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## **JOINT AFRICA-EU STRATEGY REFERENCE GROUP MEETING ON INFRASTRUCTURE**

**VENUE: AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION PREMISES  
ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

**DATE: 25-26 FEBRUARY 2016**

# DRAFT AGENDA

- I. **OPENING CEREMONY**
- II. **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**
- III. **WORKING SESSIONS**
  1. **Evolving infrastructure sector challenges under the JAES 2014-2017 infrastructure framework in view of COP21 and the SDGs**
  2. **Implementation challenges for Infrastructure and progress so far**
  3. **Nexus approach towards multi-sector infrastructure development**
  4. **EU energy strategy and contribution towards the tracking of SDG7**
  5. **Introduction to DCI Panaf Investment programme including project identification**
  6. **Sectoral Break Out Groups**
  7. **Any Other Business**
  8. **Preparation of Joint Statement, JAF and C2C meetings**
- IV. **ADOPTION OF JOINT STATEMENT**
- V. **CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

## DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

### DAY 1: THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2016

#### 09:00-09:30 OPENING CEREMONY

- Introductory remark of AUC Director of Infrastructure and Energy
- Remark of. Ambassador of EU Delegation to AU
- Opening remark of AUC Commissioner of Infrastructure and Energy

#### 09:30-09:45 COFFEE BREAK + GROUP PHOTO

#### 09:45-10:00 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- Adoption of the Agenda and Work Programme

#### 10:00–10:30 Session 1 (Plenary): Evolving infrastructure sector challenges under the JAES 2014-2017 infrastructure framework in view of COP21 and the SDGs

The session highlights the evolving infrastructure challenges arising from the Agenda 2030, the Sustainable Development Goals, COP21, Migration etc. It reflects on the implications on EC Development cooperation in domains of infrastructure and opens the floor for joint reflections on how the JAES Infrastructure Agenda can provide an adequate response.

Presenters: EC, 15 min followed by discussions

#### 10:30-11:15 Session 2 (Plenary): Implementation challenges for Infrastructure and progress so far

This session highlights the challenges and the developed solutions for the implementation of large scale infrastructure in Africa:

- Service delivery mechanism (SDM)
- Network of infrastructure preparation funds and new strategy of IPPF
- Continental business network (CBN)
- Africa 50 fund

Presenter: AUC

#### 11:15-12:15 Session 3 (Plenary) Nexus approach towards multi-sector infrastructure development

The cross-sectoral dimensions of infrastructure has become an important element and challenge for future multi-sector infrastructure development. It calls on a response framework to match with the inter-linkages of the SDGs. The session would elaborate on these challenges.

It will present the key conclusions of the latest Dec 2015 ICA report on the “nexus trade-offs and strategies for addressing the water, agriculture and energy security nexus in Africa”. It will also provide an update on the development of the African component of the Nexus dialogues projects and discusses the issue of how the “water-energy-food nexus” will be addressed at the level of African institutions, to ensure a comprehensive dialogue between the 3 sectors, in view of preparing for future multi-sector investment programme.

Presenter: EC, ICA: 2 x 20 min followed by discussion

**12:15-13:00 Session 4 (Plenary): EU energy strategy and contribution towards the tracking of SDG7**

Tracking and monitoring of achievements under the SDGs is a challenge to be strategically addressed and coordinated. The session focuses on this challenges and approaches as concerns SDG7 in the domain of energy.

Presenter: EC followed by discussions

**13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK**

**14:00-15:30 Session 5 (Plenary): Introduction of DCI PANAF Investment programme including project identification**

Taking into account the role of the RGI as 'strategic orientation committee for the identification of projects to be financed under the EC DCI PANAF instrument', the session will report and discuss the ongoing actions and results of the project identification process for both hard and soft interventions with a view of reaching agreement for project promotion under the DCI Panaf Annual Action Plan 2016.

Presenter: EC: C3: 10 min, D4: 10 min , TA: 30 min followed by discussion

**15:30-18:00 Sectoral Break-Out Groups (Part I) – including coffee break**

<b>Transport</b>	<b>Energy</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>ICT</b>
<p>a) Progress reporting JAES Transport Sector Road Map 2014-2017</p> <p>(i) by European Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review on road transport, aviation safety, maritime security and satellite navigation (EGNOS)</li> <li>Shaping future cooperation</li> </ul> <p>(ii) by African Union Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PIDA progress: transport</li> <li>Themes &amp; challenges of transport sector development programme of the AUC DIE incl. capacity building</li> <li>Road safety &amp; traffic management</li> <li>ICA transport studies conclusions</li> </ul> <p>b) Towards the "AU White Paper on Transport Policy " and</p>	<p>a) AEEP Steering Group Meeting</p> <p>b) Priorities and progress on JAES Energy Sector Road Map 2014-2017</p> <p>c) Current activities and progress: Africa-EU Renewable Energy Cooperation Programme (RECP)</p> <p>d) JAES Energy sector strategy paper</p> <p>e) Feedback from the 2nd energy TAF workshop on Energy regulation in Africa</p> <p>f) Others – Small Group meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AEEP thematic workstreams</li> <li>RECs and Power Pools meeting               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plenary conclusion preparations</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>a) Progress reporting JAES Water Sector Road Map 2014-2017</p> <p>b) Conclusions on sector paper review</p> <p>c) Introduction and discussion of the new "Africa-EU Water Partnership Project" – jointly by SIDA and EC (DG DEVCO)</p> <p>d) Update on the African institutional framework for water - by African partners</p> <p>e) Impact of SDGs and COP21 conclusions on the African water agenda</p>	<p>a) Progress reporting JAES ICT Sector Road Map 2014-2017</p> <p>b) Comprehensive Integrated ICT Strategy for Africa (CISA)</p> <p>c) Regional Interconnection Policy and Regulatory Frameworks aimed at facilitating regional interconnection in the context of AXIS-Development of Regional Internet Exchange Points and Regional Internet Carriers</p> <p>d) Conclusions on sector paper review</p>

its Implementing Guidelines (results of validation workshop, calendar): by African Union Commission			
C) Conclusions on sector paper review			
<b>DAY 2: FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2016</b>			
<b>09:00-11:00 Sectoral Break-Out Groups continued (Part II)</b>			
<b>11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK</b>			
<b>11:30-12:30 Session 6 (Plenary): Outcome Presentation of Break-Out Groups</b>			
<b>12:30-13:00 Session 7: Any Other Business</b> Next RGI – linked to PIDA week?			
<b>13:00-14:15 LUNCH BREAK</b>			
<b>14:15-16:15 Preparation of Joint Statement, JAF and C2C meeting</b> “closed session” for JAES TA consultant, EC and AUC to prepare dossiers based on conclusions from plenary and break-out sessions			
<b>16:15-17:00 Adoption of the final documents (Plenary)</b>			
<b>17:00-17:15 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remark of EC Director of Sub-Saharan Africa &amp; Crosscutting ACP Matters</li> <li>• Remark of AU Director of Infrastructure and Energy</li> </ul>			