

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Transport Corridor Information at the Click of a Button**

**Dar es Salaam, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022:** Today, the Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA), launched the **Central Corridor Transport Observatory (CCTO)**, a system that provides reliable and timely information to policy makers in the region, facilitating formulation of policies that lead to better transit, trade facilitation and cooperation between CCTTFA Member States. The systems was developed by CCTTFA with support from TradeMark East Africa (TMEA) and funding from Denmark, Ireland, Norway, UKAID and USAID.

The **Central Corridor Transport Observatory (CCTO)** aims at assessing the efficiency of the logistics chain along the Central Corridor and in turn making all this information available the click of a button. Users will now be able to access information on more than thirty-eight indicators grouped into six categories including: Volumes of transactions, Transit times, Cost of Services, Efficiency and Productivity, Green House Gas emissions and Safety. The Observatory provides access to special features the performance of the Corridor to include joint reports with Northern Corridor Transit and Transport Coordination Authority and Green House Gas emission updates. Also available is a Geographic Information System (GIS) module that allows users to view the location and status of various infrastructure.

The event was graced by Mr. Mohamed Salum, Director of Legal Services, Ministry of Transport Tanzania, who represented the Permanent Secretary Mr. Gabriel Migire, CCTTFA Executive Director Capt. Dieudonne Dukundane, and TMEA Tanzania Country Director Monica Hangi.

Speaking at the event, Executive Director of CCTTFA Capt. Dieudonne Dukundane acknowledged the technical and financial support from TMEA that has made the upgrade of the Central Corridor Transport Observatory toolkit possible and reiterated CCTTFAs' commitment to ensure reliable and timely information on the performance of the Central Corridor. "The Transport Observatory compliments the activities of CCTTFA to enable achieve its vision of making the Central Corridor the most competitive corridor in East and Central Africa. The high demand from stakeholders for the reports generated by transport observatory necessitated for an upgrade of the transport observatory digital tool and the Central Corridor Secretariat engaged our partner TradeMark East Africa to support us in upgrading the toolkit through additions of new features to make it more interactive, efficient and user-friendly so that our stakeholders who are the corridor users can continue to benefit from the reports being produced and enable them to efficiently do business."

**TMEA Tanzania Country Director Monica Hangi**, noted that in the last year, TMEA supported development of over 15 online systems in various agencies as part of its contribution to the digitization agenda. This, she remarked will reduce not only the costs and time taken to trade, but support efforts for green trade as various issues are addressed in a timely manner, contributing to less traffic and hence reduction in emissions along the corridor.

The **Central Corridor Transport Observatory** was set up in 2018 following the signing of a financial agreement worth USD 1,300,000 between TMEA and CCTTFA to support various efforts towards making the Central Corridor Transport Observatory Programme a success. Some of these efforts include: i) Upgrade of the server room for CCTTFA so that the observatory can run on more reliable infrastructure; ii) Enhancement of the transport observatory toolkit to incorporate more modern features including a Business Intelligence Toolkit, an Enterprise Service Bus and an improved Geographic Information System;

and iii) Support efforts in collection, analysis, processing and publishing of data on the performance of the corridor. To date, over 14 publications have been made since 2018. Over this period, more than 52 issues facing traders along the corridor have been reported, among these, 23 have been fully resolved, 14 are being resolved with a few pending. The resolution of challenges has helped with reduction in cost and time of doing business along the corridor.

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2. The Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA) is a multilateral organization established by the countries of Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, DRC and Tanzania, with the main objective of fostering regional transport and economic integration. The Central Corridor is an integrated multimodal transport and logistics network that connects the Port of Dar es Salaam by

road, rail and inland waterways to Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda and Eastern DRC. The corridor and the port of Dar es Salaam form part of the backbone of the regional transportation system in East and Eastern Central Africa carrying the import and export of the five countries with a population of more than 200 million people. CCTFA Secretariat is involved with different projects with the goal of reducing cost of transport as well as transit time between the port of Dar es Salaam and various destinations. **To find out more, please visit our website**  
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