

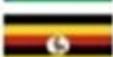


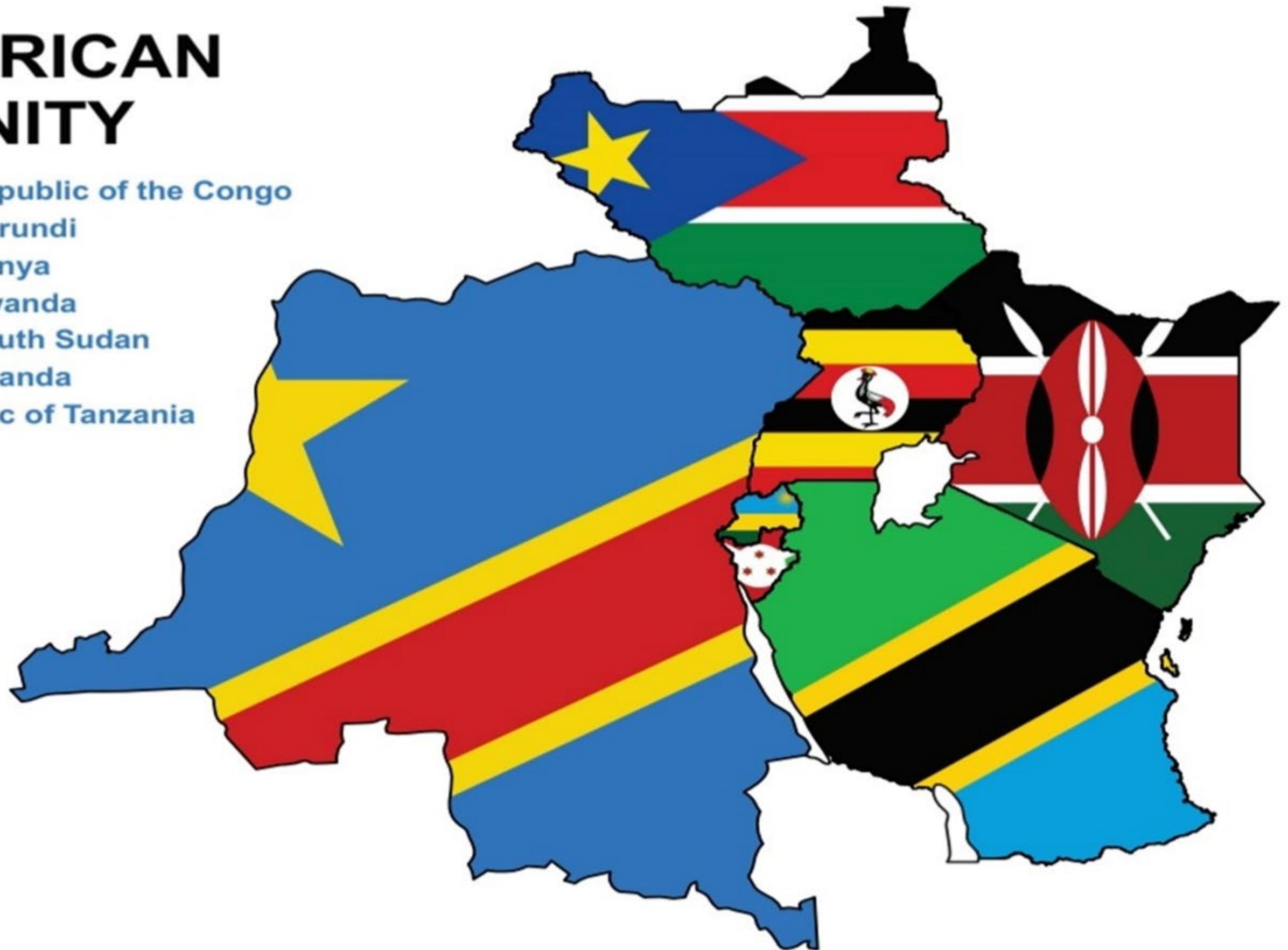
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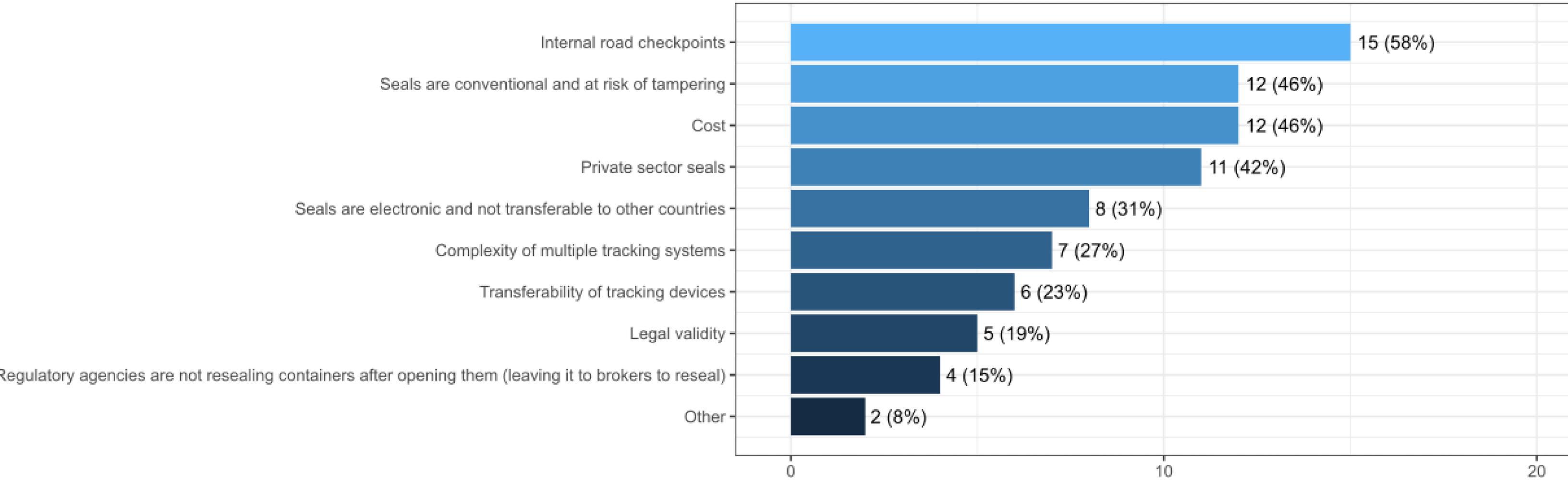
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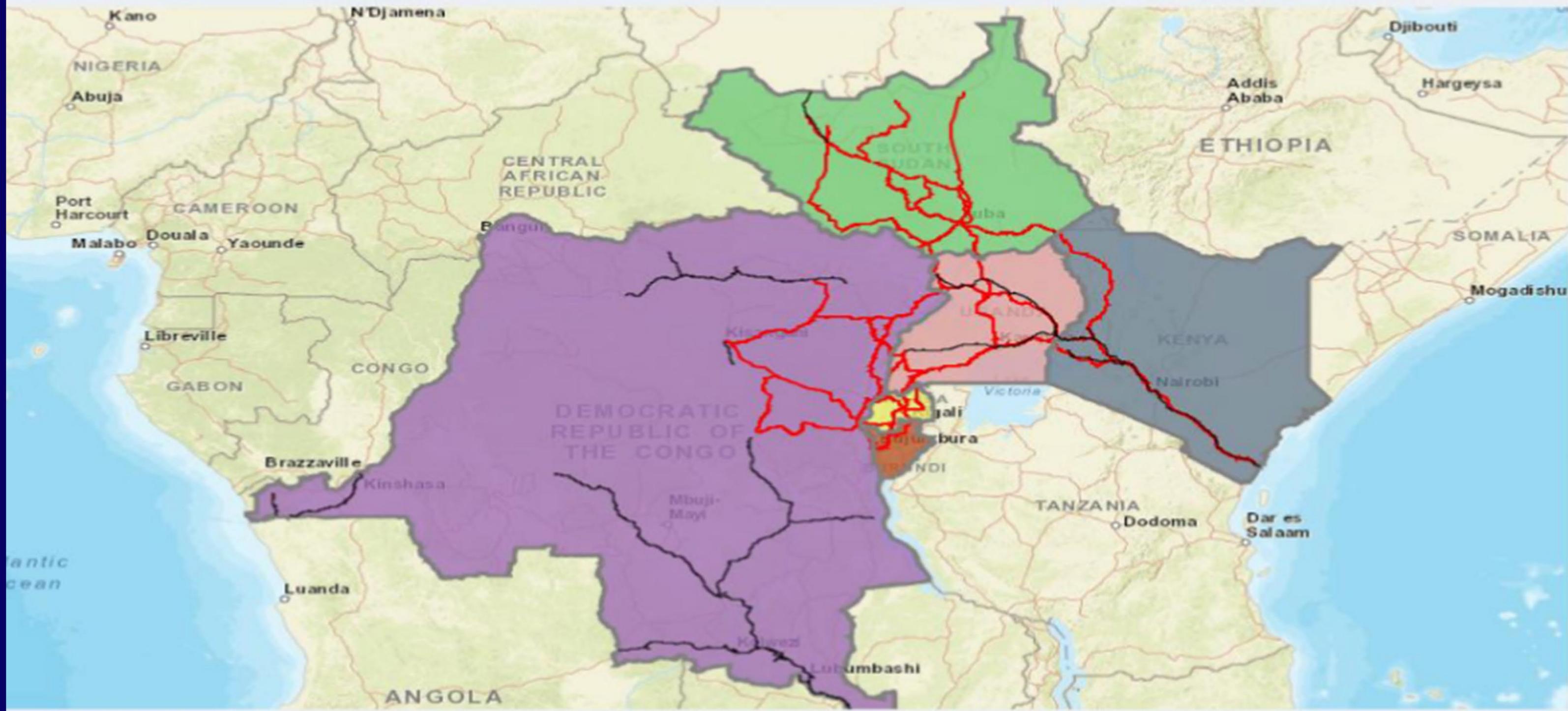
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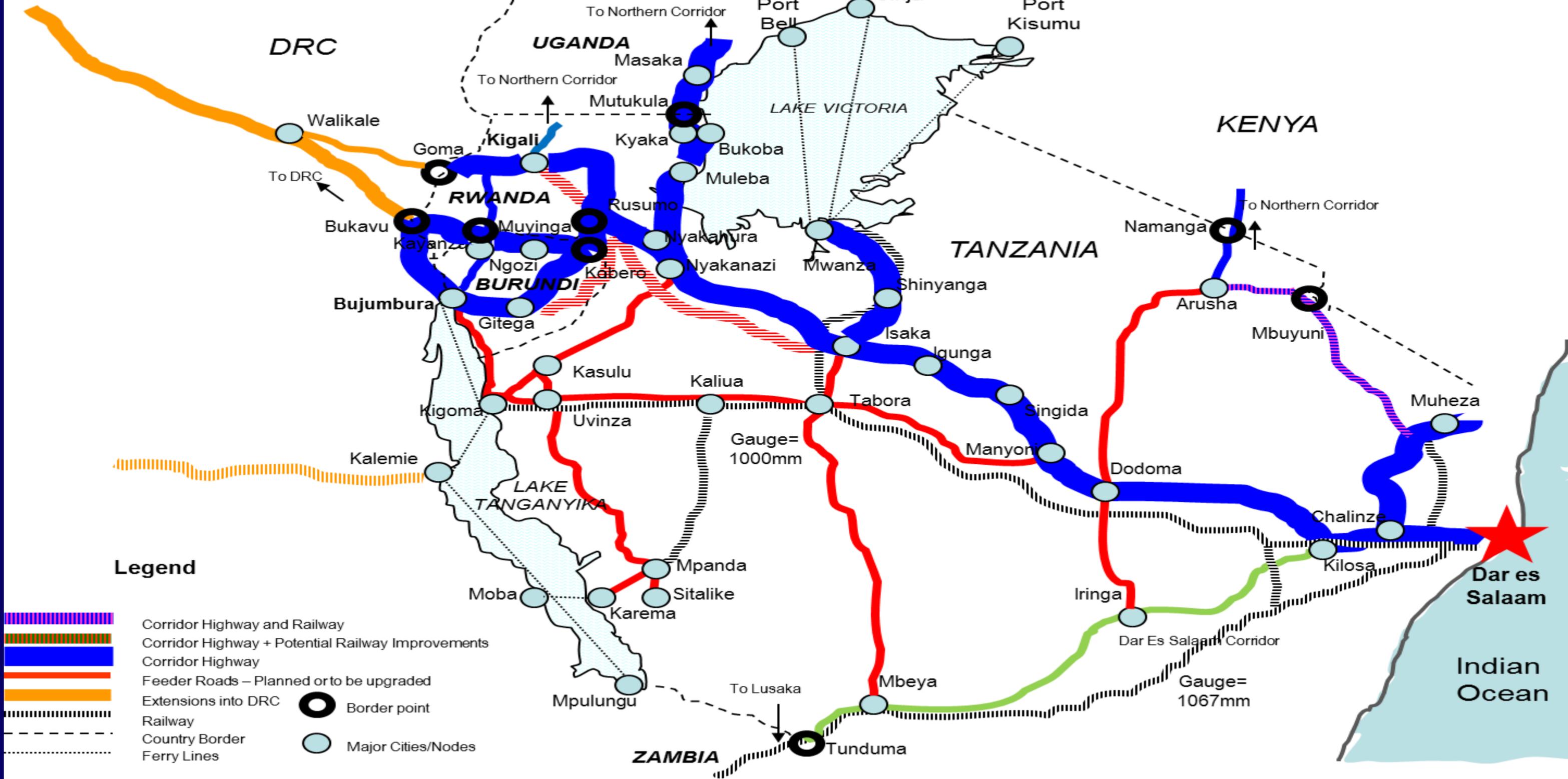
Seals/Tracking



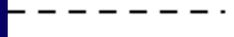
NORTHERN CORRIDOR MEMBER STATES



Central Corridor



Legend

-  Corridor Highway and Railway
-  Corridor Highway + Potential Railway Improvements
-  Corridor Highway
-  Feeder Roads – Planned or to be upgraded
-  Extensions into DRC
-  Railway
-  Country Border
-  Ferry Lines
-  Border point
-  Major Cities/Nodes

Electronic Cargo Tracking System

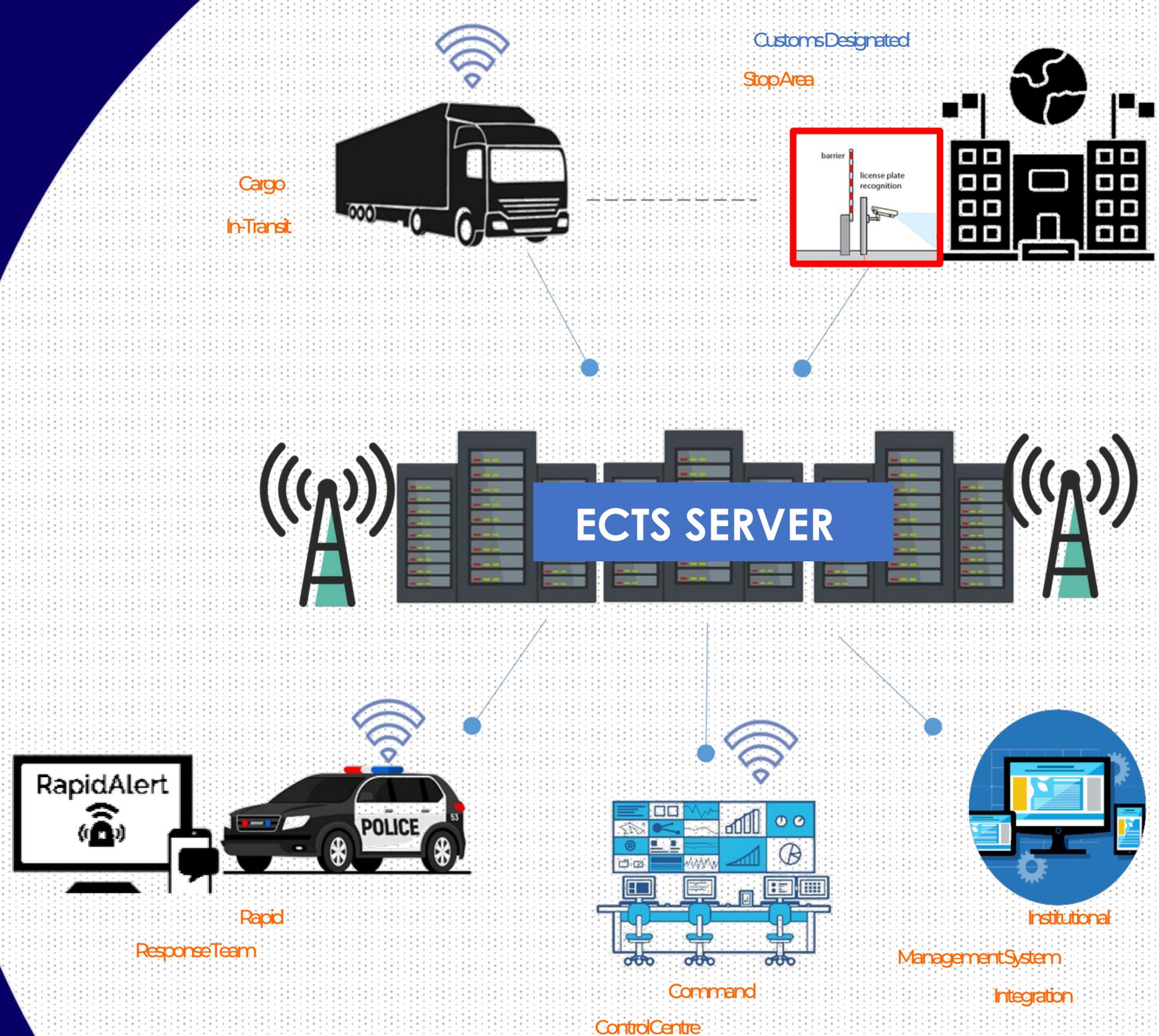
A customized solution designed specifically to meet unique requirements for protecting the integrity of transit goods. The system combines the mechanical security of standard seals with:



Delivering real-time assurance of cargo integrity by RFID



Traceability of illegal operations to address organized crime, theft, trade fraud and contraband smuggling.



Conclusion

- ❑ The Single Customs Territory and Other Trade Facilitation measures has facilitated the free movements of goods in EAC and its neighbours.
- ❑ The RECTs helped in eliminating diversion of cargo, reduced inspections at Customs check points and secured the cargo, for example in case of accidents, if seals are tampered with, the Rapid Response Unit intervenes and secure the cargo.
- ❑ The system also helped seal loopholes that cause losses in revenue through suspected under-declaration of the value of exports or theft of cargo.
- ❑ It is evident that the Cargo Tracking System with Single Customs Territory and other TF measures has reduced time and costs.
- ❑ The RECDTS protected lives, promoting safe trade and especially continuous flow of trade, supported health related protocols and facilitated safe trade. Trade flow continued despite the pandemic.
- ❑ Due to Covid-19 testing at Malaba traffic stretched 70km long. The Regional Electronic Cargo and Driver Tracking System helped to reduced congestion at OSBPs.

Traffic -70km during covid 19



Way forward

- ❑ EAC is planning Add value to the cargo tracking system by interfacing it to **smart gates with ability to retire the customs bond automatically. The development of EAC bonds is underway.** Additional resources are needed for infrastructure (soft and hard) because **return on investment is guaranteed.**
- ❑ EAC with support of AfDB and WCO is conducting **a Regional Time Release Study** to assess the performance all Trade Facilitation measures implemented along the Corridors; from ports operations, OSBPs, Customs Systems, etc.
- ❑ EAC has developed also **a digital OSBP Performance measurement tool.** It will also help to monitor the OSBP cargo and people crossing time, satisfaction of users and the maintenance of the soft and hard infrastructure.

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