

Date 26th July 2019

To whom it may concern,

**OSBP Training of Trainers (ToT) and data collection seminar for
Regional Economic Communities (RECs)**

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in collaboration with African Union Development Agency, New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD), the East African Community secretariat, in conjunction with JICA's technical cooperation the East Africa Trade Facilitation Project organize a One Stop Border Post (OSBP) Training of Trainers (TOT) **from 29th to 31st July 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda.**

For the Training of Trainers (TOT), representatives from 9 RECs, namely CEN-SAD, COMESA, EAC, ECCAS, ECOWAS, IGAD, SADC, UEMOA and UMA¹ are invited and concept of OSBP, success factors of OSBP operationalization will be shared among others. The participants for TOT is scheduled to visit Rusumo OSBP on 31 July, which is one of most successful OSBPs in the region and was constructed with the support of JICA in the year 2014. Recently Dr. Shinichi KITAOKA, the President of JICA visited Rusumo OSBP on 20 July during his stay in the Republic of Rwanda.

In view of further strengthening OSBP operation in each region, the AUDA-NEPAD in cooperation with JICA decided to step into training of trainers in each RECs for multiplying the number of trainers to train each member states, who will be key role players for the operation of OSBPs.

The AUDA-NEPAD would also provide training of trainers on data collection and validation using information systems. These systems include the African Infrastructure Database (AID) and the Virtual Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa information Centre (VPIC).

African Infrastructure Database (AID) is an online data management tool for capturing, validating and storing infrastructure projects information. Virtual Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa information Centre (VPIC) is a web based knowledge portal, which enables to share information of Action Plans and its progress of implementation.

<Main Objectives of the Seminar>

- 1) Improve knowledge and skills for trainers or trainers to be on OSBP development and operation in each REC.
- 2) Train participants on the use of the VPIC and AID platforms including data gathering, verification and analysis
- 3) Collect data from project owners, RECs experts and project owners to validate project data already existing in the platform Update and share experiences of OSBP development in each REC.

In 2012, the African Union (AU) adopted an action plan for Boosting Intra-African Trade and the establishment of a Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), to deepen regional integration.

The Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) transport sector platform, championed by JICA and the European Investment Bank (EIB), prepared the first edition of the OSBP Sourcebook in 2011 with the EAC and JICA, and the second edition of Sourcebook was officially launched in 2016.

Since the launch of the Sourcebook, the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) has taken the lead in promoting it and support RECs, member states and other key stakeholders for OSBP development on the continent by way of holding knowledge sharing seminars in East, South and West/Central Africa regions.

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| Venue: Onomo Hotel, Kigali, Rwanda (Training will start on 8:00 AM 29 th July) | Please Contact: Mr. Aimable UWIMANA(JICA Public Relations Officer) Tel:+250788217096 Email: AimableUWIMANA-RW@jica.go.jp |
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¹ CEN-SAD: The Community of Sahel-Saharan States COMESA: Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa EAC: East African Community. ECCAS: Economic Community of Central African States ECOWAS: Economic Community of West African States IGAD: Intergovernmental Authority on Development. SADC: Southern Africa Development Community. UEMOA : Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest Africaine. UMA : Union du Maghreb Arabe

<Programme>

| Day | Time | Contents |
|---|---------------|---|
| Mon. 29 July | 8:00-8:30 | Registration |
| | 8:30-8:40 | Opening remarks from NEPAD |
| | 8:40-8:50 | Welcome remarks from EAC |
| | 8:50-9:00 | Welcome remarks from JICA |
| | 9:00-9:10 | Photo session |
| | 9:10-12:30 | Presentation of each REC on the development of OSBP in its region (15min x 9RECs) |
| | (10:30-10:45) | Health Break |
| | 12:30-13:30 | Lunch |
| | 13:30-14:30 | Plenary discussion on development of OSBP (Moderator : EAC customs directorate) |
| | 14:30-15:00 | Presentation on PIDA M&E and Information Management |
| | 15:00-15:15 | Health Break |
| | 15:15-17:30 | VPIC and AID training, facilitated by AUDA-NEPAD |
| Tue. 30 July | 8:30-10:00 | OSBP data update on AID, facilitated by AUDA-NEPAD |
| | 10:00-10:15 | Health Break |
| | 10:15-11:00 | Introduction of OSBP procedure manual and lesson learnt (Presentation and moderation by EAC customs directorate) |
| | 11:00-11:30 | Q&A |
| | 11:30-12:00 | “Harmonization of procedures among different stakeholders towards reducing time of transaction at OSBPs- Outcomes achieved in Rusumo and Namanga OSBPs by JICA East Africa Trade Facilitation Project |
| | 12:00-12:30 | Q&A |
| | 12:30-13:30 | Lunch |
| | 13:30-14:30 | Introduction of training delivery principles and techniques, (Presentation and moderation by EAC customs directorate) |
| | 14:30-15:00 | Q&A |
| | 15:00-15:15 | Health Break |
| | 15:15-17:30 | Plenary discussion “Way forward for the next ToT seminar“ (Moderator: EAC and AUDA-NEPAD) |
| Wed. 31 July | 7:30 | Depart hotel for Rusumo OSBP site (3.5h one way: lunch box will be provided in the bus) |
| | 12:00 | Arrive in Rusumo |
| | 12:00-14:00 | Site Visit |
| | 18:00 | Arrive back to hotel |