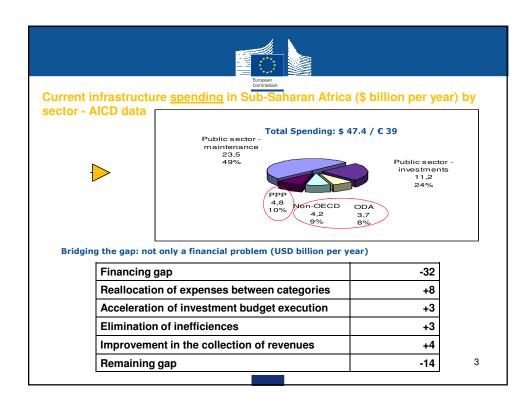






# The Infrastructure Problem – with a focus on Africa (from recent AICD Country Diagnostic)

- -Infrastructure is responsible for more than half of Africa's recent improved **growth performance**;
- -The **costs of addressing** Africa's infrastructure needs is about € 65 billion per year (US\$ 80 billion), about one third of which is for maintenance;
- -Infrastructure **spending** in Africa is at about € 39 billion. Efficiency gains could raise an additional € 15 billion from within the existing envelope;
- -Even then, Africa still faces an **annual infrastructure** gap of around € 11 billion...







- (i) The geo-political characteristics of Africa (ii) The number of land-locked countries
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- -> underlines the importance of regional integration, including the development of efficient regional transport hubs for the movement of people and goods and the promotion of economic growth;
- -Africa's infrastructure **financing needs are huge**:
  - -> public finance alone not sufficient
- -Private sector involvement is required;
- -African countries to strategise how to engage with private sector, building the required capacity and business environment;
- -Huge opportunities for Africans and Partners in infrastructure development, but high level political leadership required



## **The Specific Transport Challenge**

**Spending need**: 20 billion \$ a year (25%); Cost of road construction (-> considerable increase in the last 10 years based on EDF projects);

### The Governance "Trap":

-Cost of delivering a container from Tema to Ouagadougou is 7 times cost from Newark to Chicago roughly same route distance (USAID 2010);

-Ten travelling days for containers from Mombasa port to Kampala: 5 spent in Mombasa, 2 at Malaba border post, 3 on the road;

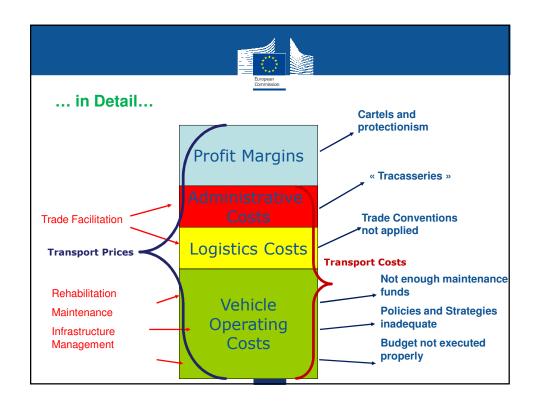
-Road freight tariff (\$ per T/km): Africa = 0.04-0.14; Other countries = 0.01-0.04

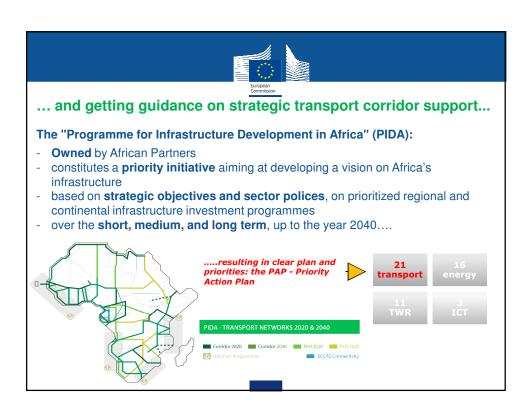
















### ... and taking G20 recommendations into account ....

Supply of "Bankable Projects": Support the development of local capacities to improve supply and quality of projects;

Increase quality of information available to investors;

Prioritize project preparation financing;

Work on procedures harmonization;

Contribute to enabling environment for **private and public infrastructure financing**, especially for regional projects (*legal framework development, expertise and capacity building, forming PPPs expertise work, supporting Cost Initiative*);

Improve **access to funding**, notably through the strengthening of local intermediaries and financial markets



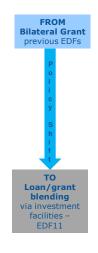
- ... leads to the strategic EDF11 support to the transport sector:
- 1) Under National (Bilateral) Portfolios:
- -> **Disengagement** from transport in line with priorities of the new EU Development Policy " Energy and Agriculture"

#### **BUT**

2) Strategic Response to regional and continental transport sector needs under Regional Programmes for Western, Central, Eastern/Southern Africa for the period 2014-2020 through:

1) Investments:
Corridor
development by
innovative loan/grant
blending

2) Governance: Trade facilitation measures by means of grants (axle load, border crossings...)





#### Conclusions

To developing new ways of engaging with the private sector, leveraging private sector activity and resources for delivering public goods;

Enhanced sectoral dialogue with private sector using platforms such as the Africa Business Forum, the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) through its Transport Platform etc;

Catalysing public-private partnerships and private investment;

Working with partner countries and banks on a given project;

Increased 'appetite' for aviation:

-> the steady growth in the air transport sector and the potential for private sector participation depending on traffic projections and location.



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