

67253



Distr.
LIMITED

DEC/TRANSCOM/IA/1987/3
13 February 1987

Original: ENGLISH

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Tenth Meeting of the Inter-Agency
Co-ordination Committee (IACC)

Addis Ababa, 6 - 9 March 1987

REPORT ON THE FIRST CO-FINANCING MEETING OF UNECA
PROJECTS IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN TRANSPORT CORRIDORS

1. The First Co-financing meeting on UNTACDA projects related to Central African Transport Corridors, for countries: Central African Republic, Cameroon, Chad and Congo, was held from 3 to 5 November 1986 in Pointe Noire, P.R. of Congo, at the invitation of the Congolese Government.
2. This meeting was convened in accordance with the decisions of the ECA Conference of Ministers and the General Assembly of the United Nations.
3. The meeting was attended by the country representatives of the P.R. of Congo and representatives of the following organizations: the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the African Development Bank (ADB), the Union douaniere de l'Afrique central (UDEAC) and the Caisse centrale de cooperation economique (CCCE). Finance, the Commission of the European Communities and the European Economic Community attended as observers.
4. As part of its resource mobilization, ECA as a lead agency for the implementation of the Decade programme had adopted a new approach called co-financing, defined as an arrangement for securing the financing of the previous technical consultative meetings in scope of activities, focus of attention, commitment, degree of preparation of documents and outlook.
5. The objective of the meeting was to enable the four countries in the subregion, namely the Congo, Cameroon, Chad and Central African Republic to collectively present to the financial and donor institutions the corridor transport projects for consideration for financing.
6. ECA had carried out two series of missions to prepare the meeting: a sensitization mission to some financing agencies (ADB, BADEA, ECOWAS Fund and BOAD), and to the four countries concerned to obtain accurate information on priorities, secure individual and collective commitments in order to implement the projects of the selected corridors and to up-date the project document DEC/TRANSCOM/CFM/1
7. The first co-financing meeting had the following characteristics: It is selective, co-organized by ECA and other financial institutions, jointly supported by countries concerned and better prepare project profiles.
8. A total of twenty-eight projects were identified in the following two corridors: The Trans-Equatorial corridor linking Pointe Noire to Chad via rail from Pointe Noire to Brazzaville, waterways between Brazzaville and CAR and road link to Chad; and the TransCameroonian corridor, which has two links. The

first link is composed of road link from Bangui and N'Djamena to Ngaundere and rail from Ngaundere to Douala, and the second is a road linking Bangui to Douala.

7
129
33.1
122.6

9. Of the 23 projects costing CFA 302.5 billions originally identified for the co-financing meeting, 20 projects costing CFA 129 billions were presented for consideration. Six projects costing CFA 33.5 billions were not considered because the countries concerned had not completed the assembly of all the information required for profiling these projects. Two projects on railways development were presented for information purpose only.

10. Six of the twenty projects are located in the People's Republic of the Congo - the total cost of these projects was 41.9 billion CFA francs. The financial institutions and donors indicated interest in five out of the six. In terms of costing this represents CFA 36.5 billions out of CFA 41.9 billions or over 80 per cent.

11. Concerning Chad, interest was expressed on three out of the five projects presented, costing 4.9 billion CFA francs or about 70 per cent of the total cost of 6.9 billion CFA francs.

12. One regional project costing 3 billion CFA francs also received favourable interest from donors.

13. In summary, interest was shown on nine projects totaling about 45 billion CFA francs.

14. The reaction of the participants to this meeting, the first of a series planned for all the 14 land-locked African countries, was generally positive. The Economic Commission for Africa is encouraged to continue with the effort to organize similar meetings for seeking financing for the implementation of the transport and communication projects in the other subregions of Africa.

Add: Preparations for next meetings
in May/June and Nov. 1987.