

ENSURING AFRICA'S DEVELOPEMENT THROUGH TRADE & TRANSPORT



**What are the take-aways?**

The hosting of a Continental Trade and Transport Conference may yield many benefits for the C-BRTA.

Examples of such benefits include:

- Forming partnerships with key transport corridors role-players;
- Enhancement of stakeholder participation and interest in key infrastructure programmes unfolding across the continent;
- Improved execution of flagship transport infrastructure programmes at continental, tripartite and regional level;
- Increased trade and transport volumes moving along transport corridors; and
- Enhanced intra-Africa growth and development; and
- Better infrastructure finance solutions.



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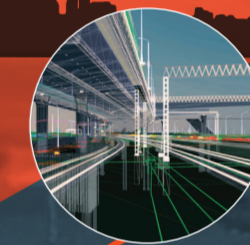
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**CONTINENTAL  
TRADE &  
TRANSPORT  
CONFERENCE**

30 JUL - 1 AUG 2024  
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RE-DEFINING THE  
AFRICAN TRANSPORT  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
DEVELOPMENT  
AGENDA



# Welcome



## A message from the CEO

I would like to extend a word of gratitude to you and your respective organisation for gracing this first edition of Africa Continental Transport and Trade Conference with your presence. As the C-BRTA, we hold a firm belief that this conference would not be able to live up to its objectives without your presence and active participation. In other words, without you, there is no conference.

We convened this conference to provide a platform to different role players who have an interest in the fields of transport and trade to have an honest and critical discussions on how to address issues that hamper intra-Africa trade, with specific reference to infrastructure development and financing. It is for this reason that we extended an invite to Africa's continental bodies, Regional Economic Communities,

Transport Authorities, Banking and Development Finance Institutions, Government Institutions, Academic institutions and other diverse key role players in the transport and trade sector.

We are proud as the C-BRTA, under the leadership of the Minister of Transport and the Board of Directors that we have convened this conference. We are hopeful that by the end of day three, we would have come up with tangible proposals and solutions to the problems that affect efficient transportation and trade on the continent.

I would like to wish everyone a productive and successful three days ahead and I hope everyone will find the engagements fruitful and appealing.

Regards,  
**Lwazi Mboyi**  
**CEO: C-BRTA**

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at a glance



## Why the Conference?

The rationale behind the conference is to pool diverse key role players as well as experts in the fields of transport and trade from across the continent to discuss, analyse and propose solutions to the issues that hamper efficient transport infrastructure development and financing. In other words, the conference seeks to provide a platform to address the status quo in relation to transport infrastructure development on the continent. Furthermore, delegates will be able to deliberate

on key infrastructure challenges (hard and soft) that impede cross-border trade and transport movements as well as get an update on the progress of flagship infrastructure projects and reforms.

This exercise will pave the way for the adoption of a collaborative approach between governments and the private sector and the prioritisation of key infrastructure projects that qualify for private sector sponsorship/funding with a view to bringing these programmes to implementation.

## Conference Structure

The conference will be conducted over a period of 3 days. The conference will start with an Introduction and Welcome by the Chairperson of the C-BRTA Board, followed by an outline of the purpose of the conference by the CEO of the C-BRTA. The Minister of Transport will deliver the keynote address that ties in with the conference theme “Re-defining the African Transport Infrastructure Development Agenda”.

**Day 1** will be devoted to presenting the status quo of transport infrastructure and systems and on tracking progress on the delivery of key continental and regional infrastructure programmes. Presentations will be led by distinguished speakers drawn from Continental, Tripartite and Regional (SADC) structures. Day 1 will round up with a gala dinner.

Once the scene has been set on Day 1, the deliberations of **Day 2** will be devoted to the Future Agenda for transport infrastructure and systems on the African continent. Thematic session themes include the SMART corridor concept and the movement towards green transport, through decarbonising the transport sector. Other topics include transport regulation in future, the role of risk-based systems in facilitating trade flows and SMART law enforcement tools and systems.

**Day 3** will be led by Developmental Finance Institutions (DFI's). Key discussion topics will centre on innovative financing models for transport infrastructure projects,

the importance of adopting a partnership approach for infrastructure financing and the prioritisation of flagship infrastructure programmes (Continental, Tripartite and SADC) that qualify for project preparation funding.

## Key discussion points

The following discussion points will anchor deliberations during the three-day conference:

- Building a sustainable and resilient cross-border transport system through technology driven solutions;
- Key infrastructure gaps that hinder transport and trade flows across the continent;
- Update on the status of key infrastructure programmes at Continental, Tripartite and Regional (SADC) level to address infrastructure constraints;
- Innovative funding options for infrastructure projects/programmes;
- Preparing infrastructure projects/programmes for bankability;
- Prioritisation of soft issues that regulatory institutions in the region, and continent should address;
- Importance of constant monitoring and evaluation throughout the project life cycle to ensure projects success;
- SMART corridor interventions; and
- Showcasing of reforms that support the new realities (4IR and SMART corridors).

## Who is attending?

The conference will bring together diverse role-players operating in the cross-border value chain including, but not limited to, representatives from the African Union Commission, NEPAD, Regional Secretariats, Ministries of Trade and Transport, Road Transport Regulators, Regional Economic Communities, continental platforms such as The African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA), Development Finance Partners, Academia, Corridor Management Institutions, Regional Transport Associations, Forwarding and Clearing Agents Associations and road transport operators' representatives.

