CENTRAL CORRIDOR PERSPECTIVE- 11TH SESSION OF THE UNCTAD – TRADE & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Addressing Multifaceted Vulnerability: Trade & Transport Facilitation

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Challenges on the Central Corridor

- Transportation costs still very high - accounting for over 40% of the prices on the market - According to the WB.
- Longer Clearing processing of goods at Port and Border posts
- Inefficient infrastructure on all transport modes: Ports, roads, railways and inland waterways
- Issues of road safety
- Over 90% of cargo is transported by road
Ongoing Initiatives to address these challenges

• 600 million USD being invested in Dar es Salaam Maritime Port Improvement program. Capacity & efficiency. Capacity of the Port to 28 million metric tons by 2025 from 17 million tons in 2018.

• Installation of Single window system underway in Dar es Salaam port.

• Implementation of EAC Single Customs Territory since 2013 - this was a game changer – improved processes and revenue as well

• Construction and launch of One Stop Border Posts at all major border crossings: Tanzania/Rwanda, Tanzania/Burundi/, Tanzania/Uganda. Border crossing time reduced by 70% since the launch of the facilities.
Ongoing Initiatives to address these challenges

Implementation of the Central Corridor Sustainable Freight Transport Strategy: Modal Shift

- Rehabilitation of the existing meter gauge ongoing to be completed by 2022: 300$ million WB Funding & Tanzania Government Budgetary support
- Construction of the Central Corridor SGR. First 2 phases: 300kms & 422 kms underway.
- After completion its projected that it will reduce transport costs by 40%.
- Also modal shift will reduce Green Gas Emissions, hence reducing pollution of the Environment.
- Reduced road safety threats
Central Corridor Support in Project Implementation

1. One Stop Inspection Stations under construction - Rationalizing Transit Truck inspection along the Central Corridor. Trucks to stop at only 3 locations.

- Vigwaza, Manyoni & Nyakanazi: 500kms between each other.

- Addresses issue of driver fatigue, multiple inspections of Transit Trucks and Revenue Check points
Support the Modal Shift to RAIL/WATER

1. Lake Tanganyika Integrated Transport Programme

   • DRC Kalundu Port – dredging done, and equipment procured
   • Kalundu Port – Uvira – Ruberizi Road (Lot 1) – FS underway
     - Lot 2 – Funds secured as well up to Bukavu for feasibility studies.

   • CCTTFA is coordinating the studies under WB Funding:

     ❖ Assessing the potential for enhanced Ferry Services and Private Operations on Lake Tanganyika.

     ❖ Feasibility Study for Search and Rescue Service on Lake Tanganyika

     ❖ Lake Tanganyika port access and safety of navigation improvements under varying lake levels.
Support the Modal Shift to RAIL/WATER

2. Lake Kivu integrated Transport program
   • Supported Hydrographic surveys and production of navigation charts and other aids to navigation on Lake Kivu with funding from TMEA

3. Lake Victoria Integrated Transport Program
   • Dar-Mwanza-PortBell through Lake Victoria route re-opened in June 2018. Now 3 block trains operated per week
Support to Maritime Sector Capacity Building

10 students under CCTTFA Sponsorship trained at Dar es Salaam Maritime Institute
Central Corridor Road Safety and Security Audit

- The matrix of the key interventions were recommended:
  1. Strengthen Institutional Leadership - Strengthen a lead Agency
  2. Strengthen Enforcement
  3. Improve Driver Training and Testing
  4. Safer Vehicles
  5. Strengthen Post-Crash System
  6. Improve Safety of Road Infrastructure
  7. Strengthen Crash Data System
  8. Strengthen Road Safety
  9. Education and Campaign
Key Recommendations

• TPA and TRC to adopt a “deliver-as-one” scheme- This would be a “game changer”;
• CIF Kigoma, Isaka and Mwanza
• TRC to acquire additional capacity (in terms of locomotives and wagons);
• Predictability rail services (improve efficiency)
• A need to mobilize resources to invest on safety components along the Corridor especially at OSBP’s to avoid fire accidents
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