

**Subject: Invitation to Participate in the Northern Africa Regional Workshop on Transforming the Railway Sector in Africa**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are honoured to invite you to the **Northern Africa Regional Workshop on Transforming the Railway Sector in Africa**, scheduled to take place on February 5, 2025, at 09:00 WAT (10:00 CAT).

This workshop forms a pivotal component of the Study on Transforming the Railway Sector in Africa, commissioned by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Central Corridor Transit Transport Facilitation Agency (CCTTFA), and funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Business. The event will be held virtually via the MS Teams platform, with a link provided in the invitation email.

The Regional Workshop aims to present the key insights derived from the Study, particularly the challenges and opportunities identified in Northern Africa for the development of the railway sector. It will serve as a platform for dialogue among key stakeholders from the region, enabling the identification of actionable levers to facilitate the development of modern railway infrastructure and services and to promote the shift of passenger and freight transport to rail.

Additionally, this workshop will provide a valuable platform to identify key areas for the African Development Bank's (AfDB) intervention in the Northern Africa region, addressing planning, technical, operational, and financial dimensions. This comprehensive approach is aimed at defining a structured and sustained framework for the Bank's support in advancing the development of the railway sector across the region.

This collaborative initiative actively engages key stakeholders, ensuring that their perspectives contribute to the Study's analysis and outcomes. To date, we have conducted a series of interviews with stakeholders from continental, regional, and national entities involved in Africa's railway development, enabling the collection of comprehensive and representative information from across the continent.

**We kindly encourage you to share this invitation with other stakeholders across the Member States who may have a role or interest in railway transport.**

The link to join the workshop is the following: [Northern Africa Regional Workshop Teams Meeting Link](#)

Your active participation and collaboration in this workshop will be instrumental in ensuring the accuracy, relevance, and success of the Study's outcomes.

We look forward to welcoming you to this important event.

Sincerely,



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