



**9TH STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING FOR THE ABIDJAN-LAGOS
CORRIDOR HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Abuja, Nigeria, 10th November, 2017**

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1. The Ninth (9th) Steering Committee Meeting for the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Highway Development Program was held on 10th November, 2017 at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel in Abuja, Nigeria.
2. The objective of the Meeting was to review the progress of implementation of the key tasks relating to project preparation, financing, management and institutional issues as contained in the Final Communique from the 8th Ministerial Steering Committee Meeting held in August 2017.
3. Gracing the opening ceremony was His Excellency Professor Yemi Osinbajo SAN, GCON, Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Also in attendance was His Excellency Marcel Alain de Souza, President of the ECOWAS Commission, Mr. Ebrima Faal, the Country Director of the African Development Bank and Mr. Bashir Mamman, the President of the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID).
4. The 9th Steering Committee Meeting was attended by the Ministers in charge of Road Infrastructure/Works of the Corridor Member States as follows:
 - Republic of Benin
 - Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, represented by Mr. Lancina Beh Coulibaly, Technical Advisor to the Minister of Economic Infrastructure
 - Republic of Ghana
 - Republic of Nigeria
 - Togolese Republic
5. Also in attendance were representatives from the five ECOWAS Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Member States, the ECOWAS Commission, ECOWAS Project Preparation and Development Unit (PPDU), the Africa Development Bank (AfDB), the European Union, USAID and EBID.

