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Thematic Area: Regional Integration and Infrastructure



Aims and goals

There can be no meaningful development without trade and there can be no trade without adequate and reliable infrastructure, hence:

- NEPAD's aim is to promote regional economic integration by bridging Africa's Infrastructure gap.

Key issues focused on

- mobilising political will to implement policy and reforms
- creating an enabling environment for regional co-operation;
- fostering partnerships between the private sector, infrastructure agencies and regional economic communities;
- developing frameworks to co-ordinate and monitor infrastructure developments;
- and creating regional opportunities for sharing knowledge and networking.

Progress being made so far

The programme has initiated several initiatives to promote regional and continental integration. Among these are:

- **The AU/NEPAD African Action Plan (AAP) 2010-2015** which includes 80 flagship programmes and projects for regional and continental integration in Africa, particularly infrastructure.
- **NEPAD's Short Term Action Plan (STAP)** established in 2002 to address specific infrastructure development problems including facilitation, capacity building, physical and capital projects, and studies required to prepare future projects.
- **The NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (IPPF)** is a fund set up to assist in developing high-quality infrastructure proposals. Managed by the African Development Bank (AfDB) the 2007/08 IPPF pipeline had some thirty projects valued at US\$50 million, of which the energy and transport sectors account for 80%.
- **The Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)** is aimed at



By encouraging regional co-operation NEPAD aims to assist countries in being better able to trade, share resources and build mutually beneficial infrastructure. NEPAD plays a co-ordinating, advocacy and facilitation role in this respect.

developing regional and continental infrastructure policies, establishing prioritised development programmes and the proposal of implementation strategies.

- In July 2010 African leaders at the AU Summit established a **High Level Sub-Committee on Infrastructure** which is tasked with prioritising and consolidating infrastructure projects for high impact and results.
- **The Infrastructure Strategic Action Plan (ISAP).**
- **The NEPAD Spatial Development Programme (SPD).**
- **Activities related to information and communication technologies (ICTs)** are handled within NEPAD's e-Africa Programme.

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