GNSS WORKSHOP

SUPPORT FOR GNSS BY THE AFRICAN REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES
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INTRODUCTION

- COMESA is a regional economic grouping comprising twenty member states in Northern, Eastern, and Southern Africa.
- Currently an FTA which commenced in 2000.
- Preparing for Customs Union in 2008.
The main COMESA Programmes can be broadly classified under the following areas:

- Trade, Customs and Monetary Cooperation
- Investment and Private Sector Development
- Agriculture
- Infrastructure Development
Programmes in Infrastructure

- Transport
  - Civil Aviation
  - Road and Rail
  - Maritime and Inland Waterways

- Communications
  - Development of Physical Infrastructure
    Terrestrial and Wireless Communications
  - Creating an enabling environment through harmonisation of policy and regulatory issues
Programmes in Infrastructure

- **Energy**
  - Promotion of increased regional power generation and interconnectivity
  - Cooperation in the procurement, transportation of petroleum products
  - Cooperation in the exploitation of other energy sources

- **Meteorology**
  - Cooperation in the collection and dissemination of Met information
Specific Programmes Involving GNSS

- **Civil Aviation**
  - CNS/ATM Systems
  - Currently a joint study covering COMESA, SADC and EAC is being undertaken to implement this programme

- **Road Transport**
  - Cargo and Equipment tracking in road and rail (ACIS)
  - Currently there are several trucking companies using GPS
Specific Programmes Involving GNSS

- Agriculture
  - Crop Forecasts through Remote Sensing

- Meteorology
  - Collection and sharing of Met information among countries
Regional Economic Communities (RECs)

- Joint Studies for CNS/ATM Systems within COMESA, EAC and SADC
- Cooperation with other RECs in Africa namely CEMAC, ECOWAS, UEMOA during the validation of studies for CNS/ATM
- Use of common transport facilitation instruments in Eastern and Southern Africa (Advance Cargo Information System-ACIS, Global Tracking)
- Joint Regional ICT Support Programme with EAS, IGAD and IOC
Recommendations

- Develop both national and regional capacity to tap and utilise GNSS products

- Share resources where possible in order to eliminate duplication of efforts

- Enhance regional cooperation in negotiating for the rights and terms of access to the GNSS infrastructure from the providers
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