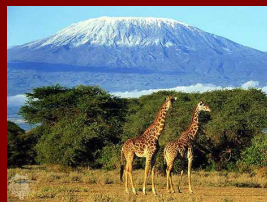


Call for papers - gTKP Workshop

Governance in Transport - A Focus on East and Central Africa

A Round Table Dialogue on the Challenges of Governance in the Roads Sector

Wednesday 25 November 2009
Naura Springs Hotel, Arusha, Tanzania



The Dialogue

Context

Road Governance is a means for achieving direction, control, and coordination of organizations and individuals for the sole purpose of delivering efficiency and equitable road network.¹

Road Policy is a knowledge-based framework that guides the development and management of road space within a jurisdiction.

Institutions are humanly devised constraints that shape human interaction, which includes rules, norms and practices. *Organisations*, on the other hand, are structures developed to take advantage of opportunities created by institutions.²

Facilitation of Discussions

Discussants are expected to provide material backing up their arguments. This material will be in the form of flow charts (e.g. policy process); organograms; and brief (approx. 1500 words) notes. Submissions should be made by October 16 to info@gtkp.com. Please quote "Governance Round Table" in the Subject of the email.

We intend to **facilitate eight students and postgraduate researchers** (full board) from universities in East and Central Africa. They will be selected based on the quality of their papers.

Should you require further guidance on the preparation of back-up material, please contact Fred Amonya, Theme Champion (Governance) at Fred.Amonya@gtkp.com or Fred.Amonya@imperial.ac.uk [Tel. +44 238 062 8925].

¹ Adapted from: 1) LYNN, L.E., HEINRICH C.J., and HILL, C.J., 2000. *Governance and Public Management: Challenges and Prospects*. Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory. J-Part10 (2000):2: pp 233-261.

² NORTH, C.D. *Institutions, Institutional Change, and Economics Performance*. Cambridge University Press, 1990.

Provisional Programme

9.00 – 9.30	Introductory Remarks
9.30 - 10.40	Session 1: How can road policymaking in the region be improved?
10.40 – 11.00	Health break
11.00 – 12.30	Session 2: How can the institutions of the region facilitate road management?
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 15.00	Session 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the organizational challenges facing trans-boundary transport in the region?• How can these challenges be overcome?
15.00 – 15.15	Health break
15.15 – 17.00	Session 4: Open Discussion and closing remarks
19.00	Joint dinner for workshop participants

Guiding Notes for Papers

9.30 – 10.40h	Session 1: How can road policy making in the region be improved?
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Policymaking is a complex dynamic of actors performing on often well-defined platforms. The process should be driven by sound science [broad usage] but is also necessarily influenced by the institution [values, norms & practices] enveloping the policy arena. In order to improve the process, the interaction of these policy variables must be understood, and the time-dependence of this interaction should be appreciated.

This session will sketch-out policymaking in different jurisdictions of the region and ponder how the different processes can be improved. A set of guiding questions for preparing complementary papers are outlined below.

- Who are the key drivers of policy?
- On what platforms do these actors perform [parliament, local councils etc]?
- How are issues generated and assimilated into policy [policy issues include transport-growth-equity effects, environmental concerns etc]?
- What is the life span of these interactions [present typical time-frames]?
- Based on the above exposition, how can the process and content of policy be improved?

11.00 – 12.30h	Session 2: How can the institutions of the region facilitate road management?
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Values, norms and practices [the institution] of any jurisdiction constrain and yet facilitate actors in both policymaking and management. They often explain some of the more complicated phenomena of society, and the transport sector is no exception. Institutions underpin organisations. This session will seek to shade light on the institutions enveloping the transport sector, and examine how they can be used to improve management in the sector. The session will explore how the more explicit management issues [e.g. corruption] can be tackled by first understanding the institutions and organisations of the transport sector. Further guiding questions:

- What are the key organisational constructs of the transport sector in the jurisdiction of focus [organograms should be useful]?
- How are these organisational constructs influenced by the local institution?
- How can organisations be designed to take advantage of the local institution?

13.30 – 15.00h	Session 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What are the organizational challenges facing trans-boundary transport in the region?- How can these challenges be overcome?
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The region is crisscrossed by transport links, such as the Northern Corridor, and nodes at Mombasa, Dar Es Salaam etc. The proper functioning of this network demands joint effort, and organisations like the East African Community (EAC) guide improvement initiatives on this transport network. This session will discuss the organisational challenges of managing this network. It will specifically expose the challenges as a coordination issue – a key strand of 'governance'. Further guiding questions:

- What are the key public interests encased in transboundary transport? In other words, why do we need transboundary transport authorities?
- What challenges do these authorities faces?
- How can these challenges be explained?
- What are the plausible antidotes to these challenges?

Understanding the challenges of transboundary transport will necessarily demand an interdisciplinary lens. It will appeal to history, economics, sociology and other disciplines. Papers responding to this section will layout the network of transboundary transport and organisations responsible for different parts of the network.

N.B. Please be referred to the Guidelines for Preparing Papers for details on the paper format. The Guidelines are available on www.gtkp.com and www.irfnet.ch