



EXPERIENCES, MEASURES AND INITIATIVES TO MITIGATE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY FROM THE COMESA REGION

**TRAINING WORKSHOP STRENGTHENING CAPACITY TO DESIGN AND
IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS THAT PROMOTE
TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SDGS**

**Virtual Training-workshop for policy-makers from Landlocked
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INTRODUCTION



- Transportation of goods between and among COMESA Member States entails crossing of national borders
- COVID 19 Protocols impose movement restrictions in order to control the spread of the virus
- Movement restrictions disrupt national, regional and international supply chains
- Measures are required to mitigate these restrictions.





MEASURES ADOPTED BY COMESA TO IMPROVE TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY

- (I) Guidelines on Trade and Transport Facilitation for Safe, Efficient and Cost-Effective Movement of Goods and Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic**
- (II) Development of the Corridor Trip Monitoring System (CTMS)**

GUIDELINES ON TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION FOR SAFE, EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



OBJECTIVES

- Complement regional and national measures against the COVID-19 pandemic
- Safeguard the existing trading arrangements
- Ensure smooth and uninterrupted movement of goods and services during the COVID-19
- Facilitate and encourage local production and trading in essential goods and services within the region during this COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Enhance regional awareness on measures instituted against the COVID-19 pandemic with regard to measures aimed at ensuring safe movement of goods and services in the region and mitigate/eliminate stigmatization of drivers and crew on spreading the virus.



AREAS OF COVERAGE OF THE GUIDELINES

- CROSS BORDER ROAD FREIGHT TRANSPORT OPERATIONS
- TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION
- GAZETTED TRANSIT ROUTE
- HANDLING OF CARGO AT POINTS OF ENTRY / INTERNAL BORDERS
- MOVEMENT OF GOODS IN TRANSIT/ INLAND DELIVERIES
- PAYMENTS AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES
- APPLICATION OF CUSTOMS LAWS AND INTERPRETATION
- INSPECTION OF GOODS FOR QUALITY AND SAFETY
- EXCHANGE AND SHARING OF INFORMATION
- CROSS BORDER ROAD PASSENGER TRANSPORT
- REGULATION OF OTHER MODES OF CROSS BORDER TRANSPORT



DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORRIDOR TRIP MONITORING SYSTEM (CTMS)

- The CTMS was designed as COVID-19 mitigation in the short term and to provide corridor performance monitoring as part of the smart corridor concept in the long term.
- CTMS is an Electronic Surveillance Systems to Monitor Driver Health and Track the Movement of Drivers and Trucks (referred to in the Guidelines on Trade and Transport Facilitation for the Movement of Persons, Goods and Services during COVID-19 Pandemic)
- Trip Registration Web Application -This application allows travellers, motorists/drivers, or operators to register their intended trip/journey and manage the Crew Members, Vehicles, Routes, and Trips on the CTMS from their own offices by accessing the application on the internet at www.ctms.africa.
- Traveller (Mobile) Application -This application allows travellers, such as drivers, crew members and passengers, to view their medical tests and vaccinations and provide them to officials in a digitally signed format.
- Officials (Mobile) Application -This application is installed on a handheld device or PDA in a secure manner to be used by officials at the border posts and other ports of entry to scan the digitally signed QR code on Trip Registration Certificates
- Officials Management Web Application - This application allows administrators to manage the officials specific to their Member/ Partner State who are authorised to use the Officials (Mobile) Application and view statistical information regarding trips on the corridors running through their specific linked country



Pilot implementation

- With the support of German Development Cooperation through its implementation agent GIZ, a pilot implementation of the CTMS is currently underway along sections of the following corridors:

North-South Corridor, Trans Kalahari Corridor, and Walvis Bay-Ndola-Lubumbashi Corridor

- Installation underway in the following Member/ Partner States:

Botswana, DRC, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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