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Tripartite Transport and Transit Facilitation Programme - Phase 2 (TTTFP 2)

EU contribution: € 12,000,000 (approx. BWP 174 million)

Period of implementation: 2024-2028

Location: Southern African Development Community countries

Implementing organisation(s): Southern African Development Community secretariat

Project objectives and description: This project aims to boost sustainable intra-African trade and mobility by making transport safer, cheaper, faster, and greener, while also strengthening trade links between Africa and the European Union.

To achieve this, the project focuses on four key objectives. It will support the harmonisation of trade and road transport policies, laws, regulations, and standards across Eastern and Southern Africa. It will also help develop integrated regional trade, transport, and logistics systems that work more smoothly across borders. In parallel, the project will strengthen the capacity of trade and road transport authorities, and promote the uptake of green transport strategies to support the decarbonisation of the road transport sector.

Achievements / expected results: The project is expected to make cross-border transport and trade more predictable and efficient by helping regional organisations and Member States align and apply common road transport and trade facilitation frameworks. Better coordination, simplified procedures, and more consistent standards will reduce bottlenecks at borders and make it easier for traders—especially small-scale and women traders—to move goods across countries. Investments in border facilities, regulatory systems, and digital data exchange will further improve the flow of goods and services.

Regional trade, transport, and logistics systems will become more connected and interoperable, with transport platforms better linked to customs, immigration, and other border management systems. Common rules for recognising permits, certificates, and licenses will cut red tape, while closer cooperation between regulators, operators, and logistics providers will help corridors function more efficiently and support time-sensitive trade.

The project will also strengthen the people and institutions behind the system. Trade and transport authorities, operators, and service providers will benefit from targeted training and skills development, improved monitoring tools, and stronger enforcement capacities. Road safety along key corridors will improve through better driver support services and faster emergency response.

Finally, the project will help shift the road transport sector towards greener practices by supporting the development of policies, standards, and tools that encourage cleaner vehicles, greener infrastructure, and lower emissions across regional transport networks.

Incoming public / visibility events: -

Project website / Social media account links: Not yet available