

Meeting of Regional Economic Communities and Commissions in Western Indian Ocean Region

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Opportunities for collaboration
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A partnership approach



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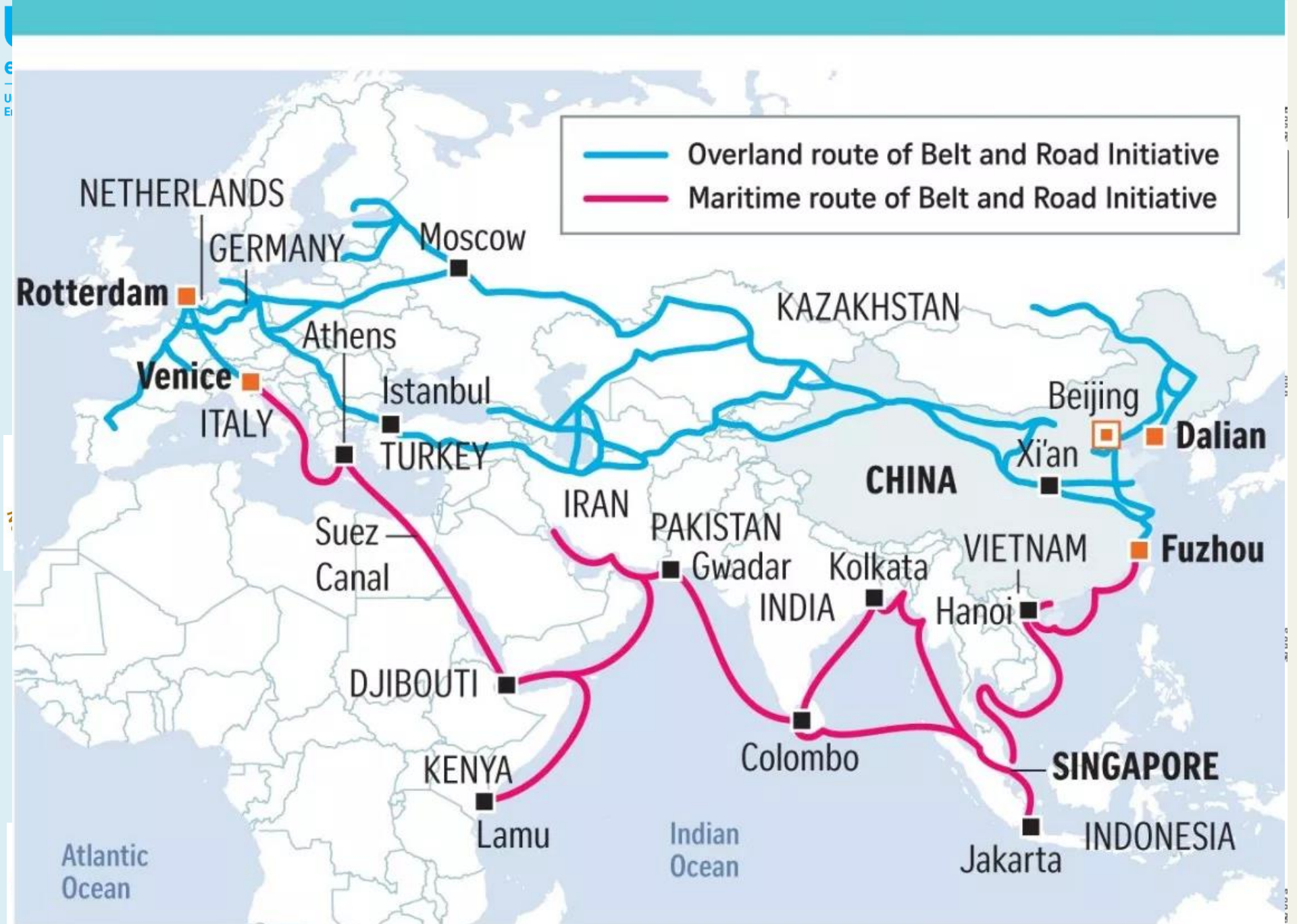




Preambular Highlights

- Several COP Decision of the NC have variously called for partnership with RECs
- RECs have an important developmental mandate
- RECs share oceans and thus the need for integration
- Critical implementing arms of AU programme and policies: Agenda 2063, AIMS 2050
- RECs have relevant and converging policies....
- RECs will provide thought leadership for sustainable ocean governance in light of a changing/connected environment – *convergence with the Nairobi Convention mandate*





— Overland route of Belt and Road Initiative
— Maritime route of Belt and Road Initiative

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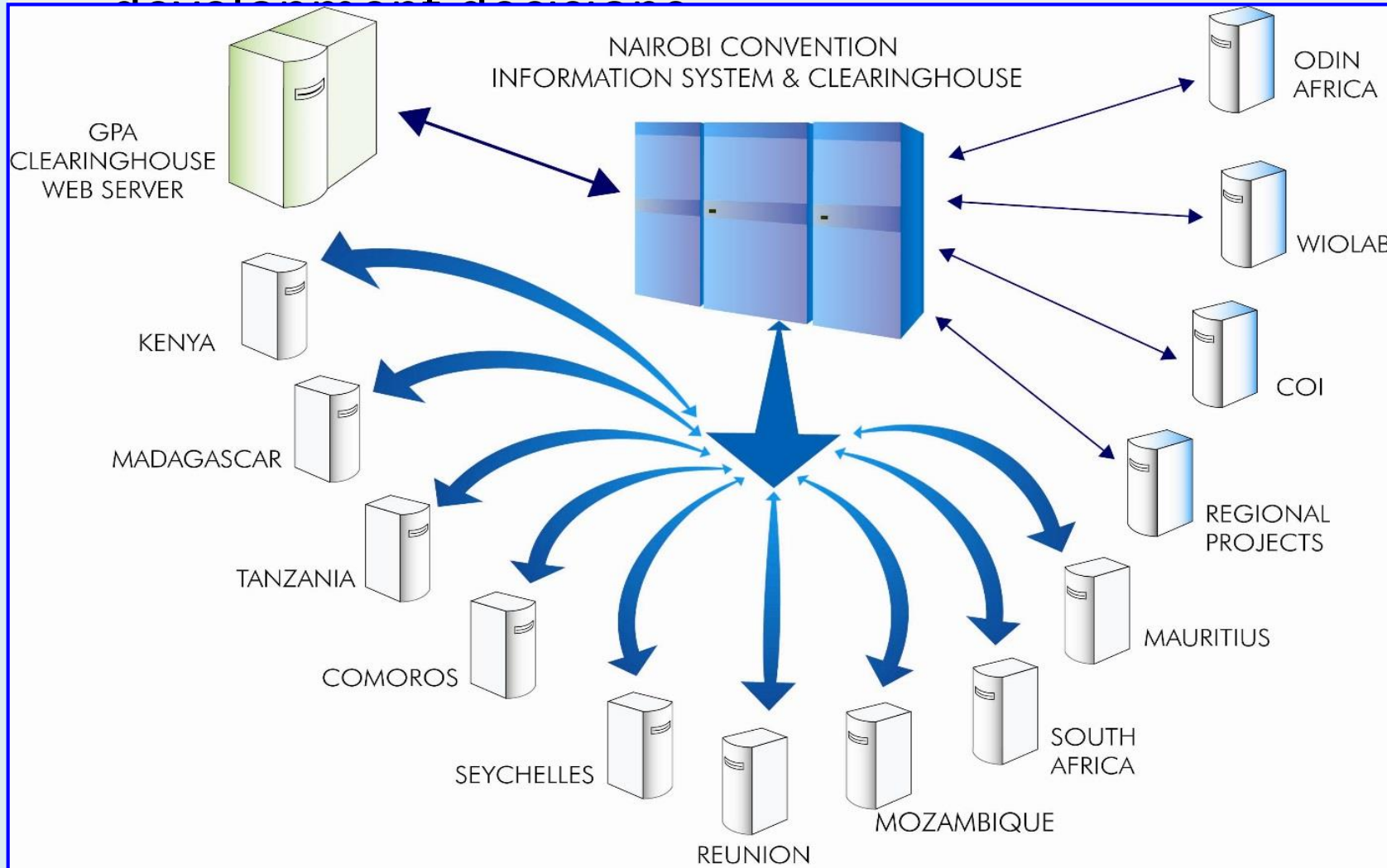
1. Policy and Strategy

- Policy coherence/harmonization/institutional capacity
- Regional Ocean Governance Strategy: 2015 AMCEN Decision
- A regional approach in the management of ABNJ – BBNJ discussions – e.g. JMA between Mauritius and Seychelles
- Green Port development with PMAESA
- Regional maritime security – IUUs, security....
- Blue Economy Strategies – *SADC: Principles, ocean sectors.....*
- A common strategy and position multi-nationals extracting resources – EPAs - RECs????
- Mobilizing member states for common action
- Peace and stability/economic development



2. Programmatic interventions

- Natural Capital assessment to inform development decisions



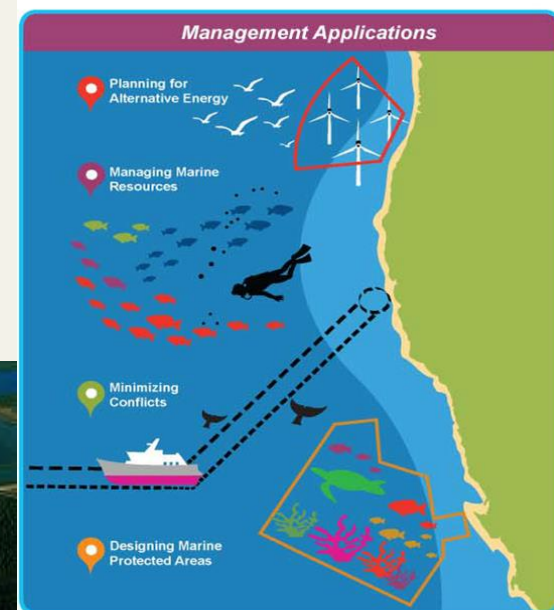
Clearing House Mechanism

2. Programmatic interventions

- Regional collaboration in MCS.....
- Knowledge management/shared learning
- Harnessing scientific research for policy
- Support to various Task teams serving RECs:
Convention under WIOSAP has established
RTFs...



- Marine Spatial Planning – a great opportunity
- Waste management/Marine Litter
- Ocean acidification
- E-Flows application in IWRM
- Invasives
- Alternative livelihoods



Levels of collaboration

- National level for specific priorities.....
- Regional level within the jurisdiction of each respective REC/across jurisdictions
- Continent-wide on broad agenda

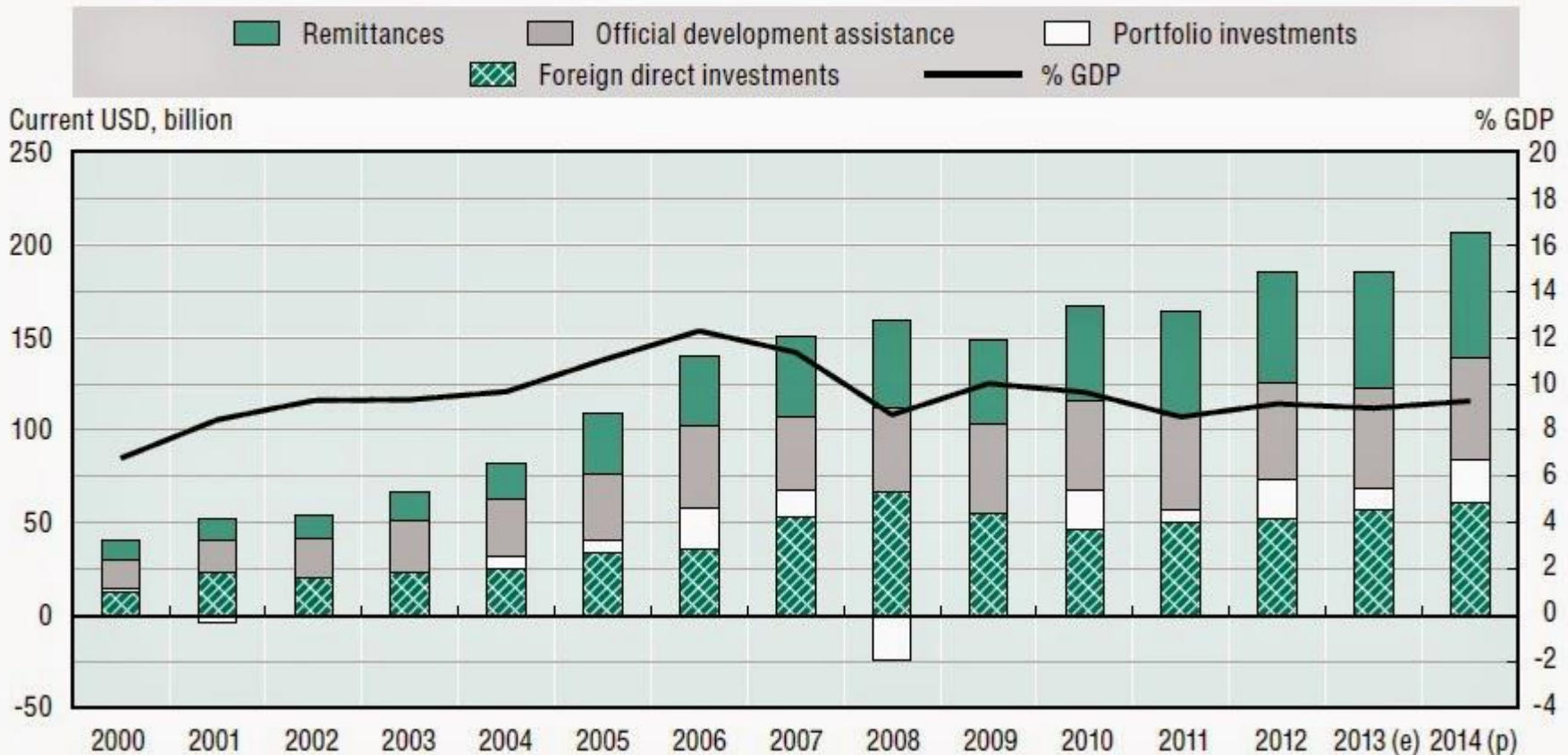


Challenges/opportunities

- Financial resources/innovative financing



Figure 2.1. External financial flows to Africa



Mechanisms for collaboration

- Multi-lateral/bilateral
- Prioritizing mutual areas of interest
- MOUs – *SADC, PMAESA*....
- RECs defining a mechanism of legitimizing information and data services from technical experts and even NC
- Role of RECs in the Science to Policy Platform of the Nairobi Convention
- Shared learning/exchange programs
- Co-organizing major events
- Co-sponsoring of policy processes/projects



Mechanism of support from the NC

Through the GEF funded Projects:

1. The Western Indian Ocean Large Marine Ecosystem Strategic Action Programme Policy Harmonization and Institutional Reforms (SAPPHIRE) project: *Policy and institutional reforms/capacity building*
2. Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme for the protection of the Western Indian Ocean from land-based sources and activities (WIOSAP) project: *Programmatic*



Proposed way forward

1. An action plan for priority areas
 - *Blue Economy*
 - *Marine spatial planning*
 - *Policy harmonization*
 - *Science to Policy*
 - *Green Port development*
2. Defined partnerships based on need
3. Frequency of meetings – action oriented



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Thank you

