



**COMESA-EAC-SADC**

## ***TRIPARTITE TRANSPORT AND TRANSIT FACILITATION PROGRAMME***

### ***OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM***

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# Landlocked Countries in the Tripartite Region



## Landlocked Countries:

Botswana, Burundi, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Rwanda, South-Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

## Semi-Landlocked Countries:

DRC

## Coastal / Maritime Countries:

Angola, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania

 Coastal / Maritime: 15

 Landlocked: 11

 Semi-Landlocked: 1

## THE ROAD TRAVELLED- KEY MILESTONES

1. SEPARATE PROTOCOLS AND SEPARATE PROGRAMS ON TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION.
2. PARALLEL ROAD TRANSPORT STUDIES, VALIDATION WORKSHOPS AND NEGOTIATIONS ON HARMONISED LAWS, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS.
3. BILATERAL ROAD TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES.
4. CORRIDOR AGREEMENTS AND PROGRAMS
5. TRIPARTITE SUMMIT DIRECTS RECs TO JOINTLY PLAN, DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS ON TRADE, TRADE FACILITATION, INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIALISATION
6. TTFP TASK FORCE ADOPTS COMPREHENSIVE TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION PROGRAM
7. COMESA, EAC AND SADC JOINTLY PLAN, DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT TTTFP INITIALLY THROUGH TMSA AND TMEA SUPPORTED PROGRAMS.
8. AFTER WITHDRAWAL OF DFID SUPPORT FOR TMSA- EU TAKES OVER FUNDING TO COMPLE OF OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES-STUDIES, VALIDATION AND DESIGN OF TTTP.

# TTTFP Key Documents

1. TTTFP Action Document
2. Financing Agreement –signed by SADC on behalf of Tripartite and EUD
3. Programme Estimates-COMESA, EAC and SADC
4. Contract signed between SADC and G Fischer Consortium
5. TTTFP MoUs, Agreements, Standards, Regulations, Strategies, Plans ....validated and approved by Partner and Member States
6. Baseline Survey Country Reports
7. Draft procedures for accessing Technical Assistance and for selection and deployment of STE
8. Proposed Communication and Visibility Strategy
9. Background study reports, records of decisions

# TRIPARTITE COMESA, EAC AND SADC TRANSPORT AND TRANSIT FACILITATION PROGRAM

The **overall strategic objective** is to facilitate the development of a more competitive, integrated and liberalised regional road transport market in the Tripartite region.

The **project purpose** is to develop and implement harmonised road transport policies, laws, regulations and standards for efficient cross border road transport and transit networks, transport and logistics services, systems and procedures in the Tripartite region.

The expected **Key Results** are:

- Result 1:** Tripartite Vehicle Load Management Strategy Implemented.
- Result 2:** Tripartite transport registers and information platform operational
- Result 3:** Harmonised Tripartite vehicle regulations and standards implemented
- Result 4:** Efficiency of regional transport corridors improved

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## THE PRINCIPAL STAKEHOLDERS;

- **EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA MEMBER / PARTNER STATES** on mainland (22). Ministries, regulatory agencies / government executing agencies responsible for transport policy and transport infrastructure development
- The **ESA REC Secretariats** (COMESA, EAC, IGAD and SADC)
- **Public/ Private Sector- Transport and logistics Services providers;** e.g. Federation of East and Southern Africa Road Transporters Associations (FESARTA), Federation of Clearing and Forwarding Associations of Southern Africa (FCFASA), Federation of East African Freight Forwarders (FEAFFA) and Port Management Association of East and South Africa (PMAESA) and Association of Southern Africa National Road Agencies,(ASANRA) .

## The harmonised regulations, instruments, systems and standards

- 1. Vehicle Overloading control** - harmonised regulations and standards and uniform management and control systems to support weighbridge developments and permit inter-state coordination;
- 2. National Transport Operator Registration** – a uniform and harmonized system of operator registration, backed by a uniform national transport information system;
- 3. National transport information System** – an integrated Transport Registers and Information Platform System (TRIPS) to permit harmonization, coordination and joint control of cross border road transport in the region and the sharing of information on drivers, vehicles and operators (including offences and infringements ) involved in cross border road transport operations and services.

## **The harmonised regulations, instruments, systems and standards**

- 5. Vehicle Dimensions** – harmonised regulations and standards
- 6. Vehicle Specifications and Equipment** – harmonised regulations and standards
- 7. Vehicle Testing Stations and Inspection** – harmonized regulations, standards and procedures
8. Harmonised regulations, standards and procedures for **Training, Testing and Licensing of Drivers**
- 9. Transportation of Abnormal Loads**– harmonised regulations, standard procedures and support systems;
- 10. Transport of Dangerous Goods** – harmonised classifications and training standards, regulations and procedures;



# **The harmonised regulations, instruments, systems and standards**

- 11. Harmonisation of cross border Third Party Motor Vehicle Insurance Schemes;**
- 12. The Tripartite Vehicle Load Management MoU/Agreement;  
and**
- 13. The Multilateral Cross Border Road Transport Agreement  
(MCBRTA)**

## The harmonised regulations, instruments, systems and standards

Work is underway to finalise the harmonisation of the following outstanding regulations and standards;

1. The harmonisation of policy, regulations, training, standards and procedures for the **Professional Driver Permit**;
2. **Training of trainers, examiners, Driver testing officials** – harmonized institutional development and training standards;
3. **Road side stations and one stop inspection centres**;

Thank You

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