

# **DRAFT REPORT**

# REGIONAL SESSION: TRAINING ON PIDA-PAP 2 PROCESS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

# **UMA**

**ZOOM Meeting: English Session**4th June 2020

#### 1. BACKGROUND

The PIDA PAP2 Integrated Corridor Approach and related Project Selection Criteria were validated by the Bureau of the Specialized Technical Committee on Transport Transcontinental and Interregional Infrastructure, Energy and Tourism (STC TTIIET) in Cairo on 24 November 2019 in the margins of the 5<sup>th</sup> PIDA Week. As requested by the Bureau, the African Union Commission setup a Task Force whose members composed of PIDA sectoral experts from AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, AfDB and UNECA, were trained in Addis Ababa from 29 to 31 January 2020 on the PIDA PAP 2 project selection process. The task force members are now training Member States and RECs on prioritizing inclusive, environmentally friendly and smart infrastructure projects that will create jobs and economic opportunities for the African people. The programme is building upon the experience and lessons learned from PIDA PAP1 and lays the groundwork for the next phase of PIDA for the period of 2021-2030.

The main objective of this webinar was to train experts and delegates from UMA and its Member States and Specialized Institutions on the project selection process for PIDA PAP2 while aligning their infrastructure development goals to the integrated corridor approach.

This will enable UMA and their Member States to identify priority projects based on the criteria and submit their proposals to the African Union Commission with the support of the Task Force for screening. The list of priority projects will then be submitted to the AU assembly in January 2021 for adoption.

#### 2. OPENING SESSION

The northern region training on the PIDA PAP 2 process and selection criteria, was opened by the PIDA Coordinator, Dr Krishna Heeramun, who welcomed AfDB, Mr. Mike Salawou to provide opening remarks.

Mr. Mike Salawou, Division Manager at the African Development Bank, welcomed the participants highlighting the importance of the training and inviting the participants for a short round of presentations.

#### 3. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

African Development Bank presented the objective of the webinar and the expected outcomes from the agenda.

#### 4. PARTICIPANTS

The following countries and organizations attended this webinar:

Member States: Libya, Egypt, Tunisia

Continental and regional organizations: AUC, AfDB, AUDA-NEPAD, UMA

A total of 30 participants attended the regional session. The complete list of participants is attached in the annex.

#### 5. SESSIONS AGENDA

- 1. Presentation of the eligibility and selection criteria for the PIDA PAP2 priority list by the AfDB, Mr Mtchera Chirwa.
- 2. Presentation of the functionalities of the PIDA PAP2 site: <a href="https://pp2.au-pida.org">https://pp2.au-pida.org</a> and the process of submission and validation of projects by the PIDA coordinator, Dr. Krishna Heeramun.
- 3. Question and Answer session on PIDA criteria and process: Member of the PIDA Task force
- 4. Review of the lists of PIDA projects already submitted on the site: Representatives of the RECs
- 5. Agreement on the preliminary list of PAP2 projects, and allocation of responsibility for the submission and validation of projects: Representatives of the RECs

#### 6. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- Participants inquired on availability of technical support and or partners to aid countries/institutions to submit projects as per the selection criteria. In response the task force members explained that the role of member states is to submit projects through the PIDA PAP 2 website submission form following the submission guidelines. Once all projects are submitted and validated, the selection process then moves to the PIDA task force of African technical institutions; made up of AfDB, UNECA, AUC and AUDA-NEPAD. The task force will evaluate all the submissions and apply the PIDA PAP 2 Integrated corridor selection criteria.
- It was noted that member states will receive support of submission of projects through the PIDA PAP2 submission website interactive elements. Participants are able to leave comments on the submissions, ask questions through the queries function and go through the FAQ for guidance on How To submit projects etc. In addition, member states have access to the 4 EU non key sectorial experts to aid in the documentation and submission of projects.

- It was clarified that submission to PIDA PAP 2 is still open until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Only 10 project per region will be prioritized for adoption but member states are encouraged to submit more than 10 projects, as there is no cap on the number of projects to be submitted.
- Participant inquired on how to estimate jobs and gender action, and whether member states can have access to the job creation toolkit. In response the PIDA coordinator explained that the job estimation is done by the Task force members during the screening of the PAP 2 projects and not the member states. For gender member states were encouraged to propose intention of gender procurement actions and reminded that the ANWIN members are there to support and guide on this.
- Sahara participant raised an issue concerning the confusion on project submission in the UMA region, whether it will be undertaken by the UMA proposal list that was supported by AfDB or member states can propose and submit projects outside this list.
   It was noted that a closed session webinar will be arranged for further clarification.
- Lastly, while the deadline for project submission is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, member states were encouraged to begin frontloading projects on the PAP 2 website, so that the experts can begin to support and add value to the projects.

## 6. Way forward

There will be a dedicated UMA/Northern region session on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020, to review the lists of UMA PIDA projects already submitted on the PIDA PAP 2 website

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