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## 1. NATURAL RESOURCES GOVERNANCE AND FOOD SECURITY

### Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)

**CAADP Compact:** Gabon signed the CAADP Compact on 9 – 10 May 2013 with the aim of transforming agriculture through food & nutrition security, wealth creation, and economic growth to ensure prosperity for all.

**Capacity Building:** Technical experts were deployed to Gabon to undertake independent technical reviews of its National Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIP).

A conceptual frame and an outline of trade certification scheme for the Shrimp was developed. The certification scheme will be tested in aquaculture products. The scheme will pilot the African Eco Labelling Mechanism Eco Mark, developed by the African Regional Standard Office (ARSO).

**Business:** A CAADP Business meeting is planned for November 2015.

### Climate Change Fund

A study was undertaken and a report published on the state of the environment of seven countries – including Gabon. The report specifically highlights the state of mangrove swamps and coasts of Western Africa and Central Africa. Other countries included in the study were Senegal, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Guinea, Cameroon and Republic of Congo.

## 2. REGIONAL INTEGRATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRADE

### Africa Power Vision

**Transmission – Central African Interconnection Transmission Line Project:** This energy/transmission involves the construction of a 3,800 km transmission line system made up of four segments.

### Presidential Infrastructure Champion Initiative (PICI)

**Unblocking Political Bottlenecks for ICT Broadband and optic fibre Projects Linking Neighbouring States:** The project uses political gravitas and goodwill to unblock and facilitate

political bottlenecks affecting the implementation of ICT broadband and optic fibre projects on the continent.

### Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)

**TAH programme:** This is phase I of the continental connectivity programme that focuses on completion and standardisation of the TAH missing links by 2030.

**Single African Sky phase 1** (design and initial implementation): Single African Sky is a continental programme that will create a high-level, satellite-based air navigation system for the African continent.

**Yamoussoukro Decision implementation:** Purposed at accelerating the Yamoussoukro Decision implementation by identifying countries that are ready to fully implement it, and discussing and agreeing with both their governments and airlines to launch the voluntary club on a full membership basis.

**Central African Interconnection:** The programme involves the construction of a 3,800 km line from the DRC to South Africa through Angola, Gabon, Namibia and to the north to Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon and Chad

**Central African Inter-Capital Connectivity:** This programme is specially designed for Central Africa, where one of the key issues for regional integration is the missing links in several intercapital connectors

**Central Africa Hub Port and Rail Programme:** This programme aims at responding to the future capacity problems in Central African ports. This programme has two components: (a) a regional hub port and rail linkage master plan and (b) port expansion

**Douala Bangui Ndjamenas Corridor Road – Rail Project (DFS):** The creation of a railway link will speed up regional integration.

**ICT Enabling Environment:** This programme aims to improve the environment for the private sectors to invest in high-speed broadband infrastructure

**ICT Terrestrial for Connectivity:** This programme has two main components: a) secure each country connection by at least two broadband infrastructure; and b) ensure access to submarine cable to all landlocked countries. Kenya is one of the participating countries

**Internet Exchange Point (IXP) programme:** The aim of this programme is to provide Africa with adequate internet node exchange to maximise internal traffic.

### 3. INDUSTRIALISATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

#### African Medicines Regulatory Harmonisation (AMRH)

**A critical AU Model Law aimed at harmonizing medical products regulatory systems in Africa** was endorsed by African Heads of State and Government at the January 2016 AU Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The AU Model Law will contribute towards accelerate the regulation of safe, quality and affordable medical products and technologies in Gabon.

Central Africa has embarked on a collaborative framework that will stipulate the activities, roles and responsibilities for implementing an MRH programme in the region.

A **Steering Committee for implementation of the Medicines Regulatory Harmonization (MRH)** Project in the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) was launched in November 2016 to provide oversight in the implementation of joint activities in Cameroon, Congo (Brazzaville), Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, the Central African Republic (CAR) and Chad. This will serve as an entry point for implementation of MRH Project in the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).

#### African Science Technology and Innovation Indicators (ASTII)

ASTI has captured comprehensive information on STI and consequently built in-country capacity to collect, analyse & publish data and information on research & development (R&D) and Innovation.

#### Biosciences eastern and central Africa Network (BecANet)

The BecA-ILRI Hub is empowering African scientists and institutions to exploit the opportunities presented by advances in technology for sustainable agricultural development in on the continent.

### 4. SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT FOR YOUTH

#### Capacity Development

Advocacy support and strengthening of negotiation capacities of African countries on Post-2015 Development Agenda through the Common African Position (CAP). Subsequently, Africa's development priorities were mirrored in the new SDGs.

#### Nursing and Midwifery Education

Owendo University of Health Sciences in Gabon was identified as the host institution where nursing and midwifery students will be trained. Twenty students have been identified to participate in the Programme. They are partnered with the University of the Western Cape, South Africa and training is scheduled to commence in 2016.