

## NEW RELEASE

The report titled **Barriers to Regional Project Pipelines: A synopsis of concerns** is available on the intranet (May 2018).

### ABSTRACT

This briefing paper explores some of those barriers experienced by investors and project developers working in the infrastructure sector in SSA. It provides an overview of the political, financial, technical and institutional barriers that might be experienced to varying degrees depending on context, partners and sector. The final section explores the DBSA's experience in this regard and provides recommendations on how barriers to the project pipeline could be addressed or the resultant risk mitigated.

### *“Quote”*

For those emerging market and developing economies where infrastructure bottlenecks are constraining growth, the gains from alleviating those bottlenecks could be large (IMF, 2014:77)

### MAIN FINDINGS:

- Research covers recommendations related to partnerships, financial, political, regulatory, institutional and technical aspects of the project pipeline.
- The overarching recommendation is to develop a corridor approach or a cluster of projects that could be integrated into a value-chain or programme and get approval and buy-in at that level. Once the value-chain or programme is approved, partnerships can be harnessed to develop and finance those programmes.