

Notifications to Arab Contracting Companies and Consultancy Offices
Regarding Projects and Technical Assistance Operations Funded by
The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)
in the March 2025 session

As part of the financing activities of the Arab Bank, the Board of Directors approved, during its March 2025 session, the financing of public sector operations for the benefit of some African countries. These include three projects and five technical assistance operations.

The total approved financing in this session amounted to \$150.06 million, of which \$146.70 million was allocated to contribute to the financing of three public sector projects, while \$3.36 million was designated for the financing of five technical assistance operations. Below is a summary of the operations approved for financing:

First: Projects

Country	Loan Amount (Millions of dollars)	Project Name
Uganda	50.00	Line of Credit for Uganda Development Bank.
Zambia	50.00	Construction of the "Kalabo-Sikongo-Angola Border" road.
Côte d'Ivoire	46.70	Support for the fleet of Air Côte d'Ivoire.

Second: Technical Assistance Operations

Country	Technical Assistance Amount (Millions of dollars)	Technical Assistance
Regional	2.000	Contribution to financing the "Eye Care for Empowering Children in Africa" program
Regional	0.300	Sponsorship of the African CEOs Forum
Burkina Faso	0.210	A model project for empowering women and families in displacement shelter centers in the North-Central region.
Regional - CLISS	0.350	Contribution to financing the Round Table Conference

Guinea-Bissau	0.500	Institutional support to mitigate the impact of the Gabu Women's Market fire
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Project Details

Beneficiary State	Zambia	
Project Name	Construction of the "Kalabo-Sikongo-Angola Border" road.	
Total Cost	USD 55.5 million	
BADEA Finance	USD 50.0 million	
Other Financing	Government	USD 5.5 million
Description and Components of the Project	<p>The project includes the following key components:</p> <p>A. Civil works and related facilities, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construction of a paved road approximately 32 kilometres long and 6.8 meters wide, with 2.0-meter-wide shoulders on each side, including stormwater drainage structures and road safety installations. Additionally, a medical center and a truck parking area will be constructed in Sikongo village. 2. Construction of a border post with Angola, comprising a passenger building, police station, commercial center, warehouses, X-ray inspection facility, cafeteria, security gate, truck weighing station, restrooms, staff housing, service rooms, medical inspection facility, offices, fire station, external parking area, and internal roads. <p>B. Consultancy services: Supervision of project implementation and preparation of the project completion report.</p> <p>C. Land acquisition.</p> <p>D. Equipping the border post: Includes the supply and installation of office furniture and equipment for the border facility.</p> <p>E. Support for the existing Project Implementation Unit.</p>	
Project Objectives	<p>The proposed project aims to contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 1 on poverty eradication, SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth, and SDG 9 on building resilient infrastructure. Additionally, it aligns with Goal 10 of Africa's Agenda 2063, which focuses on developing modern, world-class infrastructure across the continent.</p> <p>More specifically, the project seeks to enhance geographic connectivity within Zambia by linking the Western Province to other regions and the capital, Lusaka. This will help end the</p>	

	<p>isolation of remote areas that face mobility challenges, particularly during rainy seasons.</p> <p>Furthermore, the project holds strategic importance in boosting regional integration between Zambia and Angola. It will facilitate cross-border transport, improve the flow of goods and commodities, and create new opportunities for trade and investment. The improvement of this vital corridor is expected to reduce transport costs, enhance supply chain efficiency, and support exports and imports through the Port of Lobito in Angola, further integrating Zambia into regional and global markets.</p>
<p>Procurement of goods and services</p>	<p>The procurement of goods and services for the project will be carried out as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Execution of civil works and related facilities through a tender restricted to Arab and African construction companies, or joint Arab-African companies. • Selection of the consultancy firm responsible for supervising the implementation through a shortlist of Arab, African, or joint Arab-African firms. • Provision of a vehicle, computer, and accessories under the support component for the existing Project Implementation Unit through a local tender limited to local suppliers.
<p>Project Implementation Program</p>	<p>The actual implementation of the project is expected to take approximately 24 months, with construction anticipated to commence in May 2026 and be completed by the end of April 2028.</p>
<p>The executing agency of the project</p>	<p>Mr. Yobe Mwalula Director of Planning Road Development Agency E-mail: ymwalula@roads.gov.zm Lusaka, Zambia</p>