



PIDA WEEK 2024



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Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia

PROGRAMME

DAY 0 & 1

24 NOVEMBER 2024

18:30 – 20:00

Welcome Dinner

Skylight Hotel, Bole, Addis Abab

25 NOVEMBER 2024

09:00 – 10:00

High-Level Panel: Accelerating preparation and financing of transboundary water projects: Bridging funding and capacity gaps

Multi-Purpose Hall, AUC Headquarters

The objective of this session is to explore effective strategies for accelerating preparation of transboundary water projects with a focus on institutional strengthening and resources mobilisation. The session examines case studies that illustrate lessons learned and best practices in project preparation, financing models, and stakeholder engagement towards improved water development.

Moderator Mr. Frederic Mao, Senior Policy Advisor-Support to the PIDA, GIZ-African Union

Keynote Address: Dr. Rashid Mbaziira, Executive Secretary, African Ministers Council on Water

Panel Discussion

1. Dr. Isaac Alukwe, Regional Coordinator, NELSAP-CU
2. Dr. Patrice Kabeya Senior Programme Officer, Water, SADC
3. Ms. Fatouma Ibrahima, Practice Manager Water West Africa, World Bank
4. Mr. Bakary Traore, Deputy Head-Africa Desk, OECD Development Centre
5. Mr. Alex Simalabwi, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership Africa and CEO-AIP High Level Panel Secretariat
6. Ms Claudia Boldrini, Team Leader Green Transition, DG International partnerships, European Commission

Closing Remarks: Mrs Soma Ghosh Moulik, Practice Manager Water, Heart of Africa, World Bank

09:00 – 10:00

High-Level Roundtable Session: Digital Infrastructure for Africa: Powering Jobs and Growth Across the Region

Medium Conference Hall

The session discusses actionable policies to accelerate Africa's digital infrastructure development through regional collaboration. It will focus on critical digital infrastructure to foster job creation and economic growth and address the needs of Africa's growing population. It will also explore how digital infrastructure can support climate resilience by leveraging sustainable energy solutions with an emphasis on cross-border cooperation.

Moderator: Boutheina Guermazi, WB Director Africa Regional Integration

Speakers:

1. Mr. Soumya Banerjee, Manager, IFC - online
2. Eng. Mahmoud Badawi, the Advisor to the Minister on Digital Transformation
3. Mohamed Moctar HASNI, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Digital Transition and Modernization
4. Waleed Hamdi, Head of Information Society Division, Infrastructure and Energy Department, African Union Commission, AUC
5. Dr Zeldalem Assefa - CEO for ICT and Digital Education and Director of Ethiopia

Dr. Riham Moawad, Senior Advisor for Digital Transformation, Ministry for Digital Transformation and Infrastructure – **Online**

10:00 – 11:00

Ethiopia E-mobility Symposium: Pioneering Green Mobility: The Ethiopian Experience

Multi-Purpose Hall

This session will highlight Ethiopia's efforts and advancements in sustainable transportation and green mobility. It will gather experts, policymakers, and industry stakeholders to discuss the country's initiatives, achievements, challenges, and strategic plans in this field.

Moderator: Mengist Hailemariam (PhD), Advisor to the Ethiopian Minister of Transport and Logistics

Speakers:

1. Mr. Christopher Kost, Africa Program Director, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP)
2. Ms. Rahima Mohammed, Ministry of Plan and Development
3. Mr. Gosaye Mengiste, Ministry of Water and Energy

Mr. Gashaw Aberra, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy

10:00 – 11:00

Pre-Launch Event: Continental Power System Master Plan (CMP) Phase III

Medium Conference

The session will be dedicated to the preliminary launch of CMP Phase III. This event aims to introduce the next phase of the Continental Power Systems Master Plan to key stakeholders and partners.

Following the launch, there will be statements from various stakeholders, including representatives from Power Pools, Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), and private companies. These statements will highlight the strategic importance of CMP Phase III and the collaborative efforts required for its successful implementation.

Moderator: Dr. Crispin Zana, Principal Energy Advisor, AUDA-NEPAD / AEEP

Opening Remarks:

1. H.E. Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO of AUDA-NEPAD
2. Mr Henry Paul Batchi Baldeh, Director of Power Systems Development, AfDB
3. H.E Amb. Javier Nino Perez, European Union Delegation to AU
4. Eng. James WAHOGO - Secretary General; Eastern Africa Power Pool

Presentation: Dr Amine Idriss Adoum - Director of Infrastructure, Industrialization & Trade and Regional Integration, AUDA - NEPAD

Speakers:

1. Ing. Atadet Azarak MOGRO - Secretary General, Central Africa Power Pool (CAPP)
2. Mr Nicolas RITZENTHALER - Team Leader - Sustainable Energy - EU/INTPA
3. Dr. Asami MIKETA - Head of Energy Transition Planning and Power Sector Transformation, IRENA
4. Mr. Samson MASEBINU - Project Management Specialist: Energy, USAID/ Power Africa
5. Mrs. Angela NALIKKA - Division Manager, PESD.1, AfDB (tbc)

BMZ/Get.Pro/GIZ/

11:00 – 11:30

Health Break

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Fostering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure for Africa's Sustainable Growth

11:30 – 12:30

Leveraging Data and Sustainable Data Centers: Advancing Africa's Digital Future through the Digital Investment Facility and a Continental Green Data Centre Master Plan

Multi-Purpose Hall

The session aims to create a heightened awareness of the critical need for adequate data centers and the development of a Continental Green Data Centre Master Plan, fostering discussions that identify key stakeholders and collaborative partnerships essential for enhancing digital infrastructure in Africa.

Moderator: A representative from DIF

Presentation:

1. Mr. Fabio di Stefano, presenting the European Union, International Partnerships contribution to digitalization and data governance policies
2. Mr. Teppo Kettula, presenting the Digital Investment Facility strategy

Speakers:

1. Faith Waithaka, Schneider Electric -
2. Martin Koyabe, Africa Hub, GFCE -
3. Nhlanhla Dlamini, Programmes Manager, Southern Africa Telecommunications Association.
4. Ms Judy Nguru, Senior Vice President Strategic Development, Raxio Data Centres

11:30 – 12:30

African Strategy on Decarbonization of Maritime and Shipping Industry

Medium Conference Hall

This session will present an African strategy on decarbonising the maritime transport and shipping industry. Africa's ports and maritime industries are a significant driver of economic growth. It is evident that the potential positive impact of the port and maritime sector on the socio-economic development of our continent, particularly for coastal and small island states, is accompanied by challenges related to the complexity of economic systems and climate vulnerability.

Moderator: AUC

Speakers

1. Bholanath Basdeo Dhunnoo, Mauritius Port
2. Koffi Jean Marie, PMWACA
3. Sodha Mubarak Adam Esamil, PMAESA
4. Aconkpanle Placide Colombe, UNECA
5. Stephanie Janneh, Togo IMO
6. James Nganga, AfDB
7. Macharia Josephine, ITF

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:00

COUNTRY IMPACT PROJECTS SHOW

CHAD: Adapted financing models and project preparation.

To put the study phase and the preparation of projects at the center of the discussions, highlighting its fundamental role in the long-term success of major infrastructure projects.

Exploration of financing mechanisms for the different phases, insisting on the preparation of projects as a crucial lever for their viability.

Small Conference 1

<p>Speakers: HE. Aziz Mahamat Saleh: Ministre des Infrastructures, du Desenclavement et de l'Entretien routier, Tchad</p> <p>Dr. Issa Doubragne (General Director, FSPPI)</p>	
<p>KENYA: LAPSSET</p> <p>The LAPSSET Corridor Program is a flagship regional integration project aimed at enhancing connectivity and trade in Eastern Africa by connecting Kenya, Ethiopia, and South Sudan through a network of highways, railways, a deep-sea port at Lamu, and other key infrastructure with an estimated total cost of \$25.5 billion</p>	Small Conference 2
<p>ZAMBIA: Data Governance in Zambia</p>	Briefing Room 3
<p>SENEGAL: Regional Express Train and the Rapid Transit Bus projects</p> <p>Addressing urban mobility challenges in Grand Dakar: Impacts of the Regional Express Train and the Rapid Transit Bus projects</p> <p>Speakers: Yatma DIEYE, Director of Environmental and Social Safeguards, APIX</p> <p>Mouhamadou Lamine GAYE, Director of Studies and Strategies, CETUD</p>	Briefing Room 4
<p>EGYPT</p> <p>Construction Progress of (Cairo-Cape Town) Corridor In the Arab Republic of Egypt</p> <p>Speaker: DR.Eng/ Abd El Rahman Baz Abd El Semii</p>	Briefing Room 5
<p>14:00 – 15:00 Connecting the continent: Experiences in Corridor Development in Africa</p>	
<p>This session will share diverse experiences and insights on corridor developments in Africa, highlighting challenges, successes and future opportunities for regional connectivity</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Slindile Maphumulo</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eng. Zaituni Nakonde, Head: Infrastructure Development – CCTFA 2. Eng. Hosea Nyangweso, Director: Infrastructure – EAC 3. Prof. Lievinn Chirhalwirwa, Director: Infrastructure Development and Management – NCTTCA 4. Mr Ibrah Wahabou, Senior Programme Officer: Infrastructure – AUDA-NEPAD 5. Mr. Fabio DI STEFANO: Team Leader for Transport/Commerce/Digital at the Unit in charge of Regional Programs in at DG-INTPA/European Commission 	

14:00 – 15:00

Energy Subgroup meeting under the thematic Coordination Group for Infrastructure

Briefing Room 5
CLOSED SESSION

14:00 – 16:00

Project Boardroom Session 1: Opportunities in PIDA Water Projects

Briefing Room 4

This session showcases PIDA PAP II Water projects with the intent to market the projects and obtain investment for project preparation and implementation.

- Angololo Multipurpose Water Resources Development Project – Project Structuring Stage
- Lesotho Botswana Water Transfer Project – Feasibility Study Stage
- Noordoewer Vioolsdrift Dam – Feasibility Study Stage
- Operationalisation of Hydrometric Stations of Sao Tome and Principe – Feasibility Stage
- Water Supply and Sanitation Project in Antanambao Manampotsy Area of Madagascar – Pre-feasibility Stage

15:00 – 16:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

CONNECTING AND UNITING AFRICA WITH A COMMON DOMAIN-CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF AFRICA’S GTLD’S

Summary: This plenary session, “Connecting and Uniting Africa with a Common Domain,” seeks to emphasise the strategic importance of adopting the “.Africa” domain across institutions, especially the African Union (AU), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Regulatory bodies and other sub-regional organisations. The session will feature keynote addresses, key presentations, and interactive discussions

Medium Conference

BOOSTING SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS VIA ENHANCED ALIGNMENT OF AFRICAN INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES AND THE EU-AFRICA GLOBAL GATEWAY,

Summary: This session will explore Africa’s strategic shift towards regional integration as a means to overcome the limitations of small domestic markets and stimulate regional economic growth. By adopting regional approaches, African nations aim to enhance economic cooperation, improve infrastructure, and create larger, more competitive markets.

Multi-Purpose Hall

ADVANCING AFRICA’S INFRASTRUCTURE FRAMEWORKS: TOWARDS NEW POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMART AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE IN AFRICA

Summary: This session highlights the role of coherent policy and regulatory frameworks in enabling the environments for infrastructure development. The session aims to discuss the potential benefits, challenges, and operational strategies for implementing such new frameworks, with a focus on fostering climate-resilient infrastructure development across the continent.

Small Conference 1

LEVERAGING U.S. AND PARTNER SUPPORT TO AFRICAN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Summary: This panel will present an opportunity to learn about a variety of U.S. government and partner programs to support infrastructure development and investment in Africa.

Small Conference 2





Representatives from the U.S. Trade and Development Agency, the Development Finance Corporation, Power Africa, the OECD Blue Dot Network, and the U.S. Departments of State and Commerce will discuss what the United States and its partners can offer.



THEMATIC COORDINATION GROUP FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MEETING

Summary: This closed session will provide updates on the agreement on investment in regional infrastructure by the European Union and present the global gateway projects under European Union project approval and pipeline, specifically on energy, transport and water. The PIDA priority projects in the four sectors will also be presented.

Briefing Room 5
CLOSED SESSION



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10:00 – 11:00

Opening Ceremony

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Master of the Ceremony (MC)

- Amine Idriss Adoum, Director of Economy, Infrastructure, Industrialisation, Trade and Regional Integration. AUDA-NEPAD

Audio-visual presentation

Welcoming Remarks

- Hon. Dr. Alemu Sime Feyisa, Minister of Transport and Logistics, Ethiopia
- H.E. Dr Amani Abou Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (AUC)
- H.E. Mr. Claver Gatete, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of ECA
- H.E. Mrs. Nardos BEKELE-THOMAS, Chief Executive Officer, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)

Opening Statement

- H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC)
- H.E. Taye Atske Selassie, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

11:00 – 11:15

Group Photo in front of Nelson Mandela Hall

11:15 – 12:15

High Level Panel on the theme: Fostering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure for Africa's Sustainable Growth: Leveraging Transformative Financing and Regional Integration.

Multi-Purpose Hall

The high-level session focuses on highlighting the importance of resilient, climate-smart infrastructure and explores transformative financing models to close Africa's infrastructure investment gap. The issue of regional integration will be emphasized as the critical driver for cross-border collaboration and trade facilitation.

Moderator: Amine Idriss Adoum, Director of Economy, Infrastructure, Industrialization, Trade, and Regional Integration, AUDA-NEPAD

Speakers:

1. Hon. Chaltu Sani Ibrahim, Minister of Urban and Infrastructure Development, Ethiopia
2. H.E. Chris Baryomunsi, Minister of Information and Communications Technology, Uganda,
3. H.E. Alamine Ousman Mey Minister of Economy and Regional Integration, Cameroon –H.E.
4. Dr Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission,
5. Dr. Hanan Morsy, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECA
6. H.E. Jens Hanefeld, German Ambassador to Ethiopia and the Africa Union
7. Mr. Solomon Quaynor, Vice-President for Private Sector, Infrastructure and Industrialization, African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
8. Mrs. Kanayo Awani, Executive Vice-President, Intra-African Trade Bank, AfreximBank,

12:30 – 13:30	Ministerial Dialogue: Ministerial Dialogue on financing infrastructure projects: Balancing Priorities in a Crisis-Stricken World: What sustainable choices for African Government in financing infrastructure projects?	Multi-Purpose Hall
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Slow infrastructure project inception, development and resource mobilisation cannot meet the dynamics of Africa’s demographic shifts and the African Union’s objective of accelerating productive transformation over the next decades. Reaping the full potential of Africa’s ongoing continental integration agenda requires more investment in infrastructure development in line with the objectives of the African Union’s 2021-2030 Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA). Investment into African infrastructure has been sluggish despite the huge needs. This may be explained by a combination of higher perceived risks, limited knowledge of investment and financing opportunities and limited number of projects reaching the bankable stage.

As part of the dialogues in the framework of the Accelerating and Scaling-up Quality Infrastructure Investment in Africa (ASQIIA) program jointly carried out by ACET/AUDA-NEPAD/OECD-DEV, this High-level Ministerial Dialogue will discuss the needs and most suitable instruments to sustain financing infrastructure projection the pursuit of the African Union’s 2021-2030 Programme for Infrastructure Development (PIDA) objectives and the actions agreed in the 2nd Dakar Summit on the Financing of Infrastructure in Africa.

Moderator: Mrs. Ragnheiður Elín Árnadóttir, Director, OECD Development Centre.

Speakers:

1. H.E. Mr. Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance, Ethiopia
2. H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Mustafa Kamal Esmat, Minister of Electricity and Renewable Energy, Egypt,
3. Honourable Mr Aziz Mahamat Saleh, Minister of Infrastructure and Regional Connectivity, Republic of Tchad,
4. H.E. Makame Mbarawa, Minister of Transport, Tanzania
5. *H.E. Sa’idu Ahmed Alkali* Federal Minister of Transportation, *Nigeria (TBC)*,
6. H.E. Marie Thérèse Chantal Mfoula, Commissioner for Territorial Development and Infrastructure of the ECCAS Commission.
7. H.E. Ms. Karin Stanghed, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to the African Union
8. Mrs. Boutheina Guerhazi, WB Director Africa Regional Integration
9. Ms. Mavis Owusu-Gyamfi (President & CEO, ACET)

11:00 – 12:00	Meeting of the Power Sector on the Grand Inga Hydropower Project	Small Conference Room 2 CLOSED SESSION:
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13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	
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14:30 – 15:30	High-Level Event: Connecting the drops: Water cooperation in Africa for green, resilient and inclusive development	Multipurpose Hall
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This session will emphasize regional collaboration and sustainable financing to drive Africa’s economic development. It will showcase how water infrastructure fosters peace, regional integration, and long-term water security, while advancing sustainable development. The session also aims to accelerate PIDA-PAP 2 projects and mobilize \$30 billion annually by 2030 for climate-resilient water security and sanitation.



Opening

- Mr. Amine Idriss Adoum, Director of Economy - Infrastructure, Trade, Industrialisation and Regional Integration, AUDA-NEPAD (Keynote)
- Ms Fatouma Toure Ibrahima, Water Practice Manager, West Africa World Bank (Framing presentation)

Moderated Panel Discussion

Moderator: Boutheina Guermazi, Director, Regional Integration Africa and MENA, the World Bank

Interactive Panel and audience as well

1. Honourable Mr Aziz Mahamat Saleh, Minister of Infrastructure and Regional Connectivity, Republic of Tchad
2. H.E Dr Eng Sultan Wolle, State Minister for Energy Sector Development
3. Mr. Amine Idriss Adoum, Director of Economy - Infrastructure, Trade, Industrialisation and Regional Integration, AUDA-NEPAD
4. Ms Fatouma Toure Ibrahima, Water Practice Manager, West Africa World Bank
5. Dr. Ahmed Khalid Eldaw Mohamed, AU-AIP Secretariat

Summary and close by Moderator: Boutheina Guermazi, Director, Regional Integration Africa and MENA, the World Bank

14:30 – 15:30	Investing in sustainable productive infrastructure: The Global Gateway Africa-Europe Investment Package's (GGAEIP) synergies with PIDA	Multi-Purpose Hall
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This session will take stock of the implementation of the GGAEIP, nearly 3 years after its launching, and its (actual and potential) contribution to PIDA. This will involve a keynote presentation on the GGAEIP for infrastructures, a panel discussion, and a Q&A session

Moderator: Domenico Rosa, HoU, INTPA AI Strategic Partnerships with Africa and OACPS

Speakers:

1. Representative from European Commission DG INTPA
2. Representative from AUDA NEPAD
3. Representative from ½ beneficiaries of GGAEIP projects

15:30 – 16:30	Celebration of the U.N. World Sustainable Transport Day: Leapfrogging to Sustainable Transport in Africa – Digital transformation and the Global Decade on Sustainable Transport	Medium Conference
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The session aims to discuss with Member States and partners how adequate and rapid digitalisation of transport infrastructures and services in Africa can unlock significant benefits for trade and movements of persons across the continent and within the international market. The session will also reflect on the conditions and critical ingredients to internalise and make the U.N. General Assembly declared Global Sustainable Transport Decade (2026-2035) a successful initiative.

Moderator: Robert Lisinge, Ag. Director for the Technology, Infrastructure, Connectivity and Innovation Division of ECA

Speaker:

1. Fabio Di Stephano, EU, Transport and investment
2. Mactar Seck; ECA, Digitalisation
3. Kazaura Kamugisha; AUC – Africa Digital Strategy and Artificial intelligence
4. Mike Salawou; AfDB, Transport Infrastructure and Investment
5. Schuster Michael; GIZ, Public Transport, BRT, E-vehicles

18:00 – 20:00 **High-level Cocktail Dinner (By invitation)**

Venue: TBC

- **Welcome Remarks**
Hon. Dr. Alemu Sime Feyisa, Minister of Transport and Logistics, Ethiopia
- **Cultural Performance**
- **Keynote Address**
H.E. **Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO of AUDA-NEPAD**
- **Remarks**
H.E. Dr Amani Abou Zeid Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, AUC
- **Networking**

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09:00 – 10:00 Managing climate change risks to critical infrastructure development and operation in Africa Multi-Purpose Hall

The session will highlight climate change impacts and risks to transboundary infrastructure across the various regions in Africa and propose actionable mechanisms and financing strategies for implementing resilience measures and managing climate risk to critical infrastructure and significant trade corridors in Africa. It will finally explore the possible establishment of a community of practice for addressing the combined impacts of climate change and other exacerbating factors on infrastructure development, management and operation.

Moderator: Dr. Linus Mofor, Senior Natural Resources Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Opening keynote: Eng. Munyaradzi Munodawafa, Chief Executive, Zambezi River Authority

Speakers:

1. Mr. Ayoub Chajadine, PIDA Coordinator, African Union Commission
2. Dr. John Diing Deng Diar, Executive Secretary, Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority
3. Eng. Kundai Ngwena, Sectoral Cluster Chairperson for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Economic Social and Cultural Council
4. Mr. Toru Homma, Senior Advisor to the CEO, AUDA-NEPAD / Senior Advisor on Private Sector Development, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

09:00 – 10:00 Renewable Energy Potentials and Investment Opportunities of Ethiopia Medium Conference Hall

This session will present the renewable energy potentials of Ethiopia and the investment opportunities available in one of the fastest-growing economies in the region. The broader energy sector in Ethiopia will be showcased, including implemented and completed renewable energy projects. Additionally, there will be a briefing on how investment opportunities are framed and presented in Ethiopia, including Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects.

Moderator: To be Confirmed (TBC)

Speakers:

1. H.E Dr. Sultan Wolle, State Minister, Energy Sector Development
2. Eng. Ashebir Balcha, CEO, Ethiopian Electric Power (EEP)
3. Representative from the Ethiopian Investment Commission (TBC)
4. Representative from the Ministry of Finance (TBC)

10:00 – 11:00

Accelerating Cross-Border Digital Connectivity through PIDA:
Advancing ICT and Digitalization Projects

Multi-Purpose Hall

The session will bring together policymakers, regional economic communities (RECs), the private sector, and development partners to discuss PIDA's role in accelerating cross-border digital connectivity and share experiences on ongoing digital projects. A focus will be on the opportunities, including public-private partnerships (PPPs), funding mechanisms, and regulatory harmonisation across borders.

Moderator: Amazouz Souhila, AUC (confirmed)

Speakers:

1. Dr. Zacharia Kingori, Program Manager of Infrastructure Development, IGAD
2. Guichard TSANGOU, Director, Infrastructure, ECCAS
3. John Kiria, Director, Ministry of ICT, Kenya
4. Primah Agonza, Head of PPP and Infrastructure, African Legal Support Facility
5. Mr Samata Omar Elmi, Chief ICT Specialist, AfDB East Africa Regional Development

10:00 – 11:00

Financing Pilot Projects for the African Integrated Rail Network
Initiative (AIRN)

Medium Conference Hall

This event serves as a pivotal preparatory step towards the development and financing of the 13 pilot projects that constitute the initial phase of the AIRN. The AIRN aims to enhance continental connectivity, promote intra Africa trade, and stimulate sustainable socio-economic growth by linking key cities and economic hubs across all countries and regions of Africa. The session event will bring together a wide range of stakeholders, including government representatives, continental and international financiers, private sector partners, and rail infrastructure experts

Moderator: Maria LAFONT, PhD, Senior Advisor for the African Region, International Union of Railways (UIC)-France

Speakers:

1. Mrs. Hlina BELACHEW AZEREF, CEO of Ethiopian Railway Corporation (ERC) - Ethiopia.
2. Aboubacar Sidiki TOURE, Directeur des Infrastructures au Département de l'Aménagement du Territoire Communautaire et des Transports, Commission de l'UEMOA.
3. Mr. Epifanio Carvalho De Melo, Manager of NEPAD-IPPF, African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
4. Mr. Fabio DI STEFANO, Team Leader for Transport/Commerce/Digital at the Unit in charge of Regional Programs in at DG-INTPA/European Commission.
5. Mr. Andres Pizarro, Transport Sector Manager (PSC1), Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
6. Dr John Deng Diar Diing, PhD., P.E. Executive Secretary, Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority (NCTTCA).
7. Mme Zahara Mahamat Hissène, Directrice Générale Adjointe, Office Nationale de Chemin de Fer du Tchad –ONCF.
8. Mr. Christian Chavanel, Director of Railways System Department and Coordinator of Africa Region – International Union of Railways (UIC).

11:00 – 11:30

Health Break

11:30 – 12:30

Syndicate the Improved Service Delivery Mechanism (SDM) Process and Vision: Accelerating the preparation, finance and bankability of Africa's Infrastructure)

Multi-Purpose Hall

This session will address the challenges faced in financing Africa's infrastructure and how AUDA-NEPAD is developing new improved approaches that can accelerate project preparation towards reaching financial close. Key aspects of the improved SDM approach include upfront integration of investment requirements into early-stage project preparation; expanded engagement of development partners and providers of technical assistance, finance, risk mitigation sources; and elevated engagement between project owners and financiers.

Presentation:

1. Mr. Amine Idriss Adoum: Director Infrastructure, Industrialization & Trade: AUDA-NEPAD
2. Dr. Barbara Samuels: Executive Director Global Clearinghouse for Development Finance (GlobalDF)

Speakers:

1. Honourable Mr Aziz Mahamat Saleh: Minister of Infrastructure and Regional Connectivity, Republic of Tchad
2. Eng. Zaituni Nakonde: Head – Infrastructure Development, Central Corridor Transit and Transport Authority
3. Mr. Fabio DI STEFANO: Team Leader for Transport/Commerce/Digital at the Unit in charge of Regional Programs in at DG-INTPA/European Commission
4. Robert Lisinge: Ag. Director for the Technology, Infrastructure, Connectivity and Innovation Division of UNECA
5. Ms. Mapolao Mokoena, Director of Infrastructure – SADC Secretariat

11:30 – 12:30

Africa's energy transition: a long-term forecast

Medium Conference Hall

Analyse how infrastructure investments in all sectors can drive sustainable economic growth across Africa. It will also Examine the role of public-private partnerships (PPPs) in addressing Africa's infrastructure financing gap, with insights on how PPPs can align public policy objectives with private sector profitability.

Moderator: Vivek Mittal, CEO AFIDA

Speakers:

1. Jakkie Cilliers, Chairperson of the Board, ISS Africa
2. Dr. Blessing Chipanda, Senior researcher
3. Amine Idriss Adoum, Director, AUDA-NEPAD
4. Towela Nyirenda – Jere, Head of Secretariat, AEEP

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:00

Private sector contribution to the green transition in Africa through renewable energy

Medium Conference Hall

Generating actionable insights, foster public-private partnerships, and identify key areas where the private sector can significantly contribute to Africa's energy market integration and green transition under AfSEM and CMP.

Moderator: Vanessa Baldwin, COO & Director, Cata Energy

Speakers:

- Stefan Nagy, Chairman and CEO Cata Energy
- Michael Firenze, CEO of MFI Energy
- Tafadzwa Mugwagwa, General Manager & Advisor, CASTLEPINE GLOBAL EQUITY
- Michael Mogopa
- Femi Awofala, Founder/CEO of The African Catalyst
- Mutukwa Sikatala Ben Musole Senior Programme Officer- Green Climate Finance AUDA-NEPAD

14:00 – 15:00

Educate and Protect: Building Resilient Digital Infrastructure through Education and Cybersecurity

Small Conference 1

The session aims to highlight the importance of digital education and cybersecurity in building resilient digital infrastructures in Africa.

Moderator: Morad Attik, Co-founder of Evolukid

Speakers:

1. Menahd Ouchenir
2. Morad Attik
3. Khadidja GOULAIN

14:00 – 16:00

Project Boardroom Session 2: Opportunities in PIDA Transport Projects

Briefing Room 4

- Ethiopia Rail section-LAPSSSET
- Cameroon-Chad Railway
- Maritime Connectivity of Comoros Islands
- Abidjan-Lagos Corridor
- VICMED

14:00 – 16:00

Project Boardroom Session 3: Opportunities in PIDA ICT Projects

Briefing Room 5

- Transborder Submarine Fiber PoPs and Regional Smart Hub Facility and Data Center
- SATA Regional Carrier-Neutral Data Center

15:00 – 16:00

Parallel Sessions

ADVANCING AFRICA'S ENERGY FUTURE, AU-EU COLLABORATION FOR ACCELERATED FINANCING

Summary: The African Union and European Union are jointly committed to advancing energy and infrastructure goals in Africa in line with Agenda 2063, through initiatives such as the African Single Electricity Market (AfSEM), the Continental Power Systems Masterplan (CMP) and the Africa-EU Green Energy Initiative (AEGEI). The high-level panel discussion aims to highlight bicontinental advancements on energy to-date and asks how joint initiatives such as AfSEM, CMP and AEGEI can support and ensure adequate financing to meet the energy needs in Africa.

Multi-Purpose Hall

TECHNICAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

Using Satellite Imagery and Artificial Intelligence to Analyse Critical Road Links: Training Session in the Africa Regional Transport Corridor Management System

Summary: The objective of this capacity building workshop is to train technical staff of corridor management organisations to use ARTCOMS as a tool to monitor corridor infrastructure. The meeting will also provide a platform to discuss the sustainability of ARTCOMS

Medium Conference

STRENGTHENING NEPAD-IPPF: COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING IN AFRICA

Summary: This session aims to bring together partners, AU member states, and donors to discuss the financial challenges faced by NEPAD-IPPF. It also seeks to encourage African states to contribute to the facility's funding and explore new funding sources, including the United States, Gulf countries, and various investment funds.

Small Conference 1
CLOSED SESSION

TECHNICAL MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE CHAMPIONSHIP (PICl)

Summary: This closed session of the Presidential Infrastructure Champions Initiative will review the progress of ongoing infrastructure projects under the PICl portfolio and identify and address challenges and bottlenecks in project implementation. It will foster collaboration and coordination among various stakeholders and develop the framework for the 2025 PICl Annual Report.

Small Conference 2
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09:00 – 10:00 Advancing Africa's Energy Future: Towards the Implementation of Africa Single Electricity Market (AfSEM) and Continental Power System Master Plan (CMP)

Multi-Purpose Hall

The primary objective of this session is to explore the establishment of Power Markets and Electricity Financial Markets in the five African regions as part of the AfSEM strategic objectives within the regional Power Pools. The session aims to discuss the potential benefits, challenges, and strategies for implementing these markets, with a focus on fostering sustainable energy development and financial stability in the region

Moderator: Eng. Wilson Masango, Chief Engineer–Markets (SAPP)

Presentations:

- Dr Shehu Ibrahim Khaleel – Senior Energy Policy and Strategy Expert, AUC
- Mr. Simbini Tichakunda – Senior Energy Policy and Strategy Expert, AUDA NEPAD

Speakers:

- Mr. Moeketsi THOBELA, Chief Renewable Energy Investment Specialist, Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA), AfDB
- Eng. James WAHOGO –Secretary General, East Africa Power Pool (EAPP) – (TBC)
- Dr Mikael TOGEBY – Sector Counsellor, Energy – Danish Embassy, Ethiopia
- Mr. Samson Masebinu – Project Management Specialist: Energy – USAID/Power Africa
- Mr. Tione Mtalimanja, Senior Investment Officer, AfDB

09:00 – 10:00 Interoperable Digital ID: A key enabler for integrated Africa/ Interoperable Digital ID to facilitate cross-border mobility and trade towards continental integration

Medium Conference Hall

The session will contribute to the standardized digital ID systems across Africa, Identifying and prioritizing the use case for the application of interoperable digital ID across the continent and proposes a common standard for the interoperability of Digital ID Systems Across Africa.

Moderator: Ms Mihret Woodmatas, AUC

Speakers:

1. Mr. Peter Kimaile, Deputy Director-ICT, Directorate of eCitizen Services, Kenya
2. Ms Feven Bulbula, Strategic planning and Training Lead, National ID Program, Ethiopia
3. Mr Goparlen PAVADAY; Lead Programme Manager, CIB, Central Informatics Bureau, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Mauritius
4. Mr. Yejjou Mouhcine, Director General of national ID, Morocco
5. M. Chirinda Mario Pedro, Head of I.T. Department Mozambique
6. Ms. Vefa Meine, Head of Interoperability, Mauritania
7. Ms. Wafa Ben Hamouda, Head of Department, Agence Nationale de Certification Electronique TUNTRUST
8. Vuyelwa Portia Segokgo, Deputy Director Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs n Civil and National Registration (Botswana)
9. Representatives from RECs – TBC
10. Representatives from World Bank, European Union – TBC

10:00 – 11:00

CMP Funding Mechanisms, preliminary findings and knowledge management session

Multi-Purpose Hall

The session aims to present the preliminary conclusions and recommendations of the Specific Support Study on the Funding Mechanisms of the CMP Projects, gather institutional knowledge from the participants of how this kind of projects have been financed in the past, and draw conclusions about best practices to promote and issues to avoid. There will be a 20-minute time slot to share the methodology and preliminary findings, conclusions and recommendations of the study followed by a brief Q&A to ask the participants about their experience on funding regional projects, which mechanism have worked well, and which are not to recommend. Finally, the session will be concluded by a panel discussion in which the panellists will delve deeper into the implementation of CMP Phase III, potential challenges, opportunities, and strategies to ensure its effective execution.

Moderator:

- Mr Jeremy GASC, Energy and Climate Expert, AFD
- Dr. Crispen Zana, Principal Energy Advisor, AUDA-NEPAD / AEEP

Speakers:

- Power Pools – CAPP
- European Union
- IRENA
- Power Africa
- AfDB
- BMZ/Get.Pro/GIZ/

10:00 – 11:00

AI in Action: Towards an African Union AI Strategy Implementation

Medium Conference Hall

This session is designed to present African Union in action via AUDA-NEPAD in relation to the implementation of the AU AI Continental Strategy. Participants will receive insights about the different initiatives led by AUDA-NEPAD and on the continent, to implement the AU AI continental strategy. Attendees will depart with a comprehensive understanding of the opportunities brought by AI implementation in Africa, the challenges and potential solutions for AI implementation across African Countries.

Moderator: Mr. Talla Kebe, Coordinator United Nations System Task Force on Africa – Digital Transformation & Innovation, UN

Speakers:

- Dr Barbara Glover, APET Secretariat, AUDA-NEPAD
- Dr. Girma Taye, Deputy Director General Ethiopian Artificial Intelligence Institute
- Dr William Wasswa, Head of Department, CEO & Cofounder, Global Auto Systems
- Dr Eric Ndoumba, General coordinator of the African Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (CARIA)
- Mr Pierre-Christophe Gam, Researcher

11:00 – 11:30

Health Break

11:30 – 12:30

Parallel Sessions

HOW TO FOSTER YOUTH AND MSME PARTICIPATION IN INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY

Summary: The session will discuss the challenges that youth and MSMEs face in accessing opportunities in the infrastructure development space in Africa and consider possible entry points into the infrastructure value chain. The focus will also be on the importance of actively promoting the involvement of micro-, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in accelerating the delivery of infrastructure and improving the long-term value of the infrastructure.

Medium Conference

SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINENTAL POWER SYSTEMS MASTERPLAN (CMP) TRANSMISSION PROJECTS VIA THE INDEPENDENT POWER TRANSMISSION (IPT) MODEL

Summary: The session is expected to provide clear and up-to-date information on IPT models that are applicable to Africa's CMP, status and developments of IPT case studies in Africa, criteria for selection of IPT projects and a preliminary list of potential IPT candidate projects and next steps in the CMP-IPT study.

Multi-Purpose

REVITALIZING THE CONTINENTAL BUSINESS NETWORK (CBN) FOR ACCELERATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND INDUSTRIALIZATION FINANCING IN AFRICA

Summary: The Continental Business Network (CBN) plays a critical role by promoting collaboration and funding opportunities to accelerate infrastructure and industrialization. This session will focus on revitalizing CBN's structure and processes to better support the African infrastructure agenda. Drawing from recent insights in AUDA-NEPAD's updated Service Delivery Mechanism (SDM) and CBN's operational plans

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14:00 – 16:00

Projects Boardroom Session 4: Opportunities in PIDA Energy Projects

Briefing Room 4

PIDA Energy Project Showcase: This session showcases PIDA PAP II Energy projects with the intent to market the projects and obtain investment for project preparation and implementation.

1. Masaka – Mwanza Transmission Line Project
2. Egypt and Sudan Electrical Grid as the First Stage of the Continental Electrical Interconnection
3. Construction of 287 MW Ruzizi IV Hydropower Project
4. Baynes Hydropower Project
5. Equatoria Guinea-Gabon Transmission Line Project

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 TICAD-9 Pre-Event: AUDA-NEPAD & JICA Joint Launch of the OSBP Status Report – Advancing Smart Corridors through Technology and Traditional Methods for Improved Monitoring and Reporting Multi-Purpose Hall

This session will be held to launch OSBP Status Report, jointly developed by AUDA-NEPAD and JICA followed by the statement among AU institutions, Member State, REC, and private sectors.

The discussion will explore opportunities for leveraging tools developed by AUDA-NEPAD and partner organisations-oriented tools, such as Time Measurement Survey, and innovative private sector-oriented M&E tools like the Logistics Monitoring System (LMS). Additionally, emphasis will be placed on the importance of promoting these tools and fostering collaboration, focusing on leveraging both emerging technologies and traditional approaches to enhance border efficiency and effectiveness.

Moderator: Ms. Kisa C Nkhoma, Trade Facilitation Lead, AUDA-NEPAD

Remarks:

- Representative nominated by Commissioner for Economic Development, Tourism, Trade, Industry, Mining, AUC
- Mr. SUGIO Toru, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Mission of Japan to the African Union
- Mr. Andrea Aguer Ariik Malueth, Deputy Secretary General, Infrastructure, Productive, Social and Political sectors, East African Community
- Ms. Lerato Mataboge, Deputy Director General, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic), Republic of South Africa
- Mr. NAKAMURA Toshiyuki, Special Advisor to the President, Former Senior Vice President, JICA

Presentation:

- Mr. Amine Idriss Adoum, Director of Economy - Infrastructure, Trade, Industrialisation and Regional Integration, AUDA-NEPAD

Special Address:

- H.E. Ms. Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO of AUDA-NEPAD

Launch Ceremony

- Official launch and ribbon-cutting for the OSBP Status Report

15:00 – 16:00 **Closing Ceremony** Multi-Purpose Hall

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- Ebba Tesfaye

Key messages from the 8th PIDA Week

- Dr Kazaura Kamugisha, Director for Infrastructure and Energy, AUC

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- Amine Idriss Adoum, Director of Economy, Infrastructure, Industrialisation, Trade, Regional Integration, AUDA-NEPAD

Official Closing Statement

- H.E Abiy Ahmed Ali, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopi

DAY 4

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ALL DAY

PIDA Steering Committee Meeting

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