



2007 SSATP Annual Meetings – Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso – November 5 to 7, 2007

Meeting Concept Note and Draft Program

Objectives of the 2007 SSATP Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will be conducted with the main theme "*Fostering Sound Policies and Strategies contributing to Africa's integration, economic growth and poverty reduction*". The purpose of the annual meeting will be to launch DP-2 and agree on priority actions for 2008.

2007 represents a turning point for the Program with the completion of the LTDP and preparation of the Second Development Plan, DP-2 (2008-2011). The 2007 annual meeting will:

- Draw lessons and good practices from LTDP implementation;
- Launch DP-2;
- Identify SSATP 2008 Work Program;
- Share current knowledge in transport policy development;
- Exchange views on how to strengthen the participation of the private sector.

Structure of the Meeting

The arrangements of SSATP annual meetings provide a forum for debate, interaction and exchange of cross-thematic experience and knowledge. Maintaining the core values of SSATP annual meetings and in line with the OPR recommendations, the 2007 Annual Meeting will be a concise event of three days, including the Assembly General Meeting (AGM).

The meeting will have **thematic sessions**, in which key stakeholders will agree on issues under each deliverable and define priority actions for 2008. **High level panel** will be convened to discuss to address chronic problems to transit traffic serving landlocked countries. There will also a dedicated session to brainstorm on **better participation of the private sector** in Africa's transport development. The meeting will also have a **knowledge sharing** sessions dealing with current researches/studies.



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In order to achieve the strategic objective (purpose), the Meeting should achieve the following results:

Meeting focus	2007 Meeting Results
1. Lessons and good practices from the LTDP	1. Draw lessons and good practices to be adopted during the implementation of DP-2
2. Launching of DP-2	1. Better understanding of the objectives, approaches and results of DP-2 2. Agreeing on priority actions for 2008
3. Removal of barriers along Africa's transit corridors	1. Commitment to action for removing barriers based on good practices 2. Adopt common indicators and targets to facilitate a follow up by RECs
4. Sharing knowledge	1. Sharing emerging models for better management of Africa's road network 2. Better understanding of Urban Mobility constraints and initiating the implementation of sound urban transport strategies in large African cities 3. Sharing SSATP knowledge base
5. The private sector and Africa's transport	1. Better understanding of the challenges of the private sector, related to transport 2. Promoting the private sector to play leading role in the provision of competitive transport services along Africa's regional transport corridors 3. Better understanding of the role of the private sector in managing and developing Africa's transport network 4. Understand the state and the constraints of infrastructure in SSA countries



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The draft agenda of the meeting sessions is provided as follows:

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2007	
OPENING SESSION	
9:00- 10:00	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National coordinator - Donors representative - SSATP Board - Government of Burkina Faso <p>Chair: Government of Burkina Faso</p>
10:00-10:30 TEA AND COFFEE BREAK	
PLENARY	
10:30-12:30	<p>Launching of DP-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation on lessons from LTDP - Content of DP-2 - A way forward <p>Chair: SSATP board</p>
12:30-14:00 LUNCH	
14:00- 15:00	<p>Knowledge sharing I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SSATP main achievement in Knowledge sharing - Presentation on URBAN TRANSPORT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: A CASE STUDY OF LARGE CITIES - Brief discussion (questions of clarification) <p>Chair: Government of Burkina Faso</p>
PLENARY	
15:00- 16:00	<p>Africa's Private Sector and Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions <p>Chair: Government of Burkina Faso</p>
16:00-16:30 TEA AND COFFEE BREAK	
16:30-18:00	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation on findings of the West African Corridors monitoring(observatory) - Findings of Chirundu and Beit Bridge border posts monitoring - Presentation on findings of Northern Corridor monitoring - Brief remarks by panelists - Debate <p>Chair: RECs</p>



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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2007

8:00- 8:30 DP-2 deliverables

8:30 – 10:30 Break out groups on theme 1 (3 working groups on theme 1)

- For each deliverable state the priority issues that should be covered.
- and identify priority actions for 2008

Chair National Coordinator from Mali

10:30-11:00 TEA AND COFFEE BREAK

11:00- 13:00 Break out groups on theme 2 (3 working groups on theme 2)

- For each deliverable state the priority issues that should be covered.
- and identify priority actions for 2008

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

Working groups (continued)

14:00-16:00 Break out groups on theme 3 (3 working groups on theme 3)

- For each deliverable state the priority issues that should be covered.
- and identify priority actions for 2008

16:00-16:30 TEA AND COFFEE BREAK

16:30- 18:00 Working Group Presentations to the plenary

Chair: National Coordinator for Mali

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2007

PLENARY

8:00-8:30 Recapitulation of working group discussions

8:30- 10:00 Knowledge Sharing (Session 2)

- Presentation on African Infrastructure Country Diagnostics Study
- Presentation on Road Network Evaluation Tools (RONET)
- Discussion

Chair: ARMFA President

10:00-10:30 TEA AND COFFEE BREAK

10:30-12:00 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM), 2007

13:00-14:00 LUNCH



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Participation

Participation is open to self-sponsored delegates. SSATP will support such participants in booking hotels at a preferential rate and providing transport from hotel to conference center.

The SSATP will support the participation of on the average two persons from each member country (typically, the national coordinators and an active champion of one of the SSATP themes) and one person from each REC and corridor management institution.

SSATP will send invitations to transport practitioners and policy makers in its member countries, RECs and donors. Invitations will also be extended to prominent regional and international transport affiliated institutions. In total, some 200 participants are expected to attend the annual meeting.

Venue

The meeting will take place in Azalai Hotel Independence, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

Background Information

SSATP is a partnership of 35 SSA countries, all SSA Regional Economic Communities (RECs), numerous public and private sector sub-regional organizations, and a number of international agencies. The partners share a vision that the implementation of sound transport sector policies will lead to poverty reduction and growth.

In most of its 35 member countries, the SSATP has created a network that enables transport regulators, users, the private sector and civil society to engage themselves as a team to shape their countries transport policy and strategy, in particular anchoring transport in poverty reduction. The SSATP annual meeting is the major event of the program. SSATP partners meet at the annual meeting to exchange experience, to debate on current development issues and agree on priority actions of transport policy development in their countries and regions.

Following the strategic guidance provided by the SSATP thematic and annual meetings the program has delivered significant results. SSATP has achieved much in the way of promoting institutional and financial reforms, particularly (but not exclusively) in the road sector, that have opened up very significant avenues of support from development partners.



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During the 2003 SSATP annual meeting, in Kigali, the program partners have adopted a long term development plan – LTDP (2004-2007). The LTDP, in particular the poverty reduction and transport strategy reviews (PRTSRs) have ensured coherence between transport and poverty reduction strategies and the reviews have made significant contribution in influencing the way the transport is treated in SGPRSs. The LTDP was also successful in promoting trade facilitation measures, which are consistent with the NEPAD's Africa's interconnectivity and trade competitiveness initiatives. SSATP has contributed to the improvement of Africa's road network.

The LTDP is currently financed by the European Commission, Denmark, France, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, the World Bank, UNECA, African Development Bank and Islamic Development bank and is supported by the New Partnership for African Development NEPAD, of the AU.

During the 2006 SSATP Annual Meeting, in Maseru, the SSATP partners expressed the need for a better impact of the Program and demanded the adoption of strategies responding to the challenges and opportunities of the renewed focus on infrastructure development to sustain Africa's growth and strengthen regional integration. The Annual Meeting has adopted appropriate strategies to enhance implementation during 2007 and set the framework for the successor LTDP. Based on the strategic guidance of the 2006 annual meeting and the recommendations of the output to purpose review the second development plan of SSATP was developed with the objective of:

- Developing transport strategies facilitating economic growth, poverty reduction and achieving the millennium goals (MDGs)
- Promoting sound transport services and infrastructure management strategies improving the access of the rural and urban poor to economic opportunities and social services
- Promoting the adoption of trade facilitation measures in transit transport corridors serving Africa's landlocked countries

The 2007 annual meeting is inspired by the achievements of the meetings in the past and will build on the values of empowering its partners.