

*Facilitating free flow of trade
to and from the SADC region*

SADC & Namport

Enhancing Economic
Collaboration in the new

Normal

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Presentation outline

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2. Our commitment in addressing NTBs in the new normal
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6. Issues for reflection & way forward

We are



A Public Private Partnership initiative



Walvis Bay Corridors

• TRANS KALAHARI

Botswana, Namibia SA,
Zimbabwe

• WALVIS BAY-NDOLA- LUBUMBASHI

DRC, Zambia, Namibia

• TRANS CUNENE

Angola/ Namibia

• TRANS ORANJE

SA/ Namibia



WALVIS BAY
CORRIDOR
GROUP

WBCG Service profile / core functions

- Cross border trade & transport facilitation
- Business Development
- Corridor infrastructure development - SDI
- Create network between stakeholders
- Serve as one stop facilitation center
- Wellness service
- Namibia Logistics Hub - NDP 4 & 5
- Marketing & Communications

Wellness services



Footprint



WBCG Business Development Offices

Shipping routes to Walvis Bay



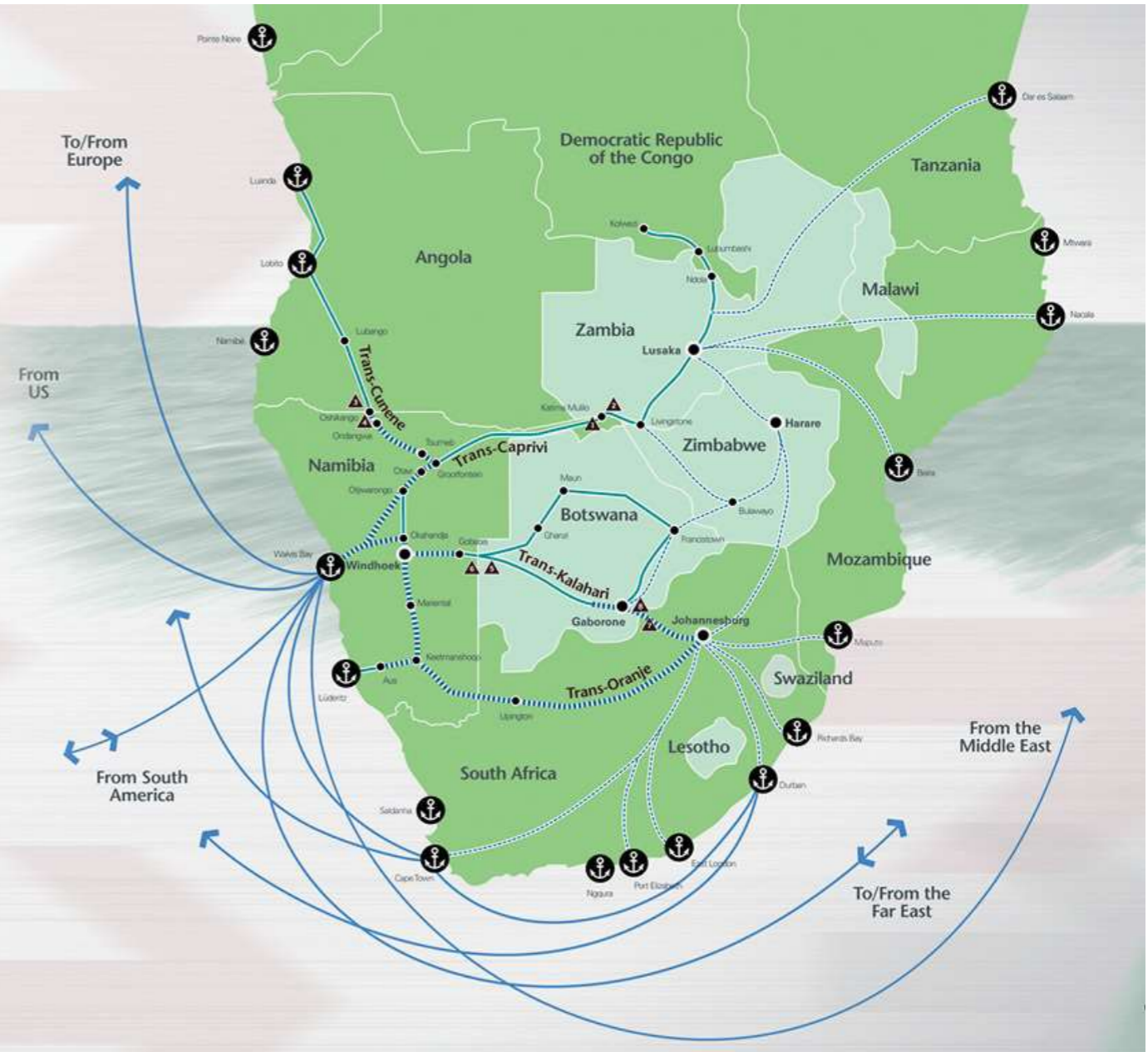
Walvis Bay serves:

- Angola (3-5 days)
- Botswana (2 days)
- DRC (5-6 days)
- Malawi (5-6 days)
- South Africa (2 days)
- Zambia (3-4 days)
- Zimbabwe (3-4 days)

Walvis Bay has direct sailings from:

- Europe
- The Far East
- North America
- The Middle East

*Terms and conditions apply



Our commitment in addressing NTBs along our corridors in the new normal

- Despite the coronavirus pandemic, we continued to mobilize ourselves in a resolute & ambitious manner in attaining our mandate - in addressing various obstacles to trade - NTBs along our corridors.
- Advocacy roles in trade facilitation - customs, immigration, police, health, agriculture, forestry, Roads Authorities, Councils etc.
- Promoting the integrated and seamless movement of goods and people in the region, entails the need to broaden the base for consensus & stakeholder engagements - Robust stakeholder network - resolution of covid induced NTBs
- Covid 19 calls for stronger strategic partnerships & Collaboration - common areas of cooperation among regional, continental & international institutions as well as active engagements with governments.

Challenges

- Covid-19 induced NTBs (Covid 19 policy responses, travel restrictions, delayed covid19 test results, **Quarantines** for truck drivers, Relay truck driver system, protective equipment, lockdowns, curfews, essential goods, staggered border work force, covid check points - discretionary enforcement of covid-trade related regulations, **stigmatization of truck drivers as vectors of covid - 19**).
- Transporters experienced tremendous difficulties in import & export.
- Member states in the SADC region implemented a **diverse raft of protocols and guidelines**, with different costs of testing for PCR tests, as well as varied validity periods of negative test results for truck drivers, and cross border traders. Private sector not consulted.
- Lack of uniform procedures, regulations and standards on covid-19 trade and transport to minimize coronavirus spread, minimize supply-chain disruptions & facilitate the movement of people, goods and services across borders.

Challenges

- **Infrastructure Deficit** / gaps - reduces operational efficiencies along the corridor & impacts infrastructural integration.
- Covid-19 has exposed the vulnerability of African countries in their dependence on trading partners in the rest of the world.
- **Border congestion** & clearance delays (**Hard & Soft infrastructure**).
- Limited human & institutional capacities at the borders.
- Security challenges in increasing operating hours.
- **Cumbersome police checkpoints** & road blocks.
- Inadequate border infrastructure.
- Un harmonized Cross border fees, road tolls, inland toll gates, council levies.

Poor road infrastructure



Road safety & high repair costs



Border congestion



Simplified trade regime for informal cross border traders



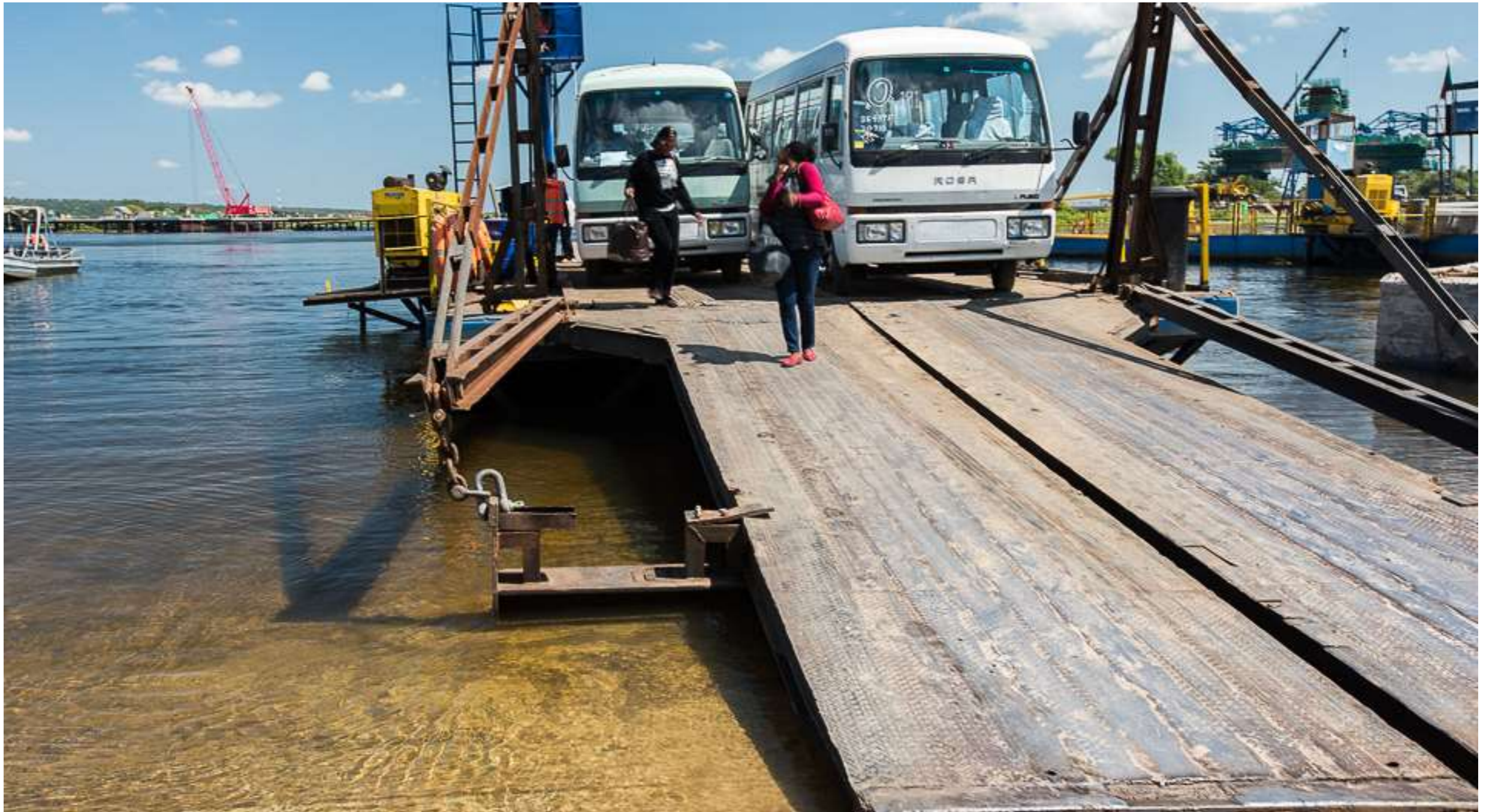
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Inadequate border infrastructure



Regional infrastructure deficit



Opportunities

- SADC - Tripartite Transport & Transit Facilitation Program - TTTFP - (SADC- COMESA-EAC) - development of a more integrated, competitive & liberalized road transport market in the region.
- AfCFTA - Operationalization & implementation - Boosting Intra - African Trade - Larger market 1.3bn people.
- Rules of Origin for preferential tariff treatment of originating goods within the African continent. (electronic rules of origin).
- Capacity building in key institutions involved in transport operations.
- Business re - engineering business processes with ICT.
- Online mechanism for monitoring, reporting and eliminating NTBs.
- Pan - African payment and settlement mechanism.
- The need to integrate lessons learnt from covid-19 to enhance preparedness for future pandemics and natural disasters.

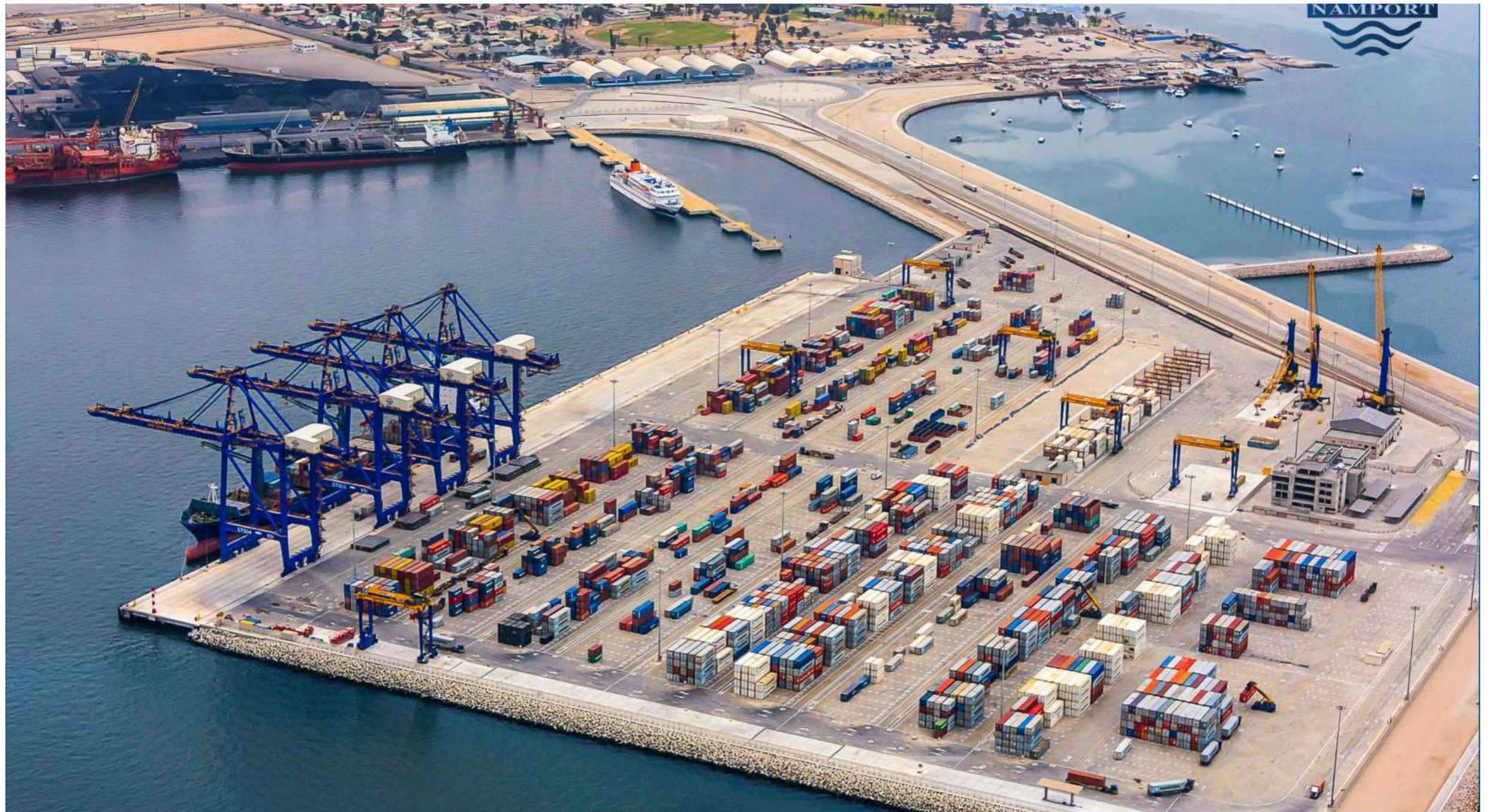
Opportunities

- Robust **stakeholder networks / social capital** - forging stronger partnerships - stakeholder engagements / member states dialogue.
- **PIDA 2** - Integrated Development Corridor Approach - PAP PIDA 2020 -2030 - Inclusiveness in infrastructure development.
- **Strengthened involvement of the private sector & civil society in infrastructure development - investment regimes (PPPs) - Build Operate Transfer (BOT) models - durable & safe roads - tolling.**
- 4th Industrial technological revolution - **Digital landscape/economy** - Paperless environment - enhance trade facilitation - **SMART borders for seamless trade, travel & transport** - Secure, Measurable, Automated, Risk Management & Technology based.
- **Electronic Cargo & driver tracking system**, mutually recognized digital covid - 19 certificates via mobile phone application, enhance Corridor Observatory e.g. SADC CTMS, EAC RECDTS

Integrated Development Corridor Approach for Regional Integration



Walvis Bay new container terminal



Kazungula Bridge (Zambia - Botswana)



Way forward/Issues for reflection

- Implementation of international trade facilitation instruments (Accredited economic operators) - Digital trade - e - commerce - single window - mutual trust, digitalization - customs modernization, digital trade portals etc. - SMART border posts & smart corridors.
- Harmonization of road transport policies, regulations & standards for efficient cross border road transport, transit & logistics networks in the tripartite region - SADC TTTFP.
- AfCFTA - Catalyst for industrialization and structural transformation
Boosting Intra - African Trade (from 16% to 53%) - larger market.
- Protocol on the free movement of people - curtail visa requirements.
- Covid - tech travel vaccine passport system.
- The need for Africa to diversify its productive capacities through industrialization & structural transformation to boost intra-African trade & promote regional value chains.
- **Political Will & support**



Thank you !

