

PROJECT TITLE

Feasibility Study for Western Section of Beira - Lobito Corridor - EuropeAid/130157/D/SER/MULTI

LOCATION

TransAfrican Highway No 9, Angola – DR Congo – Zambia

CLIENT

AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION

DESCRIPTION

The **Beira–Lobito Highway** is listed as **Trans-African Highway 9** in the transcontinental road network being developed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (ADB), and the African Union. The **route** has a **length** of **3,523 km** crossing Angola, the most southerly part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and central Mozambique. It is substantially **complete** in its **south-eastern half** where it uses paved national roads of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, but the western half through most of Angola and DR Congo (DRC) consists of earth tracks or formerly paved roads requiring reconstruction. In terms of the study, the Consultant shall **assess** the **options** and **viability** of the **rehabilitation** of the **western section of the Beira-Lobito corridor, including the alternative southern route through Northern Zambia** (connection with the TAH-9 at Chingola). Due to the **regional impact** of the study, it shall also **assess broader policy issues in road maintenance** and **establish a regional infrastructure database**. A wide aspect of **issues** is to be covered **including Information and Communication Technology, Trade and transport facilitation measures, Harmonisation of standards, policy and financing for road maintenance** and **Addressing all possible financing options with emphasis to Public Private Projects**.

Services provided:

- Market study and transport demand analysis and forecast of the area of influence and study of regional traffic and trade flows (passenger and freight)
- Feasibility study of the corridor, including the northern and southern alignments, including route corridor study, technical study; economic, social and environmental impact analysis; development of financing options, including PPP, and associated stakeholder consultation
- In terms of the study, the Consultant shall also assess the integration of an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) broadband component in the road corridor, including possible costs and benefits.
- Trade and transport facilitation measures for the corridor and development of options and recommendations in line with regional practices, relevant ongoing projects and commitments in this respect
- Harmonisation of standards, policy and financing (needs and resources) for road maintenance, with recommendations for harmonisation and sustainability and as well as vehicles and axle load regulations and management in concerned regions
- Design, development and implementation of a properly structured infrastructure database for the SADC region, as a pilot project for possible expansion and interconnection with databases in other RECs, with associated support for development and complete data entry to the database

