



**Report:
Dar es Salaam Corridor Committee Meeting
Blantyre, Malawi**

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I. Purpose of the trip and expected results

- A clear indication of commitment by members towards the signing of the constitution.
- Movement towards implementation of identified priority action items within the corridor business/work plan.
- Review of the business/work plan, taking into account the reports of the working groups and the meeting

II. Location(s) visited and dates: Blantyre, Malawi, June 4-7, 2003

III. Attendance

The list of persons who attended the meeting is included as Attachment A. They include senior representatives of the Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia public and private sector organizations, who were able to make decisions.

IV. Agenda and Program

The Agenda and Program of the meeting are indicated in Attachment B. The two technical groups, the Customs and Transport, held discussions on their own before the plenary on the last day of the meeting. The discussions in the groups were guided by conclusions of the December Meeting, Country Reports and the Hub Consultants' Reports on the Survey done on the Dar Corridor in May 2003.

V. Main Highlights and Recommendations of the Meeting

A summary record of the agreed strategies/implementation actions is appended as Attachment C. This summary also includes the Reports of the two Working Groups submitted to the plenary session of the Committee. The main outcomes and recommendations of the meeting are:

- The meeting re-affirmed that the Interim Secretariat should continue to oversee implementation of the decisions of the committee, with the assistance of the Hub.
- Few further refinements of the agreed Dar es Salaam Corridor Committee Constitution were made and the meeting agreed that it should be signed in August 2003 in Dar es Salaam. The meeting received confirmation that the current 15 members of the Transport Coordinating Committee (TCC) are committed to sign the Constitution.
- National Committees should be formed and meet, by 15th July 2003, to consult on (a) the process towards signing the constitution in August 2003, and (b) national implementation of identified priority action items within the corridor business-planning matrix.
- The Interim Secretariat to revise the proposed terms of reference of the corridor institutional sustainability study, taking into account the comments from the meeting, and to request assistance thereof from the Hub. The study to be completed and recommendations submitted to the Committee by the end of August, 2003
- The performance of the port has improved but the off-take from the port is comparatively poor. The meeting agreed that major improvement should be made to reduce delays and cost along the corridor by implementing an integrated logistics approach targeting specific main commodities, improving communication among key stakeholders, addressing cumbersome customs clearance procedures and harmonizing and extending border post opening hours

- for commercial traffic. The meeting tasked the existing task team under TCC to coordinate the above for KCM copper and report to the next DCC meeting.
- The Interim Secretariat to update the business-planning matrix, based on the comments and inputs from the meeting, and to circulate it to the Members by the end of June 2003.
 - The meeting appointed a task team of six public and private sector experts (two from each country) to make proposals on the harmonization of vehicle overload control regulations and practices along the corridor. The team is also tasked to produce a manual for implementation of the proposals.
 - A marketing strategy to be developed by the Interim Secretariat in consultation with the National Corridor Committees. The strategy should be submitted for discussion at the next Interim Dar es Salaam, Corridor Committee Meeting, which will be held in Dar es Salaam in August 2003.
 - Member States to provide data for updating of the road user/transit charges calculations in anticipation of the EU funded SATCC initiative. This will enable the corridor countries to be better prepared for the review and, if need be, fast track implementation of a harmonized system along the corridor.
 - All corridor stakeholders to take action to improve security (against terrorism, hijacking, pilferage, fraud) at the port and along the corridor.
 - The IMPACT/Hub consultant on establishment of corridor baseline data and targets to complete the draft report and the Hub to circulate the report to all stakeholders for comment.
 - The Interim Secretariat, assisted by the other institutions (FESARTA, Hub, etc) to immediately solicit support from the SSATP and PMAESA to establish an observatory (continuous information gathering system) along the corridor.
 - FESARTA and its member corridor national road transport associations to approach corporate business sponsors, the World Bank and other donors (such as ILO, USAID), to fund the extension of the Road Transport Industry AIDS Initiative to the corridor. The Interim Secretariat to also solicit support from relevant donors for extending the HIV/AIDS initiative to other modes of transport.

VI. Hub follow-up actions

The Hub will follow up and assist the Interim Secretariat to implement the above tasks assigned to it by the Committee. However, the key follow up issues are:

- Provision of technical assistance to the two Working Groups on *Customs and Transit Facilitation* and *Transport Operations* to carry out the agreed/planned specific tasks aimed at reducing delays and cost along the corridor.
- Completion of establishment of baseline data, benchmarks and targets, as well as establishment of a sustainable corridor database.
- The establishment and functioning of the national corridor committees and provision of technical assistance as necessary.
- Mobilization of potential members to sign the Constitution in August 2003. A commitment of at least 19 potential members is needed, four more than the current 15 members of the TCC whose commitment has already been confirmed.
- Assistance with the undertaking of a corridor institutional sustainability study.
- Assistance with leveraging of resources from the corridor countries and other co-operating partners/donors such as World Bank/SSATP, PMAESA, European Union and African Development Bank (NEPAD program).

Attachments:

1. Attachment A – List of people and organizations who attended the meeting
2. Attachment B – Agenda and Program
3. Attachment C – A Summary Report of the Committee Meeting including Reports of the Customs and Transport Operations Working Groups

ATTACHMENT A:

**DAR CORRIDOR WORKING GROUPS & INTERIM COMMITTEE
MEETING
5 & 6 JUNE 2003**

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Attachment B: Agendas and Programmes

Dar es Salaam Corridor Interim Working Group Meeting on Transport Operations

5th June, 2003

Mount Soche Hotel, Blantyre, Malawi,

Organized by
The Interim Dar es Salaam Corridor Management Committee
And the
Southern Africa Global Competitiveness Hub

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 5 th May, 2003		
Time	Activity	Facilitators
0730–0800	Tea and Registration	Wanda Kawadza <i>Training Logistics Coordinator</i>
0800–00845	Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Introductions  Election of Chairperson and Rapporteur  Adoption of meeting agenda  Record of minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising  Meeting objectives and expected outputs 	SMAK Kaombwe (Hub) F.Kinunda/J. Rugaihuruz (TCC)
0845-1000	1. Reduction of delays and cost along corridor transport chain: Overview of causes of delays and high cost at various components of transport chain (shipping, ports, railways, road transport, en-route security checkpoints, weighbridge stations, modal interchange operations and terminals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of overview by TCC and, as necessary, reports and action being taken or proposed by modal operators of corridor transport operations, within TCC work. • Discussion and conclusion 	Representative of TCC, assisted as necessary by modal operators <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Ports and shipping (THA)</i> 2. <i>Road transport (National Associations)</i> 3. <i>TAZARA</i> 4. <i>MCC Ltd</i> F. Kinunda/J. Rugaihuruz Evans Marowa SMAK Kaombwe
1000-1015	TEA BREAK	
1015-1115	2. Vehicle Overload Control: Existing legislation, weighbridge equipment inventory and management, legal loading limits, vehicle dimensions, level of fines, enforcement methodology and effectiveness, and private sector participation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of country situation/status reports. • Presentation of overview and proposed way forward • Discussion and conclusion. 	Country Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Tanzania</i> 2. <i>Malawi</i> 3. <i>Zambia</i> Country Representatives Evans Marowa SMAK Kaombwe F. Kinunda/J. Rugaihuruz

1115-1215	<p>3. Harmonization of Road User Charges: Overview of existing road user and transit charges and charging mechanisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country presentations Presentation of overview and proposed way forward Discussion and conclusion 	<p>Country Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Tanzania Malawi Zambia <p>Country Representatives Evans Marowa SMAK Kaombwe</p>
1215-1315	<p>4. Cargo Security: Security of cargo along the corridor transport chain; and strategy for compliance to requirements emanating from current initiatives on cargo security, particularly for exports to USA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by TCC and, assisted as necessary, by modal operators Discussion on the way forward 	<p>Report by TCC and, as necessary, Modal operators</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ports and shipping (THA) Road transport (National Associations) TAZARA MCC Ltd <p>Facilitators: F. Kinunda/J. Rugaihuza Evans Marowa SMAK Kaombwe</p>
1315-1400	LUNCH BREAK	
1400-1500	<p>5. Establishment of corridor baseline data and targets (for performance monitoring using key indicators such as cost and transit times)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of progress and consultant's draft report on the survey/study and recommendations Discussion and conclusion 	<p>Evans Marowa SMAK Kaombwe Jason Rugaihuza (THA)</p>
1500-1515	TEA BREAK	
1515-1615	<p>6. Review of the corridor institutional sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of study TORs and proposed preparations for the study Discussion and agreement on the TORs and way forward 	<p>SMAK Kaombwe Evans Marowa J. Rugaihuza</p>
1615-1700	<p>7. Proposals for dealing with HIV/AIDS along the Corridor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of effectiveness of HIV/AIDS initiatives along the Corridor Strategies for improving the management of HIV/AIDS along the Corridor 	<p>Interim Working Group Chairperson</p> <p>SMAK Kaombwe</p>
1700-1730	<p>Summary of agreed implementation strategies/action plans for presentation to the full Committee</p> <p>✓ Summary of deliberations</p>	<p>Transport Operations Interim Working Group Secretary Rapporteur Evans Marowa</p>
1630-1700	<p>Meeting Closure</p> <p>📁 Way Forward: Where do we go from here?</p>	<p>Interim Chairperson of Working Group SMAK Kaombwe</p>

Dar es Salaam Corridor Interim Working Group Meeting on Customs and Transit Facilitation

5th June, 2003
Mount Soche Hotel, Blantyre, Malawi,

Organized by
The Interim Dar es Salaam Corridor Group Committee
And the
Southern Africa Global Competitiveness Hub

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 5 th May, 2003		
Time	Activity	Facilitator
0730–0800	Tea and Registration	Wanda Kawadza <i>Training Logistics Coordinator</i>
0800–0845	 Introductions  Adoption of meeting Agenda  Record of minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising  Meeting objectives and expected outputs	Theo Lyimo <i>Customs Reform Advisor</i> Ranga Munyaradzi <i>Customs Transit Specialist</i>
0845-1000	1. Causes of delays at entry and exit points (Current Customs Procedures and Documentation)  Presentation of Country Reports  Presentation of overview and recommendations  Discussions and conclusions	Country Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tanzania</i> • <i>Malawi</i> • <i>Zambia</i> Ranga Munyaradzi Reuben Kunda
1000-1015	TEA BREAK	
1015-1130	2. Documentation for Transit and Computerized Transit movements  Presentation of Country Reports  Presentation of overview and recommendations  Discussions and conclusions	Country Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tanzania</i> • <i>Malawi</i> • <i>Zambia</i> Ranga Munyaradzi Reuben Kunda
1130-1300	3. Transit Bond Securities and Transit Control and Acquittals  Presentation of Country Reports  Presentation of overview and recommendations  Discussions and conclusions	Country Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tanzania</i> • <i>Malawi</i> • <i>Zambia</i> Ranga Munyaradzi Reuben Kunda
1300-1400	LUNCH BREAK	

1400-1500	<p>4. Licensing of Clearing Agents and Transporters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Presentation of Country Reports  Presentation of overview and recommendations  Discussions and conclusions 	<p>Country Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tanzania</i> • <i>Malawi</i> • <i>Zambia</i> <p> Ranga Munyaradzi</p> <p> Reuben Kunda</p>
1515-1600	<p>5. Establishment of corridor baseline data and targets (for performance monitoring using key indicators such as cost and transit times)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of progress and consultant's draft report on the survey/study and recommendations • Discussion and conclusion 	<p> Ranga Munyaradzi</p> <p> Reuben Kunda</p>
1600-1630	<p>6. Summary of agreed implementation strategies/action plans for presentation to the full Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Summary of deliberations  Conclusions and way forward on harmonization 	<p>Customs Working Group Secretary</p> <p>Ranga Munyaradzi</p>
1630-1700	<p>Meeting Closure</p> <p> Way Forward: Where do we go from here?</p>	<p> Customs Working Group Chairperson</p> <p> Ranga Munyaradzi</p>

Dar es Salaam Corridor Interim Committee Meeting

6th June, 2003
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Meeting Agenda

*Interim Chairperson: Mr. Samson Luhigo, Director General, Tanzania Harbour Authority
(Chairman of the Transport Coordination Committee)*

*Interim Secretary: Mr. Flavian Kinunda, Director of Marketing, Tanzania Harbour Authority
(Secretary of the Transport Coordination Committee)*

Friday 6 th May, 2003		
Time	Activity	Facilitator
0800-0815	Introductions	Mr. Samson Luhigo <i>Interim Chairperson</i>
0815-0830	Remarks from the Chairperson of TCC: Views and Recommendations of the TCC	Mr. Samson Luhigo <i>Interim Chairperson</i>
0830-0850	Meeting Objectives and Expected Outputs	SMAK Kaombwe <i>Transport Policy Advisor</i>
0850-0900	Adoption of Meeting Agenda	Mr. Samson Luhigo <i>Interim Chairperson</i>
0900-1030	Corridor Constitutional Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal final inputs from the Lawyers• Members' position on the Constitution: commitment for signing.• Process, date and venue for signing the Constitution.• Strategies for financial sustainability of corridor institutions and programs/activities	SMAK Kaombwe <i>Transport Policy Advisor</i> Mr. Jason Rugaihuruzo Maggie Makanza <i>Training and Capacity Building Specialist</i>
1030-1100	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
1100-1300	Corridor Constitutional Review (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal final inputs from the Lawyers• Members' position on the Constitution: commitment for signing.• Process, date and venue for signing the Constitution.• Strategies for financial sustainability of corridor institutions and programs/activities	SMAK Kaombwe <i>Transport Policy Advisor</i> Mr. Jason Rugaihuruzo Maggie Makanza <i>Training and Capacity Building Specialist</i>
1300-1400	LUNCH BREAK	
1400-1445	Review and Endorsement of Recommendations of the Working Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Transport Operations Working Group	<i>Group Chairperson</i> Smak Kaombwe <i>Evans Marowa</i>

1445-1500	TEA BREAK	
1500-1545	Review and Endorsement of Recommendations of the Working Groups ✓ Customs and Transit Facilitation Working Group	<i>Group Chairperson</i> <i>Ranga Munyaradzi</i>
1545-1630	Summary of Agreed Strategies/Action Plans Implementation	Mr. Flavian Kinunda <i>Interim Secretary</i> <i>Rapporteur</i>
1630-1700	Way Forward A.O.B Date of next meeting	Mr. Samson Luhigo <i>Interim Chairperson</i>

**Attachment C:
A Summary Report of the Committee Meeting including Reports
of the Customs and Transport Operations Working Groups**

**DAR ES SALAAM CORRIDOR INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN
BLANTYRE, 6TH JUNE 2003**

Summary of Agreed Strategies/Action Plans Implementation

1. Introductory Remarks

It was confirmed that the TCC will be transformed into the public/private sector partnership Dar Corridor Management Committee.

2. Meeting Objectives and Expected Outputs

- A clear indication of commitment by members towards the signing of the constitution.
- Movement towards implementation of identified priority action items within the corridor business/work plan.
- Review of the business/work plan, taking into account the reports of the working groups and the meeting.

3. Outcomes from the Customs and Transit Facilitation Working Group

The meeting endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group (See report attached), with the following comments:

- Consideration should be given to extending the opening of the borders for commercial traffic to 24hrs.
- There is the need to reduce the proposed target of 3 hours for the customs clearing process for a consignment.

4. Outcomes from the Transport Operations Working Group

The meeting endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group (See report attached) and directed the Interim Secretariat, assisted by the Hub, to update the business planning matrix with revised timing and targets.

5. Corridor Constitutional Review

5.1 The following refinements were adopted:

- Re-word the second paragraph of the Preamble to read: “ DESIRING to facilitate the seamless, efficient and cost-effective flow of goods and services and the movement of persons along the Dar es Salaam corridor”.
- Article 7(b): Replace “operational performance” with “operational efficiency”.
- General: Replace “National Co-ordinator” with “National Corridor Co-ordinator”.
- 2nd Schedule: Add “Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA)” to the list of potential members.

5.2 The meeting noted and agreed that:

- The signing of the Constitution should take place in Dar es Salaam in August, 2003, on a date to be advised by the Interim Secretariat.
- The current TCC members confirmed their commitment to sign the Constitution as adopted in Dar es Salaam and revised at the Blantyre meeting. Other potential members were urged to consult internally and inform the Interim Secretariat on their commitment to sign.
- The signatories will be the chief executive officers, or the designated appointees, of the member organisations as listed in the 2nd schedule of the constitution.
- Ministers of the corridor countries, SADC, COMESA and USAID would be invited to the signing ceremony.

6. The Way Forward

6.1 The meeting reaffirmed that the Interim Secretariat should continue to oversee implementation of the decisions of the committee, with the assistance of the Hub.

6.2 The Interim Secretariat is to update the business planning matrix and circulate it to the members by the end of June 2003.

6.3 National Committees should be formed and meet, by 15th July 2003, to consult on:

- the process towards signing the Constitution and
- national implementation of identified priority action items within the corridor business planning matrix.

6.4 A marketing strategy should be developed by the Interim Secretariat in consultation with the National Corridor Committees. The strategy should be submitted for discussion at the next Interim DCC meeting.

7. Date of Next Interim DCC Meeting

At the time of the signing of the Constitution in August, 2003.

DAR ES SALAAM CORRIDOR INTERIM WORKING GROUP MEETING ON CUSTOMS AND TRANSIT FACILITATION

The Customs working group on the Dar corridor is one of the two such working groups formed (during the December 2002 meeting in Dar es Salaam) for purposes of focusing on identified issues that impact on the efficiency of the corridor as it relates to transit facilitation. The customs working group is comprised of customs and clearing and forwarding agencies/associations. The other working group is the one dealing with transport related matters.

To the extent that the groups are working towards making the Dar corridor competitive by harnessing its inherent potentials, it is envisaged that the initiative would inevitably translate in promoting regional economic growth and poverty reduction.

In furtherance of this, Customs working group held two follow-up meetings in January and February 2003 in Johannesburg, South Africa. As a result, a team visited the port of Dar through to exit/entry ports to Zambia and Malawi with the view to assessing causes of customs related delays in movement of transit traffic.

Overall, the Customs Working Group observed the need for harmonizing custom procedures, documentation and systems and therefore made recommendations including the following:

- Single Administrative Documents (SADs) or Single Bill of Entry (SBE) used in computerized environment
- Promoting partnership among stakeholders on the basis of mutual trust. To the largest extent possible, engage in candid dialogue, consultation and public education.
- Licensing of clearing and forwarding agents including fee thereof
- Transit Bond structures and management as these are country specific and not transferable to any other country.
- Research on the possibilities of use of one common regional transit bond valid in all countries
- Review the refund systems
- Risk-based Control of transit cargo
- Research into possibilities of electronic data interchange (i.e. Customs and Port Authorities as well Customs to Customs)
- Increase staff complement at checkpoints and border posts
- Evaluate the possibility of increasing operating hours at border posts from 12 to 18 working hours to allow more traffic to pass through.
- Explore the possibility of establishing the one stop-border post.

Revised action plan is updated thus:

Customs documentation and procedures and border post operations	Action	Activity	Responsible institutions /persons	Indicator	Baseline	Benchmark/ Target	Starting and completion Date	Own	Support & likely source
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmonized single administrative document. 	Malawi Tanzania Zambia	Change legislation/ regulation	Customs Authorities Stakeholders	Constitution Customs Acts/ Regulations	Asycuda ++	12 months (Consulting stakeholders) Legislation	1 Year June 2003 – May 2004	Yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transit permit/customs licensing of transporters vs vehicles. 	Malawi Tanzania Zambia	Discussion & agreement among stakeholders Review regulations	Customs Authorities Stakeholders	Licensed agents/ transporters	Customs regulations	6 months	June 2003 – December 2003	Yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research on Regional customs bond guarantee and vehicle guarantee system 	Malawi Tanzania Zambia	Evaluate current systems and agree on harmonized one.	Customs Authorities Stakeholders	Harmonized systems in use	Customs regulations	12 months	June 2003 – May 2004	Yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk management and selective inspection of goods 	Hub Malawi Tanzania Zambia	Hub to facilitate training of Staff Establish risk profiling	Customs Authorities Consultant (Hub) Stakeholders	Trained staff	Risk profiles of clients	12 Months	June 2003- June 2004	Yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing service charter (MOU on service standards) between customs and its customers/clients. 	Malawi Tanzania Zambia	Hub to draft MoU Holding discussion with stakeholders Negotiating and signing of MOU	Hub Customs Authorities Stakeholders	MoU signed	Similar MoUs Records of Customs and stakeholders	6 months	June 2003 – December 2003	Yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce delays at borders. 	Hub Malawi Tanzania Zambia	Public awareness Discussion with/ among stakeholders & secure commitment to implement agreed strategy	Customs Authorities C&F agents Transporters	Clearance time	Level of commitment	3 hours	June 2003- December 2003	Yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extending and harmonization of border post opening times: towards 24 hours Establishing joint/one-stop border post control and management. 	Malawi Tanzania Zambia	Assess current status and determine needs for extending opening hours Provide for flexible and harmonized opening hours Consult & select one/two borders for one-stop operation	Customs authorities Stakeholders (immigration, agents, police, etc)	Closer collaboration between stakeholders No. of vehicles awaiting clearance	Current situation (from assessment) Piloting information	18 hours opening	June 2003 – August 2003	Yes	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accreditation of clearing and forwarding agencies, importers, exporters & Transporters (by Customs) 	Hub Malawi Tanzania Zambia	C&F risk assessment and grading Accredit (on grades)	Customs Authorities C&F agents	Accredited Agents, Importer, Exporter & Transporter (by customs)	Information on accredited agents	6 months	June 2003 – December 2003	Yes	Yes

DAR ES SALAAM CORRIDOR MEETING, BLANTYRE, 5TH –6TH JUNE 2003.

Interim Working Group Meeting on Transport Operations.

Summary of Agreed Implementation Strategies/Action Plans.

1. Matters Arising - Institutional Framework

- Three countries have appointed their two nominees to the Interim Committee before the plenary meeting on the 6th of June, 2003. Tanzania: K. Ndemino (public), Al-Karim Dawood (private). Zambia: Martin Mbangi (public), Valerie Sesia (private). Malawi: Brian Manda (public), Lyton Kumwenda (private).
- National Committees need to be constituted and meet as a matter of urgency.
- The full committee should update the business planning matrix targets.

2. Reduction of Delays and Cost along the Corridor

- Performance of the port has improved but is not matched by *off-take* by in-land transport service providers and other key players in the logistics chain.
- Improvement along the corridor has to be pursued by:
 - i. Implementing an integrated logistics approach targeting specific main commodities such as copper involving all key players in the logistics chain.
 - ii. Improving communication among key stakeholders
 - iii. Addressing cumbersome customs clearance procedures
 - iv. Harmonising border post hours for commercial traffic, with the aim of synchronising border post opening hours, and extending to 24 hours, as is the case with Beit Bridge
- The existing task team under TCC to coordinate the above for KCM copper and report to the next DCC meeting.

3. Vehicle Overload Control

- Vehicle overload control regulations and practices need to be harmonised and streamlined e.g the proposed Zambia legislation changes funded by Norad to comply with the SADC model legislation provisions.
- Promote private sector participation including outsourcing of weighbridge operations and use of weighbridges at originating loading points such as KCM plants, the Port and transshipment points.
- Appoint a task team from the three countries, assisted by FESARTA, to agree on harmonisation issues and produce a simple manual to assist shippers. The task team should work closely with the relevant SADC panel of experts. The task team is: Malawi: Francis Dimu (public), Shadreck Matsimbe (private). Tanzania: Chacha Mwita (public), Al-Karim Dawood (private). Zambia: Nelson Balashi (public), Roland Norton (private).

4. Harmonisation of Road User Charges

- Member states to provide data for updating of the road users/transit charges calculations in anticipation of the EU funded SATCC initiative. (*The Hub and the secretariat to link up with the Directors of Transport/Planning from the three countries*).

5. Cargo Security

- All corridor stakeholders are urged to take action to improve security (against terrorism, hijacking, pilferage, fraud) at the port and along the corridor.
- Stakeholders to exchange information and experiences on measures being taken by using tracking and information exchange systems including ACIS and RSIS

6. Establishment of Corridor Baseline Data and Targets

- The consultant to complete the draft baseline report and the Hub to circulate the report to all stakeholders for comment.
- The Interim secretariat to host the database and to disseminate information to stakeholders on a regular basis.
- The Interim Secretariat, assisted by the other institutions (FESARTA, Hub, etc) should immediately solicit support from the SSATP and PMAESA to establish an observatory (continuous information gathering system) along the corridor.

7. Review of Corridor Institutional Sustainability

- Institutional and financial sustainability is fundamental to all such regional organisations.
- The stakeholder must perceive to be receiving value-added services/benefits from the Corridor Group.
- Study to consider the user-pay principle as a more sustainable and preferable funding strategy option.
- The Interim Secretariat to revise terms of reference, taking into account the comments from the meeting and to request assistance thereof from the Hub.
- Study to be completed and recommendations submitted to the Dar Corridor Committee by the end of August, 2003.

8. Proposals for dealing with HIV/AIDS

- Transport corridors are one of the major conduits for the spread of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- FESARTA and its member corridor national road transport associations to approach corporate business sponsors, the World Bank and other donors (such as ILO, USAID), to fund the extension of the Road Transport Industry AIDS Initiative.
- The HIV/AIDS initiative should be extended to other modes of transport and the Interim Secretariat should solicit support from relevant donors.