Session 3: Connectivity and Transport Infrastructure Development

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There is indeed progress regarding infrastructural development in Africa. The Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) can be considered an important milestone in rethinking transportation and addressing within the context of the region. This could allow harmonization of the transportation system and interoperability of modes of transportation.

Ports should be seen beyond their transactional value and transportation corridors beyond the linking different spots. We need to view them part of a broader regional integration scheme aimed as unleashing the overall potential collectively.

This is the evolving thinking in the Horn of Africa. planning as a region and implementing them as a region. The new regional environment in the Horn provides an opportunity to harness regional potentials for acceleration of economic growth: over 120 mil population (mostly youth), over 5000km coastal line, strategic location, and vast natural resources.