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REGIONAL INTEGRATION THROUGH SEAMLESS TRADE FACILITATION

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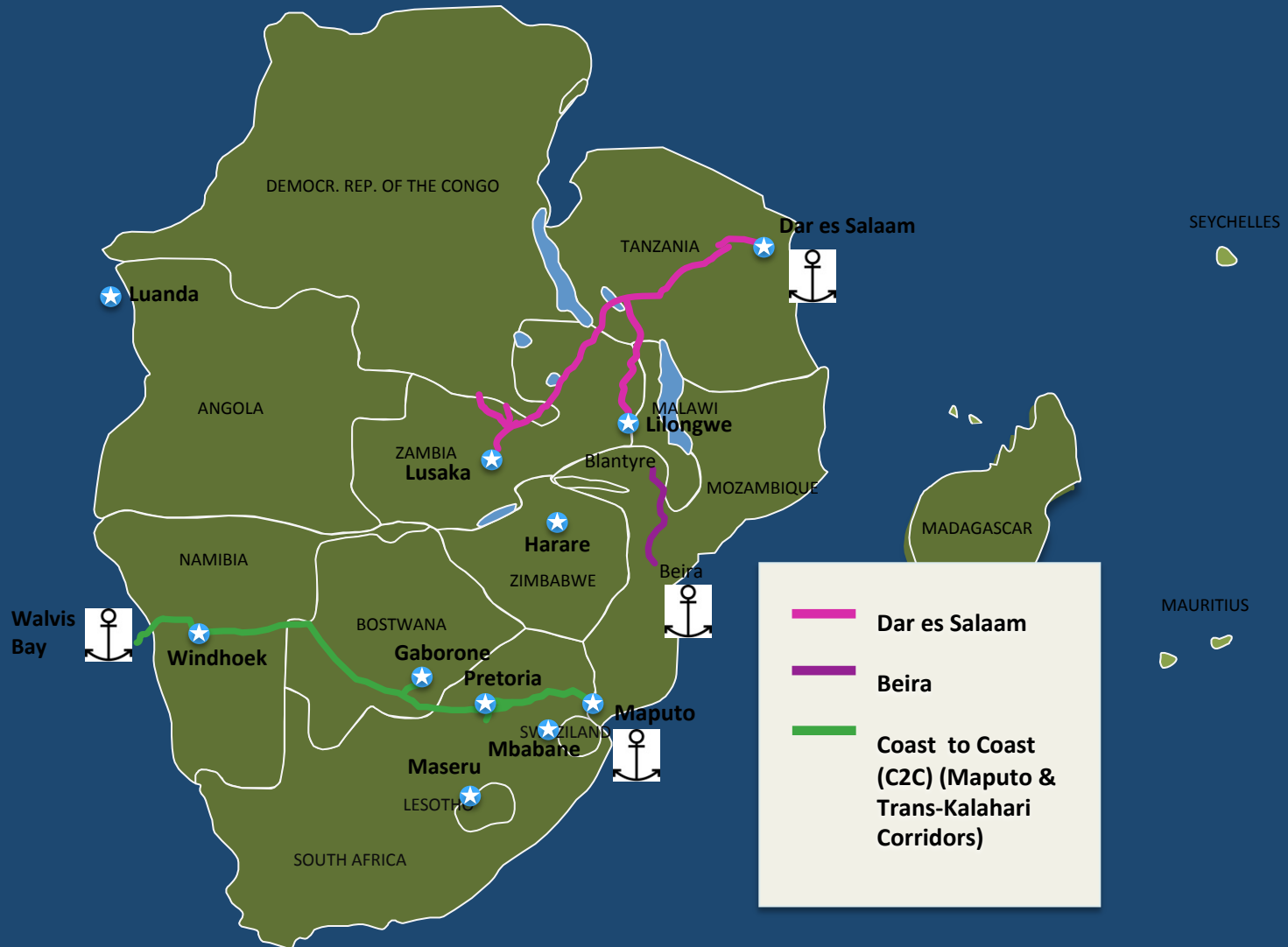
Key Objectives

- To expedite and simplify information flow between government and traders
- To reduce time, costs and resources needed for cargo clearance
- To enhance regional integration of trade throughout Southern Africa utilizing an approach of removing process seams

- Varying trade documentation standards
- Lack of adequate IT infrastructure and inter-operable data-sharing system
- Need for multiple financial guarantees
- Arbitrary administrative fees
- Insufficient operating hours at Customs offices
- Uncoordinated national AEO Programmes
- Delays in screening

- Revised Kyoto Convention (RKC)
- WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA)
- Regional Tripartite Program among COMESA, EAC and SADC (FTA)

Trade Hub Focus Corridors





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North – South Corridor

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- Adoption of International Standards
- Trade Facilitation Roadmap
- Adoption of Risk Management
- Comprehensive Trade Facilitation Programme for SADC
- National Single Window
- Coordinated Border Management
- Trade Information Portals
- Public Awareness Strategies and Plans
- Private Sector Collaboration
- Legislative Reviews and Drafting
- Organizational /PS Capacity Building

- Automating
- Bonding (Bonds/Guarantees)
- Risk Assessing (AEO)
- Streaming
- Time Shifting (PARS/PCA)
- Simplifying/Harmonizing
- Tracking (GPS/RFID)
- Measuring and Monitoring (Baseline/KPI)
- Regionalizing (Connectivity)
- Co-locating (OSBP)

What are the Benefits to Governments?

- Increased transparency and accountability encouraging trade compliance
- Increase in government revenues
- Substantial capacity building within government departments
- Real-time accurate trade data and statistics
- Better use of government resources
- Foundations towards an efficient E-Government system

What are the Benefits to Importers and Exporters?

- Accelerated Cargo clearance
- Reduced duplication and errors
- Reduced cost of document handling
- Development of knowledge and skills in information systems

What are the Benefits to the Economy?

- Increased trade competitiveness means greater potential for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
- Enhanced trade facilitation through technology results in new employment opportunities through job creation throughout the trade chain.
- Reducing the cost of doing business at borders will reduce the cost of consumer goods in the marketplace.

Thank you for your attention



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