

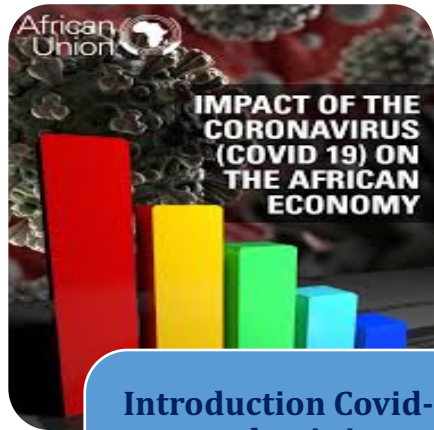
Strengthening capacity to design and implement policies and identify solutions that promote transport connectivity for the achievement of the SDGs for the Africa and Latin America Region, 27TH -28TH September 2020

What are the recovery strategies plans on transport connectivity during and after COVID-19 for AU Member States?

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PRESENTATION AND OUTLINE



Introduction Covid-19 pandemic is an unprecedented health crisis

Responses and impacts linked to travel restriction across the AU 55 MS



Africa	Int'l	Domestic
Capacity	-63% to -65%	-57% to -59%
Passenger (million)	-58 to -60	-28 to -29
Revenue (\$ B.)	-12 to -13	-3



The “ Review of maritime Transport” published in 2020 by UNCTAD estimated that there was a drop in Africa’s export and decline in its imports.

INTRODUCTION

REPORT OF THE
JOINT MEETING OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH AND
MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT
ON THE
AFRICA AGAINST COVID-19: SAVING LIVES, ECONOMIES
AND LIVELIHOODS CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT BORDERS,
ECONOMIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COVID-19

<https://au.int/en/documents/20200818/report-joint-ministerial-meeting-ministers-health-and-ministers-transport>
<https://au.int/fr/node/39405>



<https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20200403/communique-african-union-au-bureau-heads-state-and-government-teleconference>



Approved the establishment of continental ministerial coordination committees to ensure coordination in order to support the overall continental strategy in the fight against the COVID-19

<https://au.int/en/pressreleases/20200423/declaration-meeting-bureau-stc-sub-committee-transport>



Under Air Transport, It is projected that African airports will experience revenue loss of 60 % for the year 2021 due to restrictions introduced on aviation activities, with the loss estimated at USD 2.2 billion as per analysis released by Airports Council International (ACI).

Revenue losses are currently estimated to be over USD \$10 billion for African airlines according to data from IATA as at end of August 2021.

Furthermore, cash liquidity challenges and fluctuations in foreign currencies will result in job losses for the Civil Aviation Authorities (CAAs), Airports, Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSPs) and other strategic institutions and pillars that drive air transport's contributions to the African economy.

LAND AND MARITIME TRANSPORT IMPACT

Maritime Transport

Direct negative impact on port traffic

Negative impacts on shipping industries and economies

Negative impact in supply chain and logistics due to closure of port activities

Negative impacts on African States economic performance due to an important disruption in supply chain especially on cross border trade

Land Transport (Road,Railway and Public Transport)

Closure of borders between various African countries in order to stop the cross border movements that would cause the rapid spread of the pandemic

Disruption of the supply chain for essential commodities (agricultural products, medical supplies and equipment) transported along the important corridors and across the borders and this has affected the intra African trade and tourism.

The first global figures indicated that travels have dropped by 40%, more passengers than freight, as some governments have sometimes guaranteed food market provision. Public transit usage has dropped even more (over 60% in many cases).

There are also impacts related to road and rail investments. While revenue from road tolls seriously declines, as a result of a significant drop in traffic, concessionaires and governments benefiting from PPP-funded routes may face challenges in reimbursing the borrowings on time.

Land and maritime transport sectors impact




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The port sector have been impacted by the Covid19 pandemic, with significant disruptions to shipping and maritime transport

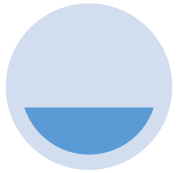


Since the beginning of the crisis, about 30% of the maritime sector was adversely affected but it is important to emphasize the resilience of the port and Maritime industry to withstand total collapse and devastation

A microscopic image showing several spherical coronavirus particles with prominent red surface proteins. The text 'TRANSPORT RECOVERY STRATEGIES' is overlaid in large white capital letters.

TRANSPORT RECOVERY STRATEGIES

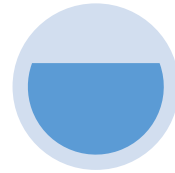
GENERAL STRATEGY ON TRANSPORT RECOVERY



Challenges

Risks of job losses in Transport services(Ports, Airports, Air Navigation Services, public transport services ,etc...)

Closures of airspace and airports, borders and restrictive procedures for cargo flights and humanitarian assistance

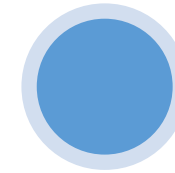


Mitigation & Resilience Immediate

Financial support to maintain jobs in transport

Implementation of proposed short-term relief measures to ensure continuity of transport services

Ensure all AU States adopt uniform and harmonized Emergency Response Measures to keep the supply chains open, facilitate landing permits for cargo flights, manage crews harmoniously and adopt stepped-up security screening measures as communicated by Africa CDC and WHO



Medium-Long term interventions

Develop Supply Chain Resilience Strategy

Implementation of medium to long term relief measures to assist transport companies recover from the impacts of COVID-19 (airlines, airports operators, ports authorities, public transport companies, tourism firms, hotels, etc..)

Increased advocacy for political will to implement the comprehensive Post-COVID-19

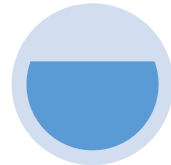


Short term

Support for continuity of critical cargo flights and shipping industry and services

Facilitate opening airspaces and airports State assistance to airlines, airports and Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSPs);

Establish a comprehensive post-COVID National Civil Aviation Recovery Plans

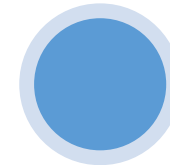


Medium Term

Provide expertise, coordination and technical assistance to support Member States.

Prevent disruption during pandemic crisis.

Establish a platform to share policy and regulatory experiences and best practices that can improve COVID responses.



Long Term

Engaging the Development partners to mobilize the required continental stimulus package estimated at USD 18 Billion to support the recovery of the African civil aviation sector.

AUC in collaboration with Africa CDC launched “Saving lives, saving economies and livelihoods” campaign with the main objectives to harmonize the public health measures and support a safe and secure reopening of borders.

Established High Level Task force to coordinate comprehensive continental strategy

CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD



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