

North South Corridor Pilot Aid for Trade Conference

Outcomes, Conclusions and Way Forward - Road Agencies Working Group

1. It is in the best interests of all countries that:
 - The roads that comprise the North South Corridor should be considered as one entity with regard to any Strategic Analysis; and
 - Future analysis should continue to use HDM-4 (Highway Development and Management).
2. All roads that comprise the North South Corridor network shall be maintained to a good standard (IRI 4).
3. The HDM-4 Champions group should continue to operate with information being transferred at least once a year such that the analysis can be updated on an annual basis.
4. All countries will submit the funding that they have secured for year one (2009) as well as funding gaps for Feasibility and Design; Construction and Supervision to the Tripartite Secretariat no later than 30th April 2009 using the standard form.
5. Additional infrastructure considerations, such as Ring Roads and large new bridges, to be included as and when reliable data becomes available.
6. In the short term an independent HDM-4 advisory group should be set up that should update HDM-4 economic analyses. The advisory group should serve to develop capacity within the region.
7. Specifically for roads that comprise the North South Corridor further consideration should be given to harmonising lane and shoulder widths.
8. RTFP, acting as the Tripartite Secretariat, will prepare a position paper on a double semi-trailer design vehicle and harmonising lane and shoulder widths and distribute to all countries by end July 2009 for a final decision.

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