development of the socio-economic impact of regional projects.
A robust process for selecting regional cross-border infrastructure projects is developed and adopted by AUC and AUDA-NEPAD with RECs and Member States. The production and packaging of the selection criteria was supported by the established African Network for Women in Infrastructure (ANWIN). ANWIN is the core influencer to ensure the process on PIDA PAP 2 projects are climate friendly, gender-sensitive and employment orientated.

The Integrated Corridor Approach, to the PIDA PAP 2 process takes a closer look at projects proposed by MS and RECs to assess their alignment on the Integrated Corridor Approach principles and objectives of Agenda 2063.

The Selection criteria consist of 8 criteria for screening of projects, reflecting the feature of the integrated Corridor approach. These are described as follows:

1. **Corridor Criteria**: Projects should synergize with an existing or planned infrastructure of another sector.
2. **Employment criteria**: Projects should maximize total job creation in adjoining regions. The priority projects will be associated with the highest Annual Jobs per Million USD spent as assessed through the PIDA Job Toolkit.
3. **Environmental criteria**: Projects should minimize amounts of GHG per dollar.
4. **Gender criteria**: Each PIDA PAP 2 project will propose procurement-related actions that could increase women’s opportunities to participate in the infrastructure value chain.
5. **Spatially Connectivity criteria**: Projects should maximize rural connectivity.
6. **Economic criteria**: Projects should be implemented in regions with the lowest AIDI scores.
7. **Financial criteria**: Projects should be part of a PIDA sector or sub-sector that shows a strong track record in attracting private financing.
8. **Smart criteria**: Projects should display innovative or technologically advanced feature
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